



Black Rock Yacht Club Inc.  
Half Moon Bay. Blackrock Vic, 3193  
2025 International OK Dinghy Australian Championship

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)**

**1 Rules**

- 1.1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2** The class rules of the International OK dinghy class.
- 1.3** The notation (NP) in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking this rule.
- 1.4** The notation (SP) in a rule means that the Race Committee may apply a Standard Penalty (SP) without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty may be applied by the Jury with a hearing. The Race Committee may protest a boat if it considers a standard penalty is inappropriate.

**2 Changes to Sailing Instructions (SI's)**

- 2.1** Any change to the Sailing Instructions made ashore will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

**3 Communications with Competitors**

- 3.1** Notice to competitors will be posted on the event web site at [bryc.com.au](http://bryc.com.au).

**3.2** The regatta office is located within the Training Rooms of the Black Rock Yacht Club accessed from the rear balcony of the club.

#### **4 Code of Conduct**

**4.1** [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

**4.2** [DP] Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the organizing authority in accordance with any instructions.

#### **5 Signals made ashore**

**5.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole adjacent to the Regatta Office on the rear balcony of the club.

**5.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

#### **6 Schedule of Races**

**6.1** Racing, registration and measurement will take place as follows:

Date	Activity	Time
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	Registration and Measurement	08:00 – 12:00
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	Competitor Briefing	12:00
	Racing	14:00
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	OK Association AGM	10.00
	Racing	14:00
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	Racing	14:00
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	Racing	12:00

**6.2** One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that racing does not become more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 2.1.

**6.3** To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a signal is made.

## 7 Class Flags

**7.1** The class flag is the International OK Dinghy class ensign on a white background.

## 8 Racing Area

**8.1** The racing area is on Port Phillip, Black Rock, Australia. NOR Addendum A shows the location of the racing area.

## 9 Courses

**9.1** The diagrams in SI Addendum A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

## 10 Marks

**10.1** Marks 1, and 2 will be pink conical buoys.

**10.2** Mark 3 will be a yellow conical buoy.

**10.3** The start pin mark will be either an orange cylindrical buoy or a Race Committee Vessel.

**10.4** The finish pin mark will be a black/white cone.

**10.5** New marks, as provided in SI 12.1 are orange cylindrical buoys.

## 11 The Start

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

**11.2** The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and either:

- a) the course side of the port-end cylindrical starting mark, or
- b) a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the port end.

**11.3** A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## 12 Change of the next leg of the course

**12.1** 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.

## 13 The finish

**13.1** The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finish race committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

## 14 Penalty system

**14.1** RRS P2.3 does not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.

**14.2** [DP] Penalty for violation of the Class Rules may be less than disqualification.

## 15 Time Limits and Target Times

**15.1** The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35) and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
90 minutes	15 minutes

**15.2** The Target Time for each race is 50 minutes.

**15.3** Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**15.4** The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

## 16 Hearing Requests

**16.1** The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

**16.2** Hearing request forms are available in the regatta office.

**16.3** 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 names as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located in the Training Room at the BRYC clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.

**16.4** A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

## 17 Scoring

**17.1** The scoring system is the Low Point System according to RRS Appendix A.

## 18 Safety Regulations [DP]

**18.1** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Promptly after returning to shore, the boat shall complete a retirement declaration form, which is available at the regatta office.

- 18.2** Competitors not racing for any of the racing days shall inform the regatta office as soon as possible.
- 18.3** [SP] For each race session each boat intending to race shall sign-on by using the Sailor App prior to the first warning signal. Failure to comply shall result in a boat being penalised with a Standard Penalty (SP) of 5 places for the first race in the session, but not worse than the score for DSQ, without a hearing. This changes Rule 63.1 and A5.
- 18.4** [SP] All boats shall 'sign off' by using the Sailor App no later than 60 minutes after the finish time of the last boat in the last race of each session or from when the race committee signals no further racing, whichever is later. Failure to comply shall result in a boat being penalised with a Standard Penalty (SP) of 5 places for the last race in the session, but not worse than the score for DSQ, without a hearing. This changes Rule 63.1 and A5.
- 18.5** (SP) SAFETY: Not wearing a personal flotation device in accordance with NOR 1.4, a ten point Standard Penalty (SP) be will added to all races in which the infringement occurs.

## **19 Replacement of Crew or Equipment**

- 19.1** [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

## **20 Official Vessels**

- 20.1** Official vessels will be identified by displaying a BRYC burgee on them.
- 20.2** Jury vessels will be identified by flying a white flag with the word 'Jury' on them.

## **21 [DP] Support Teams**

- 21.1** All coach / support boat drivers shall confirm registration of their boats and submit the names and sail numbers of the sailors they are supporting at the regatta office before the end of registration.
- 21.2** Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 21.3** Support person vessels shall be identified in accordance with NOR 14.1.

## **22 Trash Disposal**

- 22.1** Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

## **23 Risk Statement**

**23.1** RRS 3, Decision to Race, states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone'. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.

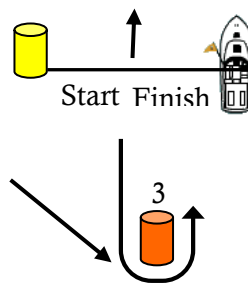
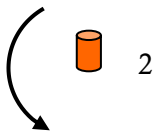
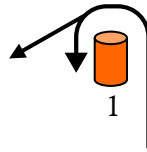
## **24 Insurance**

**24.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD 10,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

**24.2** Competitors must be prepared to supply proof of insurance on request.

## Addendum A – Courses

### Triangle Windward Leeward Courses



Course Name	Course
T2	Start-1-2-3-1-3-Finish