

**Pacer Class Victorian Championship 2024**  
**52nd 125 Class Victorian Championship 2024**  
Sailing Instructions (SIs)  
Organizing Authority: Rhyll Yacht Club  
Beach Road, Rhyll  
In conjunction with 125 Class assoc. And Pacer Class assoc.  
9th to 11th March 2024

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NOR and SI's means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1

The notation '[SP]' denotes a rule for which a standard penalty will be applied by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, Appendix A4 and Appendix A5.

The notation '[NP]' denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats, available at <https://www.sailingresources.org.au/safety/specialregs?> applies.

**2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted 2 hours before it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

**3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the upstairs area of the Rhyll Yacht Club clubrooms.
- 3.2 The race office is located in the race control tower.
- 3.3 [NP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

#### 4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

#### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in front of the Rhyll Yacht Club clubrooms.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30minutes' in Race Signals AP.

#### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

##### 6.1 Schedule:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Friday, 8 March 2024	RYC open for boat delivery	1700 - 1930
Saturday, 9 March 2024	Registration	0930 - 1100
	Information Session	1100
	Racing	First warning not before 1200
	Pre-ordered lunches	Available from 1400
	Pacer & 125 AGMs	1800 at RYC clubrooms
	Welcome Function	Following AGMs
Sunday, 10 March 2024	Racing - morning session	First warning not before 1000
	Racing - afternoon session	First warning not before 1300
	Social Night	After sailing
Monday, 11 March 2024	Racing	First warning not before 1120
	Presentation	As soon as possible after racing. Approx. 1500.

- 6.2 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1300.
- 6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the red (port course) flag and a numeral pennant will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

#### 7. CLASS FLAGS AND IDENTIFICATION

7.1 The class flags are:

Pacer Pursuit	Red class insignia on a White background
Pacer Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker	Blue class insignia on a White background
125 Spinnaker & JAM	Class insignia on a Red background

7.2 Boats entered in the 125 Class Jib and Main (JAM) division shall display an Association-supplied coloured sash from their masthead.

## 8. RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area is the waters of Western Port north-east of Rhyll Yacht Club.

## 9. COURSES

9.1 The diagram in SI Addendum A shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed. Each mark is to be left to port side.

9.2 The course to be sailed will be indicated by numeral pennants 2 or 3.

9.3 The course may be shortened in accordance with rule 32.2. If a class flag is displayed with an S flag, only that class is shortened. If no class flag is displayed, then all classes are shortened.

## 10. MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 are orange and yellow inflatable buoys.

The Start Mark is a narrow, orange inflatable buoy located at the port end of the start line.

The Finish Mark is the same buoy as the start located at the port end of the Finish line.

## 11. OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 The Finish Line is an obstruction in the course and may not be crossed before finishing the course. [NP] [SP].

## 12. THE START

12.1 Races will be started using a 3 minute starting sequence. This changes RRS 26.

Signal	Flag	Sound	Minutes before Start Signal
Warning	Class flag	One sound	3
Preparatory	P, I or black flag raised	One sound	2
One-minute	P, I or black flag removed	One sound	1
Start	Class flag removed	One sound	0

- 12.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying a red flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end, and the port-end starting mark.
- 12.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the red (port course) flag and a numeral pennant will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 12.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

**13. CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 13.1 Once a race has commenced, the race committee shall not change any legs of the course. [NP] The race committee reserves the right to Abandon a race if the course becomes untenable, then adjust the course before commencing the next race.

**14 THE FINISH**

- 14.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Finish Boat at the starboard end, and an orange buoy at the port end.
- 14.2 If there is to be another race in that session, an L flag will be flown from the Finish boat prior to the finish of the first boat.
- 14.3 The Finish Line is an obstruction in the course and may not be crossed before finishing the course. [NP] [SP].

**15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 15.1 For the Pacer class, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

**16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

16.1

Course type	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window	Target time
Course 2	75	20	45
Course 3	90	25	60

- 16.2 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 more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window, in the order they are on the course at the time the Finishing Window closed. The order of such boats will be at the Race Committee’s discretion.

This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10

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

## **17 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 17.1 The protest time limit for each Class will be 60 minutes after the last boat for that Class has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee about incidents they see in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 17.2 Protest forms will be available from the Regatta Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.3 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 the hearing will be heard.
- 17.4 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 rule 62.2.
- 17.5 [DP] Breaches of Sailing Instruction's 19, 20, and 23 shall 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. This amends rule 64.1(a).
- 17.6 Arbitration as defined in Appendix T will be used.

## **18 SCORING**

- 18.1 As per Notice of Race Clause 11.

## **19 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 19.1 [SP] To Sign On for each race day session competitors shall personally sign written sheets provided in the clubrooms. This action may not be undertaken by a boat representative.
- 19.2 [SP] As soon as possible after returning ashore, but no later than 60 minutes after the last boat for that class has finished the last race of that session, the sailor shall sign off using the same system.
- 19.3 [SP] Any competitor retiring from a race must notify the Race Committee as soon as possible and sign off immediately on returning to shore.
- 19.4 [SP] All competitors must wear an approved personal flotation device whilst on the water.

## **20 [NP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 20.1 [SP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 20.2 [SP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Technical Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

## **21 [NP] EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 21.2 When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

## **22 [NP] OFFICIAL VESSELS**

- 22.1 Official vessels may be identified by carrying markings identifying them as belonging to either Rhyll Yacht Club or Newhaven Yacht Squadron.

## **23 [NP] SUPPORT TEAMS**

- 23.1 [SP] 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.

## **24 PRIZES**

- 24.1 Prizes will be given as per the Notice of Race Clause 14.

## **25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 25.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and responsibility. See rule 3, *Decision to Race*. The Organizing Authority and/or Rhyll Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage, or personal injury, or death sustained prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **26 INSURANCE**

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

## **27 TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 27.1 [SP] Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels, but may not be discarded into the water.

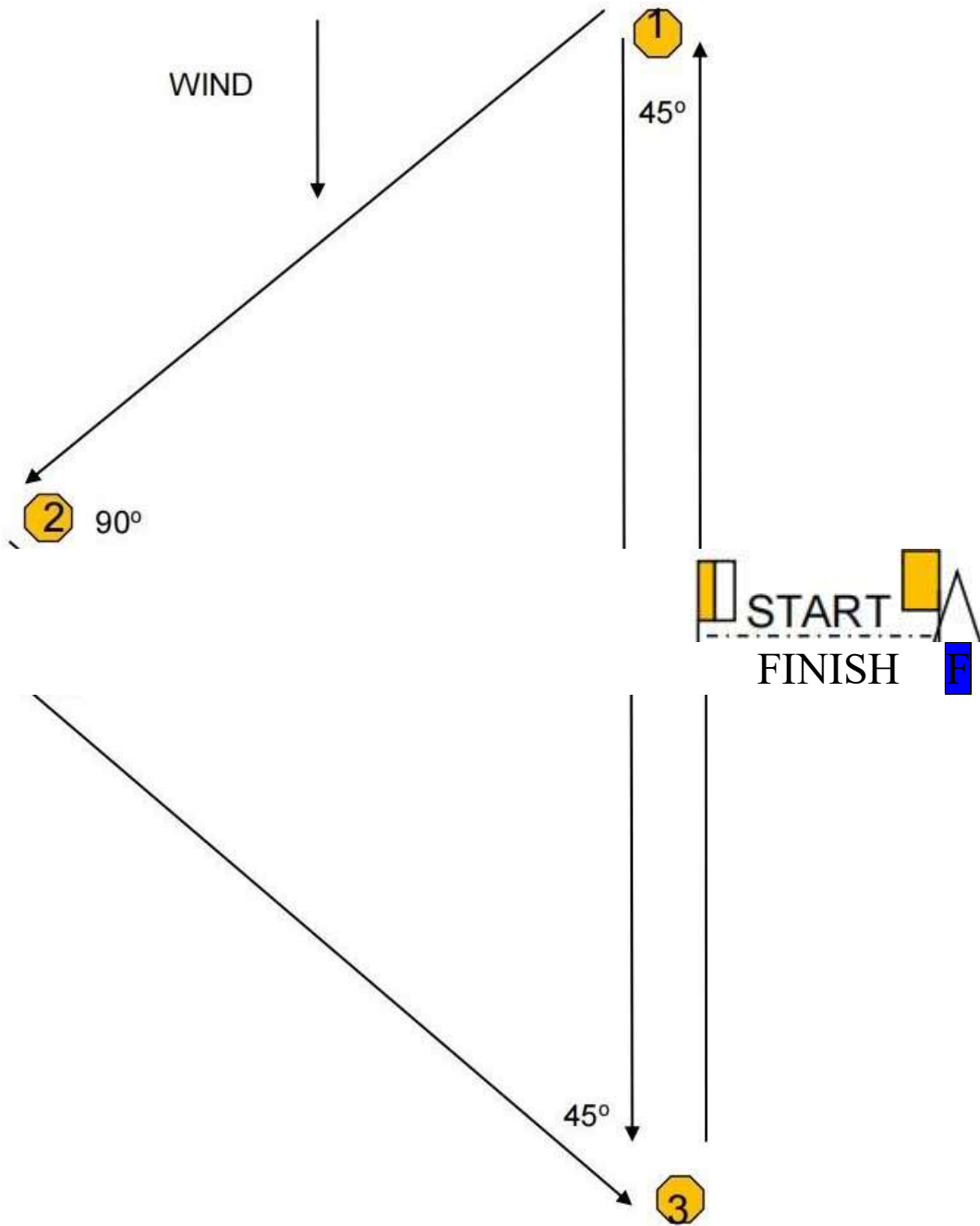
## 28 STANDARD PENALTIES

### 28.1 Standard Penalties

SI RULE	PENALTY
11.1 Crossing the finish line when not finishing.	5 points per occurrence.
19.1 Failure to sign on.	5 points per session
19.2 Failure to sign off.	5 points per session
19.3 Failure to complete retirement process.	2 points
19.4 Failure to wear personal flotation device	Disqualification from relevant race.
20.1 Failure to notify of crew change	5 points
20.2 Failure to obtain authorization for replacement of lost or damaged equipment.	5 points
23.1 Support teams failing to keep outside the race area.	2 points for each competitor that is being supported by that team per occurrence.
27.1 Inappropriate trash disposal	2 points per occurrence

28.2 [NP] Standard Penalty points will always be included in the series score and will not be excluded with the worst race score.

## SI ADDENDUM A



Course	Mark Rounding Order
1	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish
2	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish
3	Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish
Marks 1, 2 and 3 shall be left to port.	
<b>Note:</b> when course 2 is signaled the 125 JAM fleet will sail course 1 and when course 3 is signaled the 125 JAM fleet will sail course 2	