

Wangi RSL Club

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188th AUSTRALIA DAY REGATTA

Friday 26 January 2024

for Yachts, Trailer Sailors and Multihulls

Hosted by

Wangi RSL Amateur Sailing Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising authority will be Wangi RSL Amateur Sailing Club (WASC) conducted under the authority of Australian Sailing (AS).

The notation (DP) in a rule in the SI's means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing Category 7 will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official online notice board on the WASC Web site under "Regattas / Australia Day"

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 2 hours prior to the scheduled start.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the deck railing of WASC

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

White Division	White Pennant	Warning Signal	12:00
Green Division and Yellow Division	Green Pennant	Warning Signal	12:10
Blue Division	Blue Pennant	Warning Signal	12.20

NOTE: In the event of adverse weather conditions a decision on whether the race will be started will be made at 10:30 on Australia Day. An announcement will be made on VHF Channel 77 and posted on the online noticeboard on the WASC website under "Regattas / Australia Day" The WASC club maybe contacted on race day by phone on 4975 4212 or the RO Mobile Phone.

6 DIVISION/ CLASS FLAGS

Division Class Flags will be their corresponding division colour

Boats will be allocated to divisions as per Lake Macquarie R K Robertson (RKR) series which may also be the basis of determining its handicap.

Boats not in the RKR will be allocated to a division and given a handicap by the WASC Handicap Committee.

Multi Hulls will be allocated a division according to their handicap Skippers will be notified by SMS. If necessary. contact the Race Officer Phil Mayo by email: philm1@aapt.net.au or Ph 0420 855 948

7 RACING AREAS

Racing will be on the waters of Lake Macquarie NSW Australia.

8 THE COURSES

Attachment "1" provides a map and shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9 MARKS

9.1 All marks are fixed cylindrical marks which are approximately 1.5-metre-high and 300mm diameter.

9.2 All marks labeled WASC are lime green in colour with a black band.

9.3 The Sunken Rock mark is a SLMASC mark and is pale yellow in colour

9.4 The Start/Finish mark will be the WASC Club Mark.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The shoreline and moored boats, cardinal marks and isolated danger marks may be designated as obstructions. Cardinal and danger marks must be passed on the correct side.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 The starting line will be between the WASC flagpole and the starting mark (Club mark)

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. (DP)

11.4 Boats are to come to the area in sight of the WASC Club verandah at least 15 minutes before their start time to be logged on by the Race Officer.

11.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 Courses will not be changed after the start.

12.2 The race may be shortened as per Rule 32

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between the WASC flagpole and the finishing mark (Club mark).

13.2 Boats not finishing the race shall notify WASC of their intention to do so by phoning 4975 4212 or by VHF radio channel 77.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1 All racing shall cease at 1700 hrs. A boat not finished by this time will be scored as a DNF. This changes RRS 35.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located upstairs at WASC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the race.

- 15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and the time and location of the hearing
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.5 Breaches of instructions 11.3, 16, 21, and 22 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 15.6 A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision. This changes rule 66.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 All boats intending to race shall sail in view of the WASC deck prior to their warning signal so that the race committee can record their sail number (DP)
- 16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible on VHF 77 or by phone on 4975 4212
- 16.3 Yachts with lifting keels/centreboards shall not raise or lower their keels or centreboards while racing.

17 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the organising authority and bow numbers as advised at registration. (DP)

18 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

1st to 3rd in each Division on handicap

Further Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organising Authority based on entries

19 DISCLAIMERS

- 19.1 It is the competitor's decision to enter an Event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in an Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. See Racing Rule 4, Decision to Race.
- 19.2 None of the Organising Authority, Australian Sailing, their officers, members, volunteers, servants or agents accept any responsibility whatsoever in respect of loss of life, personal injury or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in this event or howsoever arising in connection with the event.

20 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000.000 AUD per event.

21 COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. (DP)

22 RUBBISH DISPOSALS

Boats shall not put rubbish in the water. (DP)

Courses:

White Division (1)		Green & Yellow Division (2)		Blue Division (3)	
Start		Start		Start	
Wangi Point (WASC)	S	Wangi Point (WASC)	S	Wangi Point (WASC)	S
Pulbah Island	S	Pulbah Island	S	Pulbah Island	S
Sunken Rock Mark (SLMASC)	S	Sunken Rock Mark (SLMASC)	S	Sunken Rock Mark (SLMASC)	S
Pulbah Island	S	Pulbah Island	S	Pulbah Island	S
Pelican (WASC)	P	Pelican (WASC)	P	Pelican (WASC)	P
Club (WASC)	S	Club (WASC)	S	Club (WASC)	S
Skye Point (WASC)	P	Skye Point (WASC)	P		
Club (WASC)	S	Club (WASC)	S		
Pelican (WASC)	P				
Club (WASC Finish)	S				

(S) Starboard Rounding

(P) Port Rounding

Australia Day Regatta (attachment 1 cont.)

Mark Locations

1	Club	WASC	200m North of WASC club house
2	Wangi Point	WASC	100m north or Wangi point Cardinal Mark
3	Pulbah Island		
4	Sunken Rock	SLMASC	200m East of Sunken rock Isolated Danger Mark
5	Skye Point	WASC	300m South West of the tip of Skye Point
6	Pelican	WASC	200m West of Spectacle Island

