



# 2025 INTERNATIONAL 14 VICTORIAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

at

McCrae Yacht Club, 690 Point Nepean Rd, McCrae

15<sup>th</sup> March – 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

**Organising Authority**

**McCrae Yacht Club Inc.**

in conjunction with

The Victorian International 14 Class Association.

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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### **PREAMBE**

- A. [NP] Means a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.
- B. [DP] Means a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* ('RRS').
- 1.2 Arbitration will be conducted in accordance with Appendix T of the RRS.

### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the upper deck of the McCrae Yacht Club and on the Sailor App regatta page entitled "2025 i14 Victorian State Champs"

### **3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 90 minutes prior to the first scheduled start time on the day of racing, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast in the front of McCrae Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed on shore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. This changes RRS race signal AP.

### **5. SCHEDULE OF RACING AND EVENTS**

- 5.1 Registration, Racing and Information sessions.

<b>DAY DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Sat 15th March, 2025	Registration	1000hrs – 1030hrs
	Information Session	1100hrs
	Racing	First Warning 1327hrs
Sun 16th March, 2025	Racing	First Warning 1027hrs
Sunday 16th March, 2025	Presentation	Approx 1600hrs or as soon after racing as possible

- 5.2 There will be up to 6 races in the series and a maximum of 3 races each day
- 5.3 There shall be no warning signal after 1500 hours on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025.
- 5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed on the start boat with one sound for at least five (5) minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.5 Code flag “L” flown on the finish boat will indicate that another race will be started following completion of the current race.

## **6. CLASS FLAG**

- 6.1 The class flag will be the i14 Class Flag.

## **7. RACING AREA**

- 7.1 The racing area shall be as shown in Attachment ‘E’.
- 7.2 Boats shall not enter the ‘No Boating Zone’ as shown in Attachment F. Failure to comply may result in a boat being scored DSQ for the race or races without a hearing.

## **8. COURSES**

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachments A, B, C and D show the course configurations, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The Race Committee will advise competitors which course configuration has been selected (either Alpha, Bravo, Charlie or Delta) by flying the corresponding pennant (A, B, C or D)
- (a) from the club flagpole one hour prior to the scheduled start time, and;
- (b) concurrently with the orange flag on the committee boat.

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2 & 3s/3p will be pink cylindrical inflatable buoys.
- 9.2 The start mark will be an orange flag on a stick marker.
- 9.3 The finish mark will be a blue flag on a stick marker.
- 9.4 New marks will be yellow cylindrical buoys.

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1 Races will be started as follows:

Signal	Flag and Sound	Minutes
Warning	Division Flag; 1 sound	3
Preparatory	P, U, I, Z or Black Flag; 1 sound	2
1 Minute	Preparatory Flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Start	Division Flag removed; 1 sound	0

This changes RRS 26.

10.2 The starting line will be an imaginary line between a staff displaying the Class flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

10.3 [NP] A boat starting later than 5 minutes after its starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 & A5.

## **11. CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **12. THE FINISH**

12.1 The finish line will be an imaginary line between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the port-end finish mark.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

13.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

## **14. TIME LIMIT**

14.1 The time limit for each race is 90 minutes after the starting signal.

14.2 The time limit for Mark 1 on the first leg of any race is 30 minutes after the starting signal.

14.3 If no boat has rounded Mark 1 within the time limit noted above, then the race will be abandoned.

14.4 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes RRS 35 and A4 and A5.

## **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1 Protest forms are available at the Regatta Office. Protests shall be delivered to the Regatta Office before the protest time limit.

15.2 The protest time limit will be 60 minutes after the finish time of the last boat in the last race of the final session of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

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. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the rear of the race control tower, beginning at the time posted.

15.4 For the purpose of RRS 63.5(d) the 'authority responsible' is the Measurer appointed by the organising authority.

15.5 On the last day of the regatta, a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered

- (a) within the time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 63.7.

- 15.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 61.2.

## **16. SCORING**

- 16.1 Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 A maximum of 6 races will be sailed on 15-16 March 2025.
- 16.3 When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score.

## **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP]**

- 17.1 For each race session each boat intending to race shall 'sign-on' by utilising the relevant function within the Sailor app or via the tablet facility located at the Race Tower at McCrae Yacht Club no later than 30 minutes prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> warning signal. Traditional hardcopy pen/paper is not available. Failure to comply shall result in a boat being scored DSQ for the first race in the session without a hearing.
- 17.2 A boat's regatta entry will constitute the Sign On for the first session.
- 17.3 All boats shall sign off by utilising the relevant function within the Sailor app or via the ipad facility located at the Race Tower at McCrae Yacht Club, no later 60 minutes after the finish time of the last boat in the last race of the final session of the day. Failure to comply shall result in a boat being scored DSQ for the final race of the session without a hearing.
- 17.4 Competitors who retire from a race or otherwise wish to record DNF must indicate that intention by making the appropriate note on the manual sign off sheets, and making reference to the relevant heat number. Failure to comply shall result in the boat being scored DSQ for the last race in that session without a hearing.

## **18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [NP]**

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost major items of equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee or allowed by class rules. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. For the purpose of the event 'major equipment' consists of hull, mast, top mast, whisker pole, boom, dagger board, rudder - tiller and stock and sails.

## **19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [NP]**

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions at any time. On the water, the Race Committee or measurer can instruct a competitor to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 19.2 A boat failing to meet compliance may be given a discretionary penalty by the Race Committee. The discretionary penalty may be less than the points of the finishing boats plus one.

## **20. ADVERTISING [NP]**

- 20.1 Boats shall display advertising supplied by the Organising Authority in position as instructed.
- 20.2 Advertising will be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

## **21. OFFICIAL BOATS [NP]**

- 21.1 Official Boats will be marked by displaying the McCrae YC Club burgee.

## **22. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 22.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes mobile telephones.

## **23. PRIZES**

- 23.1 Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the Notice of Race.

## **24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 24.1 Competitors participate in the Event entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, Decision to Race.
- 24.2 None of the Organising Authority, McCrae YC, the Victorian Javelin Association Inc, their officers, volunteers, employees, members, servants or agents accept any responsibility or liability in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss of or damage to property which may be sustained in conjunction with, by reason of participation or intended participation in this event or howsoever arising in connection with this event, prior to, during or after the event.

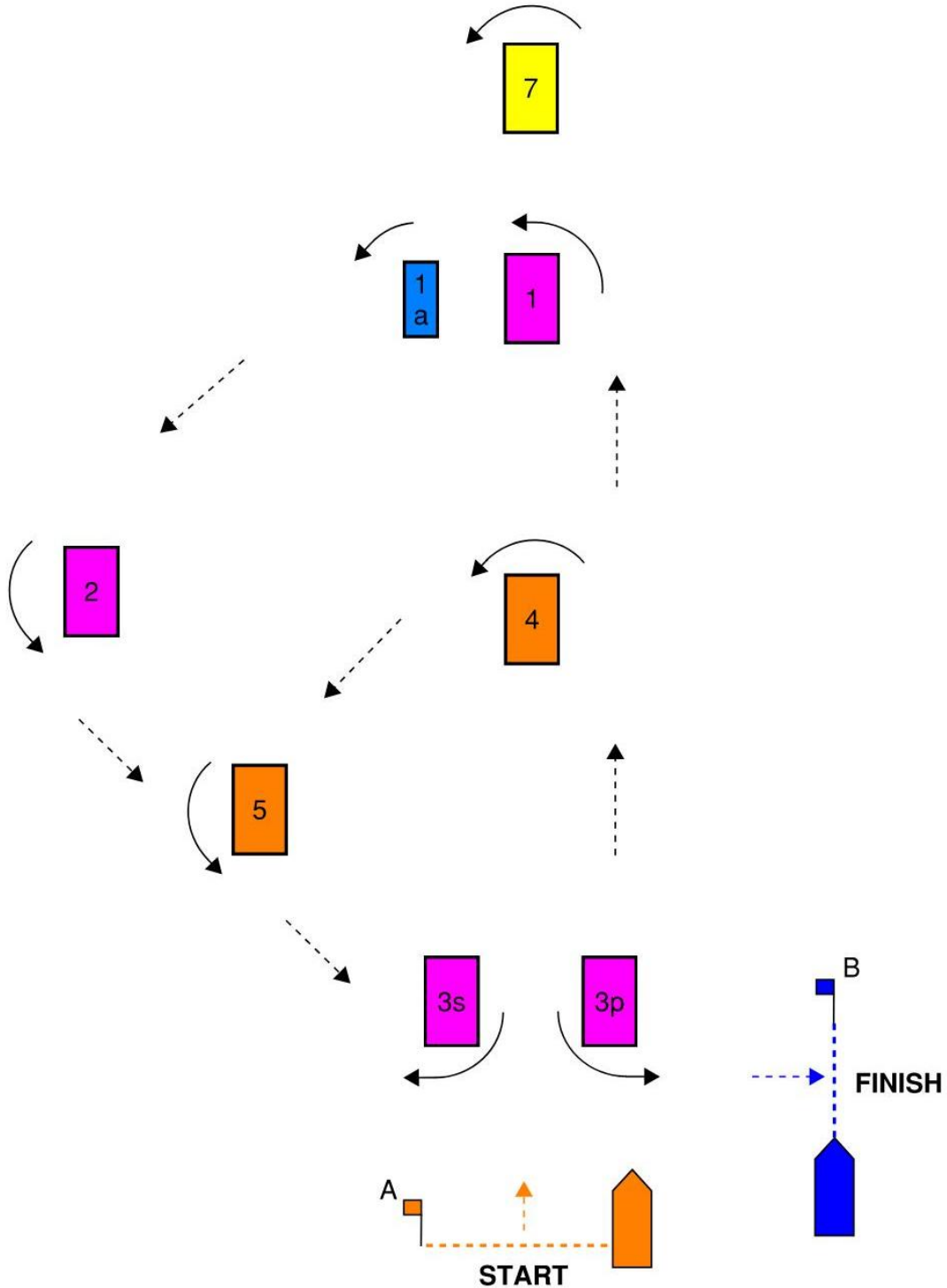
## **25. INSURANCE**

- 25.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of not less than AUD \$5,000,000 (recommended AUD \$10,000,000) per incident or the equivalent.

# ATTACHMENT A

## Alpha Course Triangle

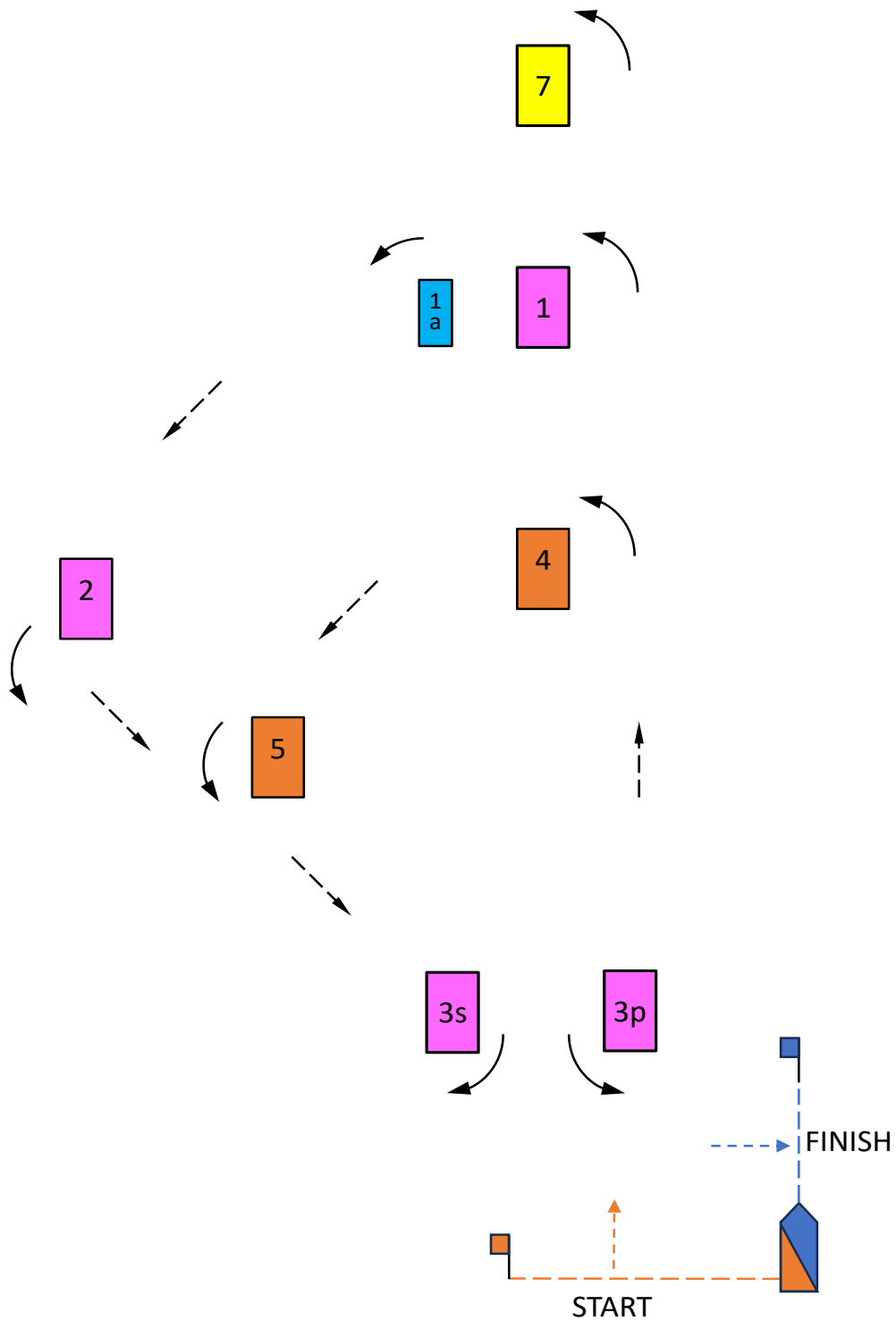
Course	Description
Alpha	Start – 1 – 1a – 3sp – 1 – 1a – 3sp – 1 – 1a – 3sp – Finish
All mark roundings to Port	



# ATTACHMENT B

## Bravo Course Triangle

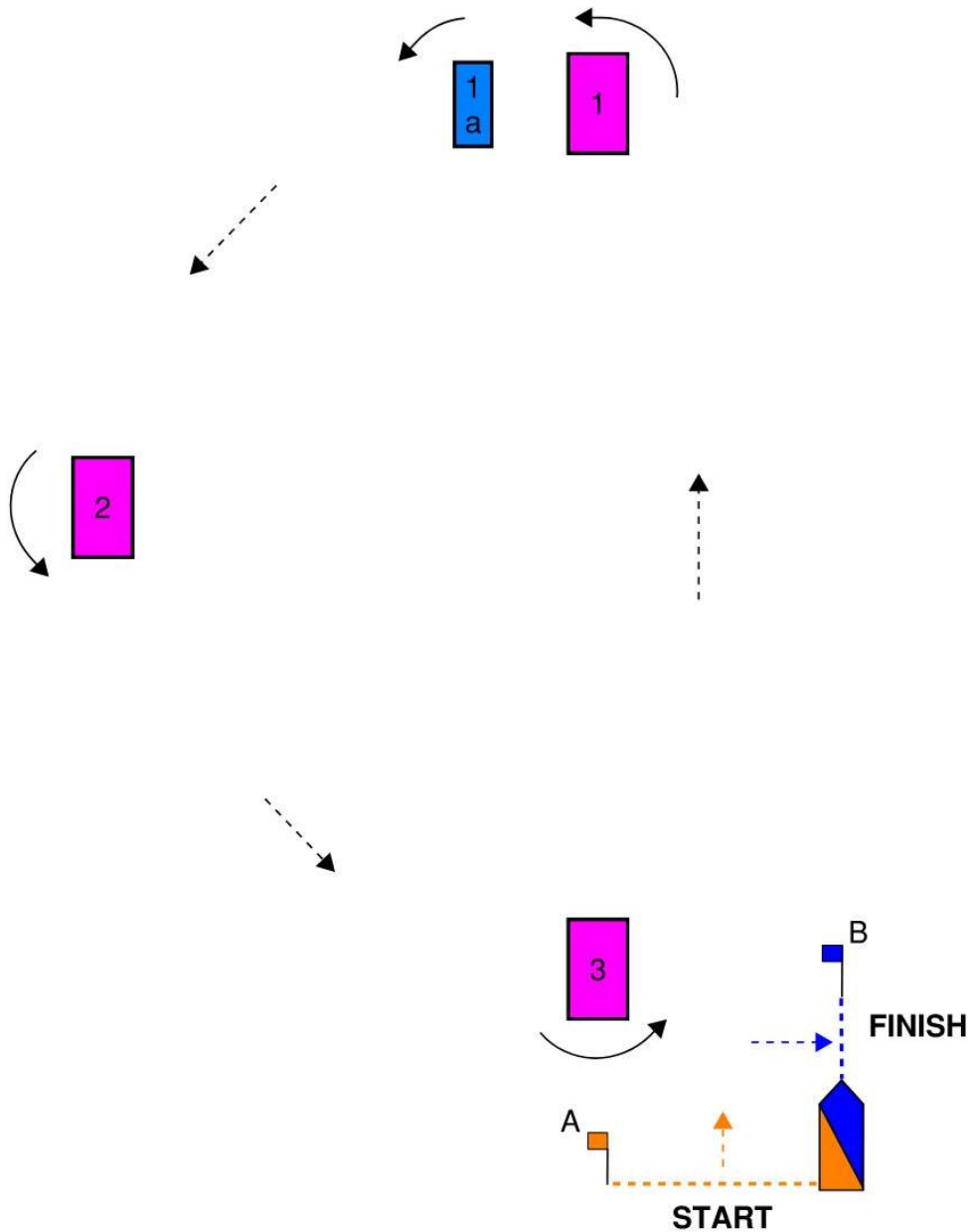
Course	Description
Bravo	Start - 1 - 1a - 3sp - 1 - 1a - 3sp - 1 - 1a - 3sp - Finish
All mark roundings to Port	



# ATTACHMENT C

## Charlie Course Triangle

Course	Description
Charlie	Start - 1 - 1a - 3 - Finish
All mark roundings to Port	

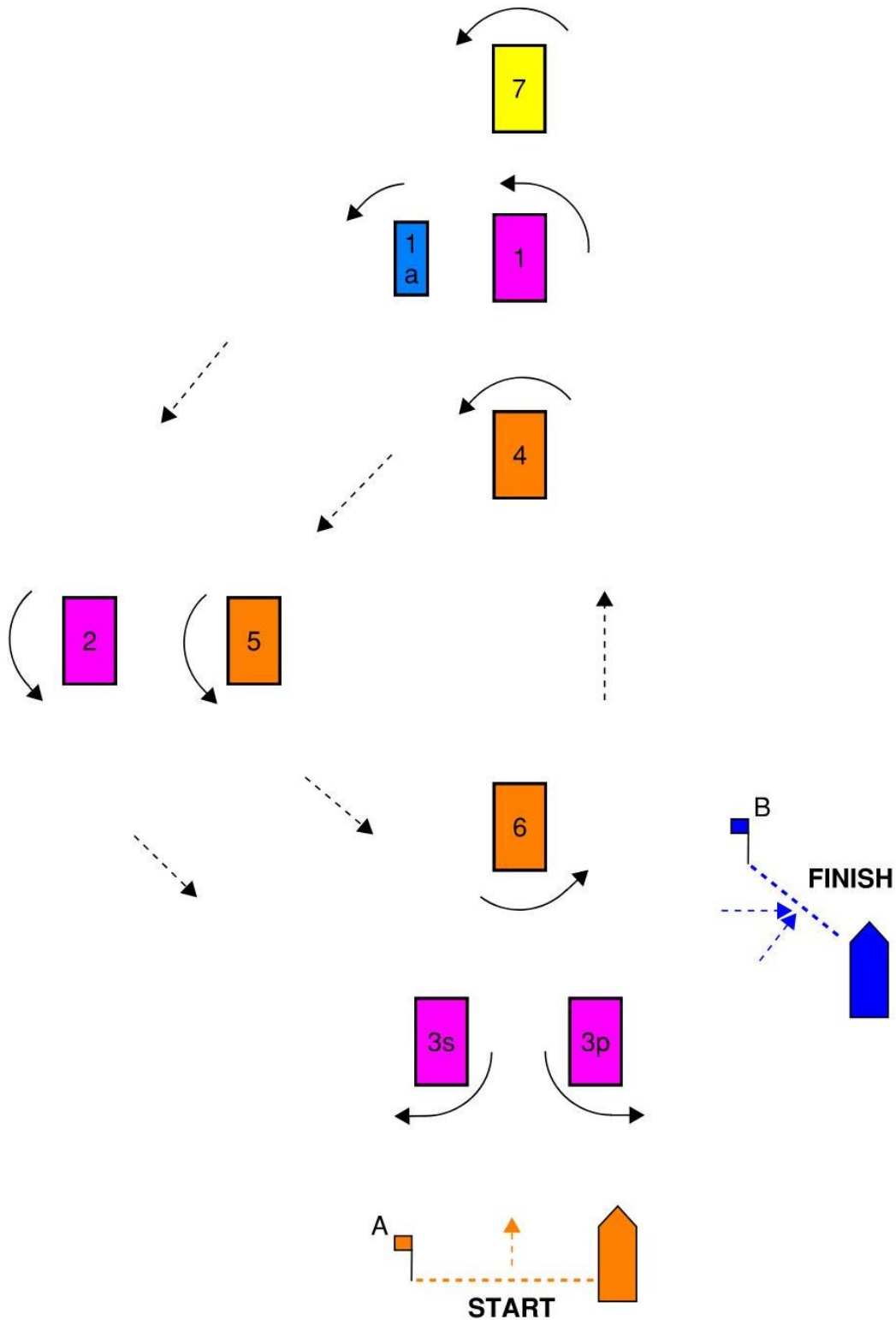




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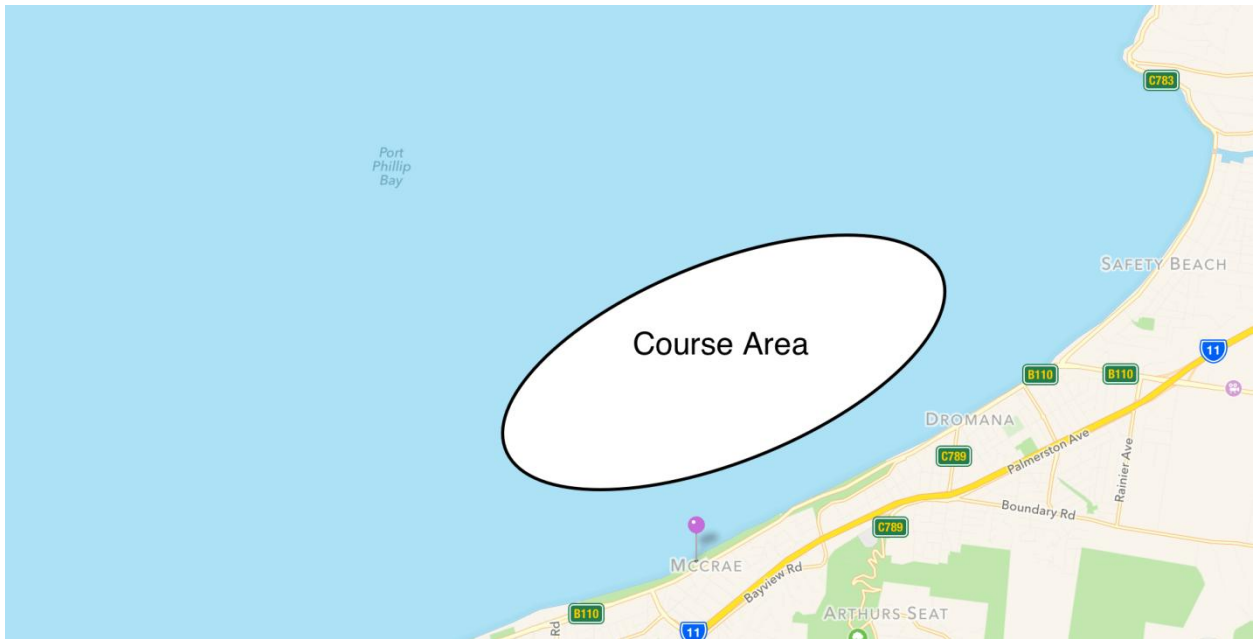
## Delta Course Triangle

Course	Description
Delta	Start – 1 – 1a – 3sp – 1 – 1a – 3sp – 1 – 1a – 3sp – Finish
All mark roundings to Port	



# Attachment E

## Race Area



# Attachment F

## Parks Victoria 'No Boating Zone'



[http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0009/478656/Dromana-to-Blairgowrie-Boating-and-Swimming-Zones.pdf](http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/478656/Dromana-to-Blairgowrie-Boating-and-Swimming-Zones.pdf)