Nacra Australia

Open Championship 2022

Sailing Instructions





30th December 2021 to 5th January 2022

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Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

The 2022 Nacra Australia Championship, conducted by Hervey Bay Sailing Club shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. Australian Sailing, special regulations part 2-off the beach classes shall apply and the respective Class Rules of the Nacra Association of Australia. Racing rule 44.1 is changed so competitors shall take a one turn penalty. These Sailing Instructions shall supersede the Notice of Race, if conflicting. RRS Appendix T (arbitration) shall apply.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located upstairs in the north-east corner of the clubhouse.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to sailing instructions will be posted not less than two hours prior to the start of the race or races that it will affect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located close to the clubhouse. When signal AP is displayed ashore 1 minute is replaced with not less than 30 minutes.

5. Schedule of Events/ Race Program

Day / Date	Event	Times	
30 th December 2021	Registration	1000 to 1400 hours	
30 th December 2021	Meet the Fleet Wood Fired Pizza	1700 hours	
31 st December 2021	Briefing	1030 hours	
31 st December 2021	Session 1	Not before 1200 hours	
1 st January 2022	New Year's Day	Beach Day - Nacra TRYathalon	
2 nd January 2022	Session 2	Not before 1200 hours	
3 rd January 2022	Session 3 Resail if required Aust Association AGM	Not Before 1000 hours Not before 1300 hours Starts 1500	
3 rd January 2022	Spit Roast	1800 hours	
4 th January 2022	Resail if required Session 4	Not before 1000 hours Not before 1200 hours	
4 th January 2022	Trivia Night	1800 hours	
5 th January 2022	Session 5	Not before 1000 hours	
5 th January 2022	Buffet Dinner Presentation Prizes	Not before 1700 @Hervey Bay Boat Club	

5.1 Changes to Race Program.

The Race Committee may elect to change the start time, start sequence or the number of races based on weather, racing and other fleet requirements. Any notice of change to the schedule of racing will be posted no later than 1800 hours the proceeding day.

6. Racing Area

The Racing Area will be part of Hervey Bay to the north and west of the clubhouse. A HBSC/Club flag on its race signal mast will identify the race committee vessel. Please stay outside of the Aquaview Jet ski area.

7. Marks

The port end start mark will be Yellow. Mark A - Orange, Mark B – Yellow, Mark X and Y - Red. The Gate G (Mark C and D) both orange, Finish between Blue buoy and committee boat.

8. The Start

The starting line will be between a mast on the race committee boat displaying an Orange flag and the Yellow buoy. An inner mark may be laid near the committee boat and boats starting will keep this mark on their starboard hand. Boats failing to comply will be scored Did Not Start. This changes Rule A4.1. A boat starting later than 10 mins after its starting signal will be scored a Did Not Start.

The warning signal shall be displayed 3 minutes prior to the starting signal for each division. This modifies Rule 26.

Minutes before start signal	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Means
3	Class Flag/s	One	Warning signal
2	Preparatory flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One	One minute
0	Class flag/s removed	One	Starting Signal

9. Recalls

When a general recall has been signalled, the fleets starting sequence will commence as soon as possible after the recall. The warning signal for a new start shall be made not less than one minute after the lowering of the first substitute. The starts for any succeeding Fleets shall follow the recalled Fleets start.

10. Back to Back Racing.

When a subsequent race is to be sailed, the race committee boat shall fly AP flag whilst on station for the finish. No more than 3 races planned per racing session.

11. Finish

The Finish Line will be between the committee boat mast and a blue buoy, keeping the Race Committee Boat to port. When the Race Committee Boat is on station to finish they will fly a Blue Flag. When the committee boat is on station the finish line is designated as an obstruction, and a boat shall not sail through the finish line, except to finish. At the finish of the last race of the day the race committee boat shall fly a VB beer flag, this shall indicate no more racing today, return ashore.

12. Time Limits

Time limits for each race shall be 55 mins. Within each fleet boats of the same class, failing to finish within 15mins after the first boat sails the course, may be scored Did Not Finish.

13. Wind Limits

The following wind limits will result in delayed or postponed racing;

Minimum Wind – Sustained average of less than 5 knots at the committee boat for 5 mins. Maximum Wind – Sustained average of 22 knots+ at the committee boat for 5 mins.

14. Protests

Protest forms are available from the beach captain's desk. Protests shall be delivered within 60 mins after the last boat of the affected fleet has finished the last race of the day.

15. Declarations

A Race sign on and sign off sheet will be provided at the start of a back to back racing session. Each skipper shall sign on not less than 30mins before the first starting signal. After returning to shore competitors shall sign off on the sheet located on a table in the boat shed under the clubhouse. Boats that Did Not Start, Did Not Finish or Retire shall indicate this on the sign on/sign off race sheet. Boats that do not comply may be disqualified.

16. Scoring

The low points scoring system of Appendix A4.1 will apply. A total of 12 races are scheduled. Four

or more races constitute a series. When six or more races are sailed a boats series score will be the total of her races excluding her worst race. When eight or more races are sailed a boat series score shall be the total of her races excluding her two worst races.

17. Disclaimer

Competitors shall sail at their own risk. Attention is drawn to Rule 3. Hervey Bay Sailing Club accepts no responsibility or liability for any loss, damage or injury which may occur to any person or property, whether ashore or afloat, as a consequence of participation in this regatta.

18. Replacement of crew or equipment

Substitution of equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution of crew shall be made to the Race Committee in writing as soon as possible, before the race or races that it may affect.

19. Change to Rule 46 – All sailors must belong to a club from 1st January 2022

A change to Rule 46 in the Racing Rules of Sailing is scheduled to be implemented from 1 January 2022, which requires all competitors in any race to be a member of a sailing club. The change to Rule 46 centres around duty of care, safety and insurance.

Alternatively, competitors can register for a SAILPASS

If you have an Australian Sailing# https://www.revolutionise.com.au/herveybaysc/temporary-member/

If you DO NOT have an Australian Sailing# <u>https://www.revolutionise.com.au/herveybaysc/temporary-member/&new/</u>

20. Division and Class Flags.

Div. 1	Nacra 5.8	Pennant 1
Div. 2	Nacra 15	Pennant 2
Div. 3	Nacra 17	Pennant 3
Div. 4	Nacra 4.5	Pennant 4
Div. 5	Nacra F18	Pennant 5
Div. 6	Nacra 5.0, 16sq	Pennant 6
Div. 7	Nacra 350	Pennant 7

20.1 Changes of Class Flags, Divisions and Courses.

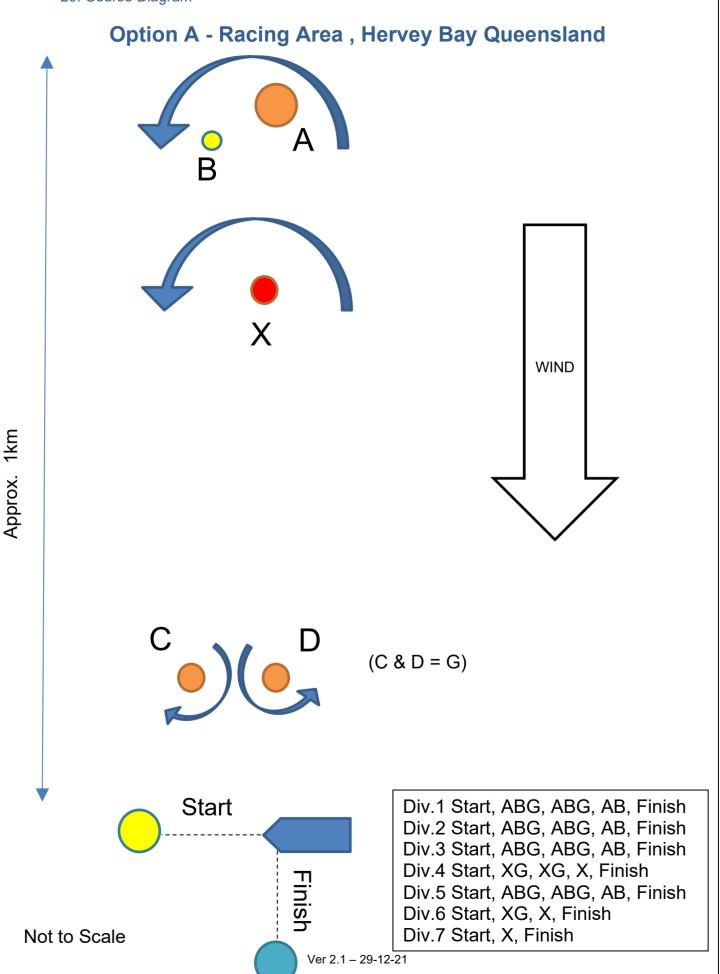
The Race Committee may change or combine Divisions, Code Flags and Courses after reviewing nominations.

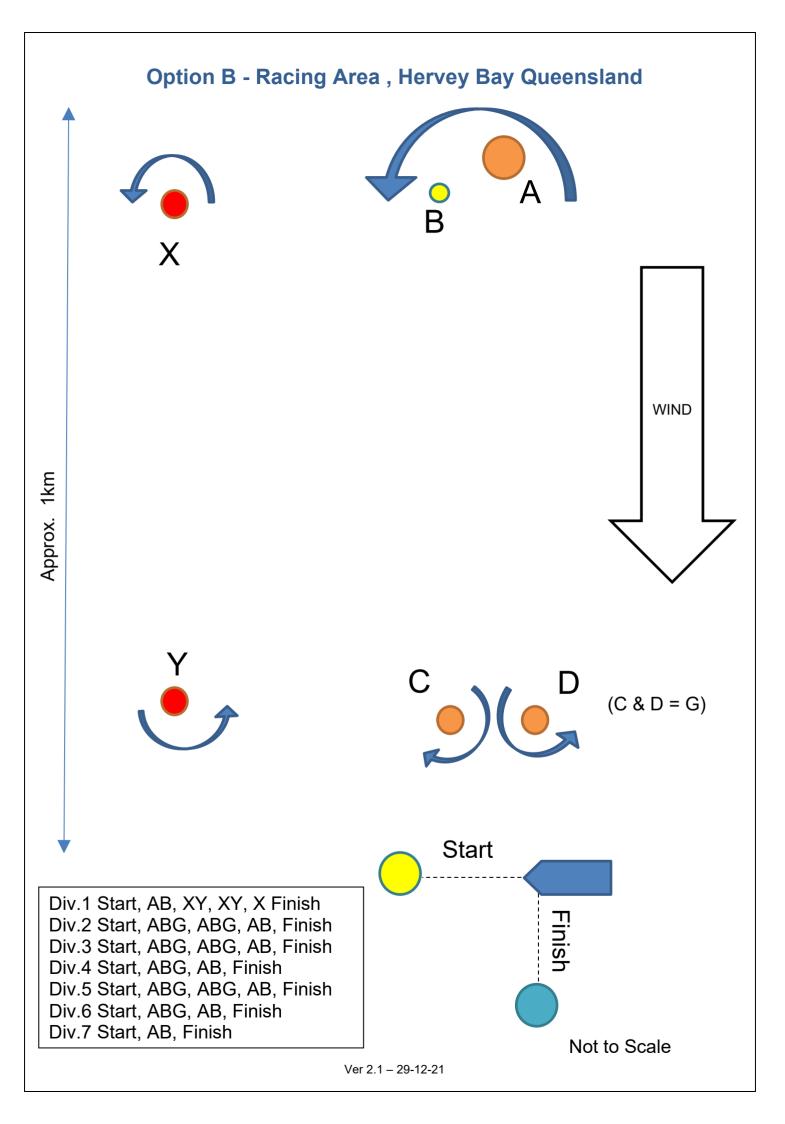
21. The Courses.

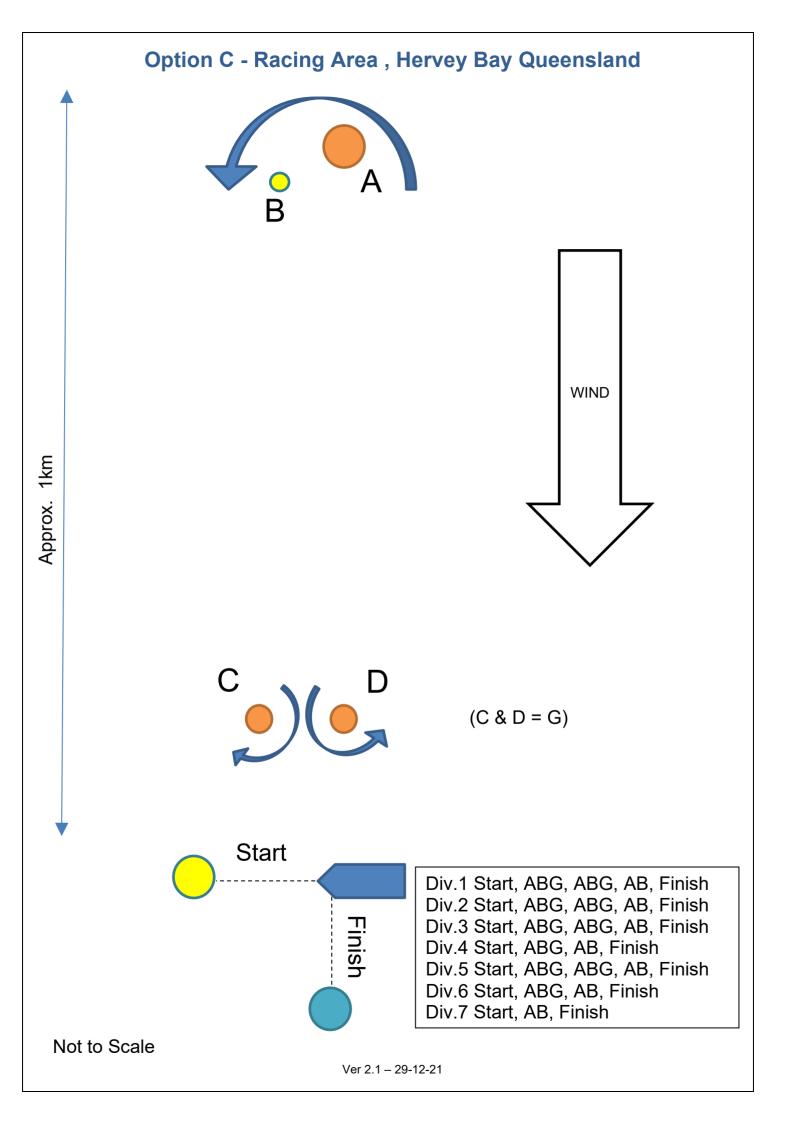
Option A – Two sets of top marks (top set with a clearing mark) Option B – Trapezoid course Option C – Standard windward leeward course

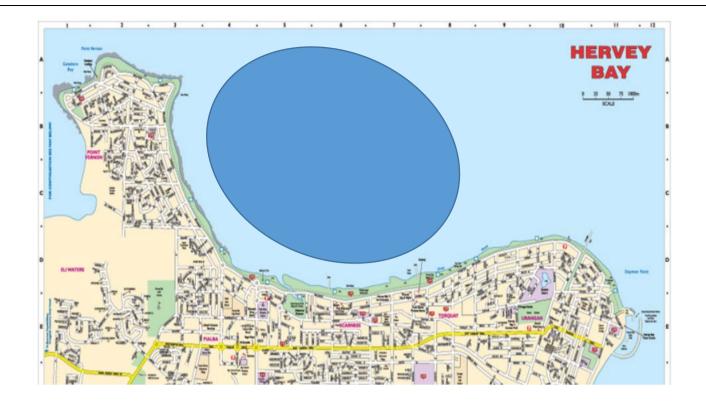
- The selected course will be posted on the club notice board and updated via the "Sailor" App at least 2 hours prior to each days sailing.
- If code flag S is flown prior to the start, then a shortened course will delete the FIRST circuit of the course. (EXCEPT Div 7 & Div 1 with Course B delete 1 x XY lap)
- If code flag S is flown after the start this indicates to finish between committee vessel and the nearby rounding mark, or through the gate if flown at the gate.

20. Course Diagram









Access Points for Ambulance

Scarness, Public Boat Ramp, via Charlton Esplanade

Hervey Bay Sailing Club, Torquay Public Boat Ramp, access via Charlton Esplanade.

Hervey Bay Surf Life Saving Club, Torquay access via Charlton Esplanade.

In an Emergency call 000

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