

Australian O'pen Skiff Association Inc.  
(organising authority)



in conjunction with



BYRA Sailing & Aquatic Club

Presents the

**2024 NSW O'pen Skiff Championships**


16-17 March, 2024

# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

## 1 Sign on and Sign Off

- 1.1 Each competitor shall sign on as instructed at the competitors briefing.
- 1.2 Competitors shall sign off within 15 minutes of coming ashore.
- 1.3 Failing to sign on or off may result in a points penalty or DSQ score for all races, in that session, without a hearing. This changes rule 63, A4 and A5.
- 1.4 A boat retiring shall inform the race committee, umpires, or a support boat as soon as possible and sign off as required above.


## 2 Signals Made Ashore

- 2.1 Will be displayed from the signal mast at BYRA.
- 2.2 Boats shall not go afloat whilst AP is displayed ashore. This is to ensure adequate support vessels are on water to assist boats.
- 2.3 When AP  is lowered ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes later. This changes race signals AP.

## 3 Notices to Competitors

- 3.1 Will be posted on the official notice board at BYRA.
- 3.2 Competitor briefings will be held upstairs at BYRA.

## 4 Changes to the Sailing Instructions




Any change made ashore will be identified by the display of International Code Flag L  with 1 sound at least 15 minutes prior to any competitor briefing.

## 5 Schedule

Date	Time	Event
Sat March 16	08:30	Registration & Charter boat allocation.
	09:00	Competitor & Support boat Briefing
	10:00	Racing/on water activities
	1800	BBQ Dinner (no charge for competitors).
Sun March 17	09:00	Competitor & Support Boat Briefing
	09:15-14:30	Racing/onwater activities
	14:30	No warning signal after 14:30
	ASAP after activities	Presentaion

- 5.1 No more than 8 scoring races will be sailed on any one day.
- 5.2 No more than 3 scoring races will be sailed back-to-back in any one session.
- 5.3 A number of non-scoring adventure type races may be sailed during the event when conditions are appropriate.
- 5.4 No warning signal will be made after 1430 hrs on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

## 6 Class Flags

- 6.1 Gold Fleet – Gold flag with Open Skiff logo 
- Silver Fleet – Silver flag with Open Skiff logo 
- Green Fleet – Green flag with Open Skiff logo 
- 6.2 Any signal displayed above these flags applies to that fleet only.
- 6.3 A ribbon provided by AOSA at registration must be attached to the mast of the mainsail for silver fleet.

**7 Courses**











- 7.1 Appendix 1 contains the courses for gold and silver fleets. Green fleet courses will be explained at the Green Fleet briefing.
- 7.2 The courses to be sailed will be signalled by a numeral board on the race committee vessel.

**8 Start / Finish Line and Marks**

- 8.1 The start and finish line is between a mark on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and a mark at the port end. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 8.2 Course marks are orange cylindrical and are rounding marks unless specified in Appendix 1. There will be one pink cheery mark.

**9 Start Sequence - amends RRS 26**

Point score races will be started separately for each fleet.

3 minutes to start "Warning Signal"	 or  or   with one sound
2 minutes to start "Preparatory Signal"	  with one sound
1 minute to start	  with one sound
Start	 or  or   with one sound

**10 Time Limits and Target Times**

- 10.1 The target time for the first Gold fleet boat is 20 - 25 minutes
- 10.2 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat sailing the course and finishing may be scored as a finisher in their position at that time. Boats will be notified and directed accordingly.

**11 Rules** - refer NoR 1. The SI's shall take precedence over the NoR if there is any conflict. Changes rule 63.7.

**12 Advertising** - refer NoR 2

**13 Race Area** - refer to NoR Attachment 1

**14 Scoring** - refer NoR 9. A number of novelty type races may be conducted which do not count to the overall point score.

## Appendix 1 – Courses

<b>Course 1</b>	
	Start - 1 - 2 - 3P/3S - 2 - 3P - 4 - Finish
	Start - 1 - 2 - 3P - 4 - Finish
All marks shall be rounded to port unless indicated with "S" to starboard. If only one gate mark is set, that mark shall be rounded to port.	

<b>Course 2</b>	
	Start - 1 - 3P/3S - 1 - Finish
	Start - 2 - 3P/3S - 2 - Finish
All marks shall be rounded to port unless indicated with (S) to starboard. If only one gate mark is set, that mark shall be rounded to port.	