WinterSail 2026 - Sunday 12 July Short Course Races

Organised and conducted by Albert Park Yacht Club

1 RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard located to the right of the club entry. The Course Board is located in the upstairs clubrooms of APYC. The Race Office is located in the APYC race tower.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions and any change to the schedule of races will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the APYC flagpole.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Multiple short course races are planned over 2 race sessions, with the first warning signal for the morning session scheduled for 09:42 on Sunday 12 July. After lunch the first warning signal for the afternoon session is scheduled for 12:57.

5.2 A briefing will be held at 09:15 Sunday morning. Additional briefings may be held within coaching groups.

5.3 No warning signal shall be made after 15:15.

5.4 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 one minute before a warning signal is made.

6 DIVISIONS

6.1 Assignment of classes to divisions will be displayed on the Course Board.

7 THE COURSES

7.1 The courses to be sailed will be described on the Course Board.

8 MARKS

8.1 The rounding marks will be yellow flags suspended on poles.

8.2 The start mark will be code flag 'G' suspended on a pole at the port end of the start line.

8.3 The finish mark will be an orange flag suspended on a pole.

9 THE START

9.1 The warning signal will be made 3 minutes before the starting signal. This changes RRS 26.

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the starting mark.

9.3 To alert boats to the direction of the course (port or starboard mark rounding), a red or green flag will be displayed on the start boat not less than 2 minutes before the first warning signal.

9.4 When a starting sequence is in progress, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

10 SHORTENING COURSE

10.1 Rule 32.2 is amended to include that: a boat which has not sailed the same course as the first boat in her division shall complete the same course before finishing

10.2 If the race committee signals a shortened course to home (displaying flag S over H with two sounds), boats shall round the mark on the required side and proceed directly to the finish line specified on the Course Board. A boat which has not sailed the same course as the first boat, shall complete the same course before finishing.

11 THE FINISH

11.1 The finish will be described on the Course Board.

11.2 The race committee may finish a boat at or near a mark so that other races may be started promptly. The race committee may not finish a boat in accordance with this clause prior to the first boat in their division finishing. A boat so finished will receive points equal to the position occupied at the time the boat was finished. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

12 TIME LIMITS

12.1 No time limits will apply. The target time for races is 25 minutes.

13 SCORING

13.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2 A boat's series score shall be the total of all her race scores.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

14.1 It is a club safety requirement that all competitors wear adequate covered footwear

14.2 For the race session boats intending to race shall 'Sign on' by signing the race sign on form no later than 15 minutes prior to the first warning signal. Boats shall sign off within 30 minutes of the last boat's finishing time.

14.3 A boat that retires from a race or from the race session before it is concluded shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

15 OUTSIDE HELP

15.1 A boat can receive assistance from a rescue craft in the event of a capsize or for safety reasons and then continue to compete in the race, as long as such assistance does not advance the boat's position in the race. This changes RRS 41.

15.2 WinterSail is a coaching regatta. Whilst racing, boats can receive coaching from WinterSail coaches.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Hearing request forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 20 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

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 named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b)