





# Sailing Instructions

# 2024 ILCA Oceania & Australian Open & Youth Championships

1 - 8 January 2024

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Incorporating:

2024 Open & Youth ILCA 7 Championship

2024 Open & Youth ILCA 6 Championship

2024 Open & Youth ILCA 4 Championship

Adelaide, SA, Australia

Organising Authority: Adelaide Sailing Club in conjunction with the SA Laser & ALCA.

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 No National Authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 ILCA class rule 7(a) is restricted as follows: "Only one competitor shall be on board whilst racing. The competitor shall be named on the entry form."
- 1.4 Electronic Equipment:
  - 1.4.1 The ILCA class rules specifically ban the use of any electronic equipment other than a compass and timing device. This ban includes all timing devices or electronic compasses which can transmit, receive, calculate or store information on wind speed, wind direction, boat speed or boat positioning.
  - 1.4.2 In accordance with ILCA By-Law 1 Part 3 para 22 Compass, Electronic Equipment and Timing Devices, heart rate monitors with functionality restricted to logging only are allowed.
  - 1.4.3 During Measurement, competitors are required to declare that:
    - 1.4.3.1 Any heart rate monitors which they may use are restricted to logging only pursuant to Class Rule 22 and;
    - 1.4.3.2 Their timing devices do not have any functionality beyond normal timing functions.
  - 1.4.4 With the recent introduction of new timing devices and electronic compasses to the market, competitors are **strongly encouraged** to consult their manufacturer's guide and a Technical Committee representative to ensure compliance with SI 1.4 prior to submitting their declaration.
- 1.5 Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply as amended in SI 16.
- 1.6 Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.7 In all rules governing this event:
  - 1.7.1 [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
  - 1.7.2 **[SP]** denotes a rule for which the race committee or technical committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing or a discretionary penalty may be applied by the international jury with a hearing. However, the race committee or technical committee may protest a boat if it considers a standard penalty is inappropriate. A boat that has been penalised with a standard penalty shall neither be protested by another boat for the same incident nor can another boat request redress for this committee action. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and A5.
- 1.8 Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 1.9 **[NP] [DP]** All competitors and support persons shall follow any reasonable instructions given by a race official.
- 1.10 Pursuant to Racing Rule 40.2, Racing Rule 40.1 relating to the wearing of personal floatation applies at all times.

#### 2. COMMUNICATIONS AND IMPORTANT LOCATIONS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted online on the Official Notice Board (ONB) which is the Race Officials Management System (ROMS). A link to ROMS will be on the official web site and the Australian Laser App.
- 2.2 Important locations:

	<u>Location</u>
Official Notice Board	ROMS: https://onb.roms.ar/ilca2024australian/index.php/en/
Official Flagpole	North West corner of the Club House
Race Office	Southern end of lower level of the Club House
Equipment Inspection	At the boat shed – southern end of the Club House at car park level
Hearing Room	Jury Room South of Club House

2.3 **[DP]** While afloat, a competitor shall not carry equipment capable of making or receiving voice or data transmissions, except for equipment provided by the organising authority.

## 3. [DP] [NP] FLEET IDENTIFICATION

3.1 While racing in split fleets, each boat shall display a coloured band corresponding to the fleet to which she has been assigned as advised on the ONB. The band shall be placed on the bottom mast between the boom vang fitting and the boom.

#### 4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 2 (two) hours before the warning signal of the race 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.

#### 5. [DP] REGISTRATION, BOATS & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 5.1 Each competitor shall register at the race office and complete all required registration and equipment inspection formalities before racing. A competitor that does not complete all required registration and equipment formalities will not be entered to the event under RRS 75.
- 5.2 Information on equipment inspection will be posted on the ONB. Boats shall be presented with all equipment that shall be used in the event, with the bottom mast, boom and all control lines rigged and with the sail and top section derigged ready for inspection.
- 5.3 Equipment inspection will take place at the boat shed according to the schedule posted on the ONB.
- 5.4 Equipment inspection outside these times will only be possible at the discretion of the technical committee and on payment of AUD 20.
- 5.5 Equipment, including wet clothing may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and the sailing instructions according to the following procedures:
  - 5.5.1 A competitor may be instructed by the technical committee, either ashore or on the water, to proceed immediately to the inspection area for inspection.
  - 5.5.2 Until permission is given by the technical committee, a competitor once instructed to proceed for inspection, shall have no unauthorised contact with any support person, no person shall join or leave the boat, no equipment or other item shall be taken on or off that boat and the boat shall not leave the inspection area.
- 5.6 In the event of damage, hulls and equipment listed in NOR 6.2 may only be replaced with the written permission of the technical committee. If the damage occurs between 2 (two) hours before the first scheduled start on a racing day, and before the start of the last race of the day, provisional verbal permission shall be obtained from the technical committee, international jury or race committee and the written permission of the technical committee shall be applied for before the end of the protest time limit at the end of the day in which the replacement takes place.

#### 6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flagpole. The location is stated in SI 2.2.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 6.3 [SP] [NP] A boat shall not leave shore until flag D is displayed ashore. The warning signal will be made not less than the time 30 minutes after flag D is displayed or not before the schedule time, whichever is later.

#### 7. FORMAT OF RACING

- 7.1 The ILCA 7 entries will be divided into two fleets and will sail a qualifying and final series in accordance with the Qualifying and Final series format in Addendum C to these sailing instructions.
- 7.2 The ILCA 6 entries will be divided into two fleets and will sail a qualifying and final series in accordance with the Qualifying and Final series format in Addendum C to these sailing instructions.
- 7.3 The ILCA 4 entries will be divided into two fleets and will sail a qualifying and final series in accordance with the Qualifying and Final series format in Addendum C to these sailing instructions.
- 7.4 12 races are scheduled over 6 days, with 2 races a day.

#### 8. CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1 The class flag for the ILCA 7 will be a white flag with an ILCA emblem.
- 8.2 The class flag for the ILCA 6 will be a green flag with an ILCA emblem.
- 8.3 The class flag for the ILCA 4 will be a yellow flag with an ILCA emblem.
- 8.4 Flags will be the class flag over a coloured flag corresponding to a boat's fleet identification coloured band.

#### 9. SCHEDULE

9.1 Event Schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	
1 January	0900 - 1800	Registration, Equipment Inspection/Measurement	
2 January	0800 - 1130 1130 1300 - 1700 1430	Registration, Equipment Inspection/Measurement Competitor Meeting Registration, Equipment Inspection/Measurement Practice race	
3 January	Refer SI 13	2 races back-to-back (Qualifying series)	
4 January	Refer SI 13	2 races back-to-back (Qualifying series)	
5 January	Refer SI 13	2 races back-to-back (Qualifying series)	
6 January	Refer SI 13	2 races back-to-back (Qualifying/final series, if 6 qualifying races have been sailed)	
7 January	Refer SI 13	2 races back-to-back (Qualifying/final series, if 6 qualifying races have been sailed)	
8 January	Refer SI 13 1900	2 races back-to-back (Qualifying/final series, if 6 qualifying races have been sailed) Presentation Function	

- 9.2 The schedule may be changed to sail more than 2 races a day, when behind schedule. However, no more than 3 races a day will be sailed in a day.
- 9.3 On the last day of the championship, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

#### **10. RACING AREAS**

10.1 Addendum A shows the racing areas. The racing area is defined as an area extending 100 meters beyond the entire course in which a boat would normally sail while racing.

#### 11. COURSES

- 11.1 Addendum B shows the course designations, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 11.2 A leeward gate may be replaced by a single mark, in this case the mark shall be left to port.

#### 12. MARKS

12.1 The colour and shape of the marks will be as follows:

Racing area A: Alpha (South) Course

Marks	Description
Starting Marks	Race committee vessels displaying orange flags
Course Marks 1, 2, 3S, 3P	Orange inflatable cylinders

Course Marks 4S, 4P	Orange inflatable cylinders
Course Mark 5	Orange inflatable cylinder
Course Mark 1A	Red inflatable pyramid
Finish Mark	Race committee vessel displaying a blue flag at the starboard end and a staff displaying a blue flag at the port end.

Racing area B: Bravo (North) Course

Marks	Description
Starting Marks	Race committee vessels displaying orange flags
Course Marks 1, 2, 3S, 3P	Pink Inflatable cylinders
Course Marks 4S, 4P	Yellow Inflatable cylinders
Course Mark 5	Pink Inflatable cylinder
Course Mark 1A	Red Inflatable pyramid
Finish Mark	Race committee vessel displaying a blue flag at the starboard end
	and a staff displaying a blue flag at the port end.

# 13. FLEET IDENTIFICATION, COURSE DESIGNATION AND SCHEDULED START TIMES

13.1 Start order, Fleet flags, Fleet identification (sleeve) colours, course designations (refer Addendum B) and scheduled start times are:

#### **Alpha Course**

Fleets	Fleet Flags	Sleeve Colour	Start Sequence	Course	Start Time
ILCA 7	Yellow	Yellow	1st Start	Outer	1300
ILCA 7	Blue	Blue	2 <sup>nd</sup> Start	Inner	Immediately following ILCA 7 Yellow fleet

#### **Bravo Course**

Fleets	Fleet Flags	Sleeve Colour	Start Sequence	Course	Start Time
ILCA 4	Yellow	Yellow	1 <sup>st</sup> Start	Outer	1200 or 1330
ILCA 4	Blue	Blue	2 <sup>nd</sup> Start	Inner	Immediately following ILCA 4 Yellow fleet
ILCA 6	Yellow	Yellow	1 <sup>st</sup> Start	Outer	1200 or 1330
ILCA 6	Blue	Blue	2 <sup>nd</sup> Start	Inner	Immediately following ILCA 6 Yellow fleet

- 13.2 ILCA 4 and ILCA 6 fleet start times will be posted via <a href="Home (roms.ar">Home (roms.ar</a>) by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 13.3 Competitors will be notified of daily fleet assignments via <a href="Home (roms.ar">Home (roms.ar</a>).

#### 14. THE START

- 14.1 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flags will be displayed with one sound signal at least 5 minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 14.2 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- 14.3 The starting line will be between the staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.

- 14.4 **[DP] [NP]** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during start sequences for other fleets.
- 14.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored did not start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 14.6 Races will be started using either RRS 30.3 (U Flag Rule), or RRS 30.4 (Black Flag Rule).
- 14.7 RRS 30.4 (Black Flag Rule) is supplemented as follows:
  - 14.7.1 Sail numbers will be displayed for at least 3 minutes. A long sound signal will be made when the numbers are initially displayed. A boat whose number is so displayed shall leave the racing area, defined in SI 10.1 before the new preparatory signal. If she fails to do so, she will be scored DNE.
  - 14.7.2 For the purposes of RRS 30.4 a race is 'restarted or resailed' when it has the same race number as a previously abandoned or recalled race. In case there are split fleets, races are named Q1 to Qn for the Qualifying series and F1 to Fn for the Final series.

#### 15. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee vessel at the starboard end and a staff displaying a blue flag at the port end, except when RRS 32.2 applies.

#### **16. PENALTIES**

- 16.1 Appendix P will apply with the following changes:
  - 16.1.1 If a first penalty is signalled after a boat has crossed the finish line, the penalty will be a 10% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c).
  - 16.1.2 RRS P3 is replaced with "If a boat has been penalised for the first time under RRS P1.2 and the race is postponed restarted or resailed the penalty is cancelled, but it is counted to determine the number of times she has been penalised during the event.
  - 16.1.3 RRS P4 is replaced with "An action by the jury under RRS P1.2 shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat under RRS 60.1(b). The jury may initiate a redress hearing and may give redress for an action under RRS P1.2 by a member of the jury or its designated observer".
  - A boat that has either retired from or been disqualified in a race for a second or subsequent breach of RRS 42 shall not compete in that race if it is restarted or resailed. This changes RRS 36. For the purposes of this instruction a race is 'restarted or resailed' when it has the same race number as a previously abandoned or recalled race. If she competes in that race, she shall be disqualified without a hearing and that score shall not be excluded (DNE) and the jury will consider calling a hearing under RRS 69.1(a).

Yellow Flag	Immediate penalty taken by boat	General Recall, postponement or abandonment	No action by boat	General Recall, postponement or abandonment
1 <sup>st</sup> flag	Two turns / 10% (SI 16.1.1)	Can restart	DSQ	Can restart
2 <sup>nd</sup> flag	Retire (RET)	Shall not restart	DNE	Shall not restart
3 <sup>rd</sup> + flags	Retire (DNE)	Shall not restart	DNE event	Shall not restart

#### 17. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

17.1 Time limits and target times are in minutes are as follows:

	Race Time Limit	Finish Window	Race Target Time
ILCA 7	90	20	50
ILCA 6	90	20	45
ILCA 4	80	20	40

- 17.2 Boats failing to finish within the time stated in the Finish Window, after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 17.3 **[NP]** Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.1(a).

### 18. HEARING REQUESTS, ENQUIRIES AND PENALTIES

- 18.1 The protest time limit for each class is 60 minutes after either (a) the last boat of each class has finished the last race of the day, or (b) the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later.
- 18.2 Hearing requests and scoring enquiries are to be entered on to a form available on the ONB (Home (roms.ar).
- 18.3 Requests shall be received online within the mandated time limit however, in case of a system failure, hearing requests and scoring enquiry paper forms can be found at and shall be delivered to the Race Office.
- 18.4 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit for each fleet to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 18.5 Hearings will be held in the Hearing Room.
- 18.6 In RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) change 'On the last scheduled day of racing...' to 'On the last day of a series ...'.
- 18.7 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a Scoring Enquiry Form available on the ONB.
- 18.8 A list of boats that have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 will be posted after racing each day.
- 18.9 Only the technical committee may protest a boat for an alleged breach of the class rules, rules of RRS Part 4 Section B or RRS Appendix G. This changes RRS 60.1(a), 60.2(a) and 60.3(a).
- 18.10 If a boat is sailed without a centreboard stopper, or with no mast retention line attached (class rule 3(b) xi), a scoring penalty of 30% of the score for did not finish rounded to a whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) will, without a hearing, be added to the boats score in the last completed race in which she was racing without a centreboard stopper or the retention line. However, she shall not be scored worse than DNF. This changes RRS 63.1 and RRS A5.
- 18.11 If a sail, top mast, or bottom mast has been changed prior to a race without the permission required by SI 5.6 the competitor will be disqualified without a hearing from the last completed race when the change was used. This changes RRS 63.1 and RRS A5.
- 18.12 **[DP]** Penalties for any other breach of class rules are at the discretion of the international jury and may be less than disqualification.
- 18.13 The scoring abbreviation for a penalty imposed under SI 18.9 and 18.10 will be SCP.

#### 19. SCORING

- 19.1 A minimum of 4 (four) races are required to be completed to constitute the championship.
- 19.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score(s) as follows:

Races completed	Discards	Comments
1-5	0	No discard
6	1 Worst score excluded	
10	2	Worst two scores excluded

19.3 When a qualifying and final series is sailed:

- 19.3.1 The qualifying series races and final series races will count for the total points in the regatta.
- 19.3.2 A qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying fleets have completed that race.
- 19.3.3 The worst qualifying series race score will be excluded when calculating the division into final series fleets.
- 19.3.4 If only one finals series race is completed it will not be excluded.
- 19.3.5 If two or more final series races have been completed, then a maximum of one finals series race score may be excluded.
- 19.3.6 For the purposes of RRS A5.2 "Scoring" the number of boats entered in a qualifying/final series race will be the number of boats assigned to the largest qualifying fleet.
- 19.4 All division prizes will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the overall results of the applicable Class.

## 20. [DP] [NP] SAFETY

- 20.1 Rule 40.1 Personal Flotation Devices applies at all times afloat.
- 20.2 [SP] Check OUT (sign on) & Check IN (sign off)
  - 20.2.1 When going out to race, each competitor intending to race shall personally Check OUT against their name and/or sail number.
  - 20.2.2 On returning ashore, even after the display of AP/H, AP/A, N/H or N/A when no race has been completed after launching, each competitor shall personally Check IN, against their name and/or sail number, as soon as reasonably possible.
  - 20.2.3 Check OUT and Check IN shall be done via Home (roms.ar)
  - 20.2.4 Failure to Check OUT will result in 5-point penalty for the next race completed even if no race is completed on the day of the infringement.
  - 20.2.5 Failure to Check IN will result in 5-point penalty for the last race completed even if no race is completed on the day of the infringement.
  - 20.2.6 Only one 5-point penalty for infringements of SI 20.2.4 and SI 20.2.5 will be applied by Race Committee without a hearing to any one race on the day. A competitor shall not be scored worse than a disqualified competitor. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 20.3 A competitor who retires from a race shall notify a race committee, safety or jury vessel as soon as reasonably possible and shall inform the race office immediately after returning to the shore.
- 20.4 Competitors not racing for any of the racing days shall inform the race office as soon as possible.
- 20.5 When the race committee displays flag V with repetitive sounds, all official and support vessels shall monitor the race committee VHF channel 71 for instructions and assist in search and rescue operations.

#### 21. OFFICIAL VESSELS

21.1 Official vessels will be marked as follows:

Vessel	Flag
Jury	Blue flag with black letters JURY
Race Committee	Red flag with ALPHA or Green flag with BRAVO
Principal Race Officer	A flag with black letters PRO
Technical Committee	Blue flag with black letters TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
Press, Media	YELLOW flag with MEDIA
Safety	Green flags with SAFETY
Official Boats	White flag with letters OFFICIAL

- 21.2 Failure of an official vessel to fly an identifying flag shall not be grounds for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 21.3 Actions by the official boats, drones or helicopters shall not be grounds for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

#### 22. SUPPORT VESSELS

- 22.1 Support persons shall comply with the Support Vessel Regulations. See NOR Rule 12 and NOR Appendix A Support Vessel Regulations.
- 22.2 Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel ("support vessels") shall not be in the racing area, except when requested pursuant to SI 20.5 and/or RRS 37. This area is defined by SI 10. This Rule will apply from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished racing for the day, or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment for all boats. Support boats shall not move from below mark 5 to the start/finish area when any competitor of any fleet is racing between mark 5 and the finish.
- 22.3 At all times, the registered driver(s) of a support boat shall comply with any directions given by a race official. This includes assisting in rescue operations when requested to do so. Refer RRS 37.
- 22.4 Boats shall not be towed unless flag T is displayed ashore or on the race committee signal boat. When flag T is displayed a tow shall not exceed 8 knots.
- 22.5 The penalty for failing to comply with SI 22.1, 22.2 or 22.3 will be disqualification of all competitors for that race associated with the support boat who infringes.
- 22.6 The penalty for failing to comply with SI 22.4 will be as follows:
  - a) where a boat is towed to the race area at the commencement of a race session, that boat shall be scored DSQ (disqualified) for the first race of that session.
  - b) where a boat is towed from the race area after the conclusion of a race session, that boat shall be scored DSQ (disqualified) for the last race of that session.

#### 23. TRASH DISPOSAL

23.1 Trash may be placed aboard support or official vessels.

#### 24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

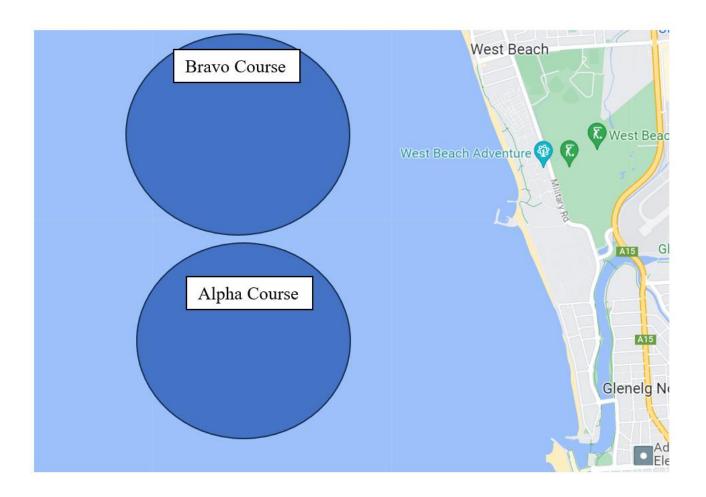
RRS 3 states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is theirs alone."

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, 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 by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

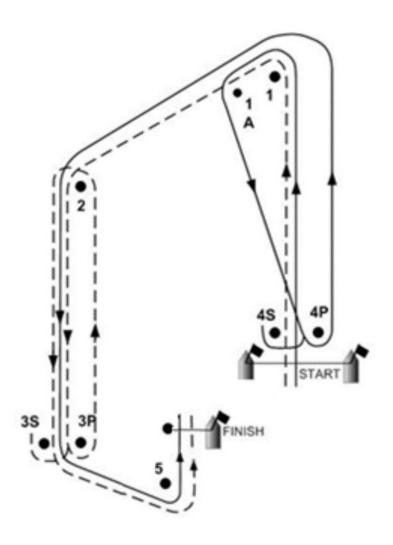
Competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.



#### ADDENDUM B - COURSE DESIGNATIONS

The diagram shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. The leg between marks 3S/3P and mark 5 may be laid shorter than the leg between mark 1 and mark 2 so that the finish line is not directly to leeward of the start line.

Outer – Designated "O" (Dashed line): Inner – Designated "I" (Solid line): 1, 2, 3S/3P (gate), 2, 3S/3P (gate), 5, FINISH 1, 1A, 4S/4P (gate), 1, 2, 3S/3P (gate), 5, FINISH



#### ADDENDUM C - QUALIFYING AND FINAL SERIES FORMATS

#### 1. Practice Race

- 1.1 For the practice race, boats will be assigned to three fleets of, as near as possible, equal size.
- 1.2 Assignments will be random as determined by Sailwave scoring system and will be posted by 2000 on 1 January 2024.

#### 2. Qualifying Series

- 2.1 For the qualifying series boats will be assigned to two fleets of, as near as possible, equal size.
- 2.2 Initial assignments will be random as determined by Sailwave scoring system. These will be posted by 2000 hours on 2 January 2024.
- 2.3 In the qualifying series boats will be reassigned to two fleets after each day of racing, except if on the first day only one race is completed. If both fleets have completed the same number of races, boats will be reassigned based on their ranks in the series. If both fleets have not completed the same number of races the series scores for reassignment will be calculated for those races, numbered in order of completion which have been completed by both fleets.
- 2.4 Reassignments will be made as follows:

	Two fleet format
Rank in Series	Fleet Assignment
1st	1
2nd	2
3rd	2
4th	1
5th	1
6th	2
7th	2
8th	1
9th	1
And	
so on	

- 2.5 Reassignments will be based on the ranking available at 2100 that day regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.
- 2.6 If both fleets have not completed the same number of races by the end of a day, the fleet with fewer races will continue racing the following day until both fleets have completed the same number of races. All boats will thereafter race in the new fleets.
- 2.7 If at the end of the qualifying series a qualifying series fleet has more race scores than the other, any extra races will be abandoned so that all boats in the qualifying series have the same number of race scores.

#### 3. Final Series

- 3.1 Boats will be assigned to final series fleets based on their ranks in the qualifying series.
- 3.2 There will be two fleets in the final series.
- 3.3 The final series fleets will be, as nearly as possible, of equal size but so that the Silver Fleet is not larger than the Gold Fleet.
- 3.4 Boats with the best qualifying series ranks will race all final series races in the Gold Fleet; boats with the next best qualifying series ranks will race in the Silver Fleet.
- 3.5 Any recalculation of qualifying series ranking after boats have been assigned to final series fleets will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to a higher fleet.
- 3.6 Different final series fleets need not have completed the same number of final races. The boats in the Gold Fleet will be ranked highest, except for a boat disqualified from a final series race under rules 6 or 69.