

BING LEE



2023 Bing Lee International Moth Australian Open National Championships

21st January 2023 to 27th January 2023

Sailing Instructions

ORGANISING AUTHORITY
Manly 16ft Skiff Sailing Club Ltd T/As St George Sailing Club
INTERNATIONAL MOTH CLASS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

Event Website: <https://stgeorgesailing.com.au/moth-nationals-2023/>

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

[DP]denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

[SP]denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the Protest Committee with a hearing.

COVID Condition

The Regatta shall ONLY be considered the Australian Open National Championships if prior to the start of the regatta and a sufficient time prior to permit travel, there are no travel restrictions preventing movement between states as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic. If travel restrictions are in place, the event will continue, but be referred to as an interstate championship and a National Champion shall NOT be awarded. The event will however remain branded a national championship.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the 2021-2024 World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions and Special Regulations (Part 2) of Australian Sailing (AS), the rules of the International Moth Class Association except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions or Notice of Race.
- 1.2 The Race Management Guidelines of the International Moth Class Association will apply except for any that are altered by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 Lowrider Annexure "A" will apply to the Lowrider division

2 IDENTIFICATION[DP][NP]

- 2.1 Boats may be required to affix bow stickers provided by the Organising Authority on both sides of the forward 25% of the hull, 200mm from the bow. Boats shall affix the stickers in accordance with any instructions given by the Organising Authority. The requirement to affix stickers will be confirmed at registration.

3 CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT[DP][NP]

- 3.1 Boats may be required to carry on board cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. Competitors may also use their own camera recording equipment. A boat shall not be given redress based on a claim involving this equipment. This changes RRS 62.1.

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board which is located at <https://stgeorgesailing.com.au/official-notice-board/>

5 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than one hour before the scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect. Any change to the race schedule will be posted by 2000hrs the day before it will take effect.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club's flagpole on the South Western side of StGSC.
- 6.2 When code flag AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes after AP is lowered". This amends Race Signal "AP"

7 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7.1

Date	Event	Time
Saturday 21 st January 2023	Registration MothGP Invitation Series	From 0900hrs From 1625hrs*
Sunday 22 nd January	Nationals Race Day 1	From 1255hrs*
Monday 23 rd January	Nationals Race Day 2	From 1255hrs*
Tuesday 24 th January	Nationals Race Day 3	From 1255hrs*
Wednesday 25 th January	Reserve Day	
Thursday 26 th January	Nationals Race Day 4	From 1255hrs*
Friday 27 th January	Nationals Race Day 5 Presentation and Prize Giving	From 1255hrs* From 1830hrs

*Indicates Warning Signal not before.

7.2 On Friday 27th January, there will be no warning signal after 1500hrs.

7.3 The Race Committee may change the schedule of races (in accordance with SI 5.1) at its absolute discretion. The proposed reserve day may be used to catch up or get in front of the proposed schedule of races as determined by the Race Committee

8 FORMAT OF RACING

8.1 The Championship will consist of a maximum of fifteen (15) races.

8.2 No more than four (4) races will be scheduled on any one race day

9 CLASS FLAGS

9.1 The Foiling class flag will be a Black Moth class insignia on a white background. Lowriders class flag will be a Black Moth class insignia on a yellow background.

10 THE COURSE

10.1 Appendix B shows the course's to be sailed, the order in which the marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left, and the signals indicating the number of rounds to be sailed. The course to be sailed will be displayed on the Race Committee boat by way of yellow or white flag with either numeral 1 or 2. The number of laps will be displayed using numeral pennants.

10.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing from the race committee boat to the Mark 1 gate.

10.3 Unless otherwise posted on the Official Notice Board, the foiling class will be on course area "A". The lowriders will be on course area "B". The diagram in Appendix "A" shows the approximate racing area

11 MARKS

11.1 Marks on course area "A" will be inflatable yellow cylindrical marks

11.2 Marks on course area "B" will be inflatable pink cylindrical marks

12 THE START

12.1 The starting line will be between mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a Black and White Chequered Cylindrical mark.

- 12.2 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This amends RRS Appendix A4 and A5.
- 12.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with ONE sound signal not less than TWO minutes before the warning signal is displayed.
- 12.4 A distance mark may be placed adjacent to the race committee boat near the starting line. For the purposes of Rule 31, the distance mark will be a starting mark. Boats shall not pass between this mark and the race committee boat.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between the mast displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee boat and Mark 2p.
- 13.2 Grand Prix finish-When the leading boat completes the course and finishes, the Race Committee boat at the finish will immediately display a chequered flag with a sound signal. The chequered flag will be removed at the end of the finishing window time limit. All boats that;
- a) have completed a lap before the chequered flag is displayed, but then fail to finish while it is displayed, or
 - b) cross the finishing line while the chequered flag is displayed shall be deemed to have finished irrespective of the number of laps completed. Their positions in the race will be based on the order when they either completed their last lap or finished, with those having completed more laps finishing ahead of those with fewer laps. This changes RRS 28.1, 35, A4 & A5

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 Target time is 25 minutes.
- 14.2 The finishing window is 12 minutes.
- 14.3 Boats failing to complete one lap earlier than 12 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 14.4 The time limit for the first boat will be 45mins from the last starting signal.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 Rule 44.1 and Appendix P2.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a 270-degree penalty consisting of one gybe when sailing an upwind leg, or one tack when sailing a downwind leg.
- 15.2 The penalty for a breach of a Class Rule will be a Discretionary Penalty [DP] and may be less than disqualification

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available from regatta website or the club office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit shall be posted on the club online notice board located on the regatta website. The protest time limit for each fleet will be 60 minutes after the last boat of that fleet has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area. This time limit also applies to requests for redress. This changes RRS61.3 and 62.2.

- 16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Jury room located at the Regatta Centre. Hearings may start before the scheduled time with the agreement of all parties.
- 16.4 On the last day of fleet racing of each series a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- i) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - ii) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS66.
- 16.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS62.2.

17 ARBITRATION

- 17.1 Appendix T shall apply

18 SCORING

- 18.1 The Low Points Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 18.2 Six (6) races are required to be completed to constitute a valid Championship.
- 18.3 When fewer than 7 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.4 When from 7 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.5 When from 11 to 15 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

19 SAFETY[DP][NP][SP]

- 19.1 Boats intending to race shall sign on and off via the regatta webpage <https://stgeorgesailing.com.au/moth-nationals-2023/signon>
- 19.2 Penalty for not signing on will be a 20% scoring penalty for the first race of the day. Penalty for not signing off will be a 20% scoring penalty for the last race of the day. This amends A4 & A5
- 19.3 Boats not leaving the shore for the day's races shall notify the race office as soon as possible.
- 19.4 Boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 All boats may be inspected for Class Rules compliance prior to racing.
- 20.2 In addition, any boat or equipment may be checked for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions at any time.
- 20.3 [DP][NP] Limitations of equipment-only measured equipment shall be used;
- 1) A maximum of TWO sails shall be used during the regatta.
 - 2) A maximum of TWO masts, TWO rudders and TWO foils / horizontals shall be used during the regatta.
 - 3) Foils shall only be changed at the Club.
- 20.4 [DP][NP] All boats, when not afloat, shall be placed within the vicinity of the regatta venue.

21 SUPPORT BOATS[DP][NP]

- 21.1 Coaches and other support personnel shall not be in the area where boats are racing or within 50 metres of any boat racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. This SI does not apply during rescue operations.
- 21.2 All support boats are at all times submitting to the Organising Committee and Race Committee authority, are legally considered as assistance / rescue boats and shall comply with any instructions given by these authorities or by the police.
- 21.3 Private coach or support boats will be required to be registered with the organising authority and maybe marked with identifying flags issued by the OA.
- 21.4 Drivers may be required to attend a briefing/s.
- 21.5 Drivers shall hold a powerboat license from an Australian State Authority.
- 21.6 All registered coach and support boats will carry on board and operate while on the water at least one VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF Channels and agree to assist the RC if directed to do so.
- 21.7 Competitors shall not be tied or raft to a support boat from the first warning signal (or any other time the OA considers appropriate) of the day until racing has been concluded for the day. Between races, coach and support boats shall not transfer equipment to or from their supported boats unless in a medical or emergency requirement threatening the health of the skipper or the flotation of the boat and only with the expressed permission of the RC. (This does not include food or refreshments).

22 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 22.1 As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION[DP][NP]

- 23.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

24 PRIZES

- 24.1 The Organising Authority will provide prizes as stated in the Notice of Race.

25 RISK STATEMENT

- 25.1 RRS 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 25.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
 - d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the event and to attend any safety briefing held for this event.

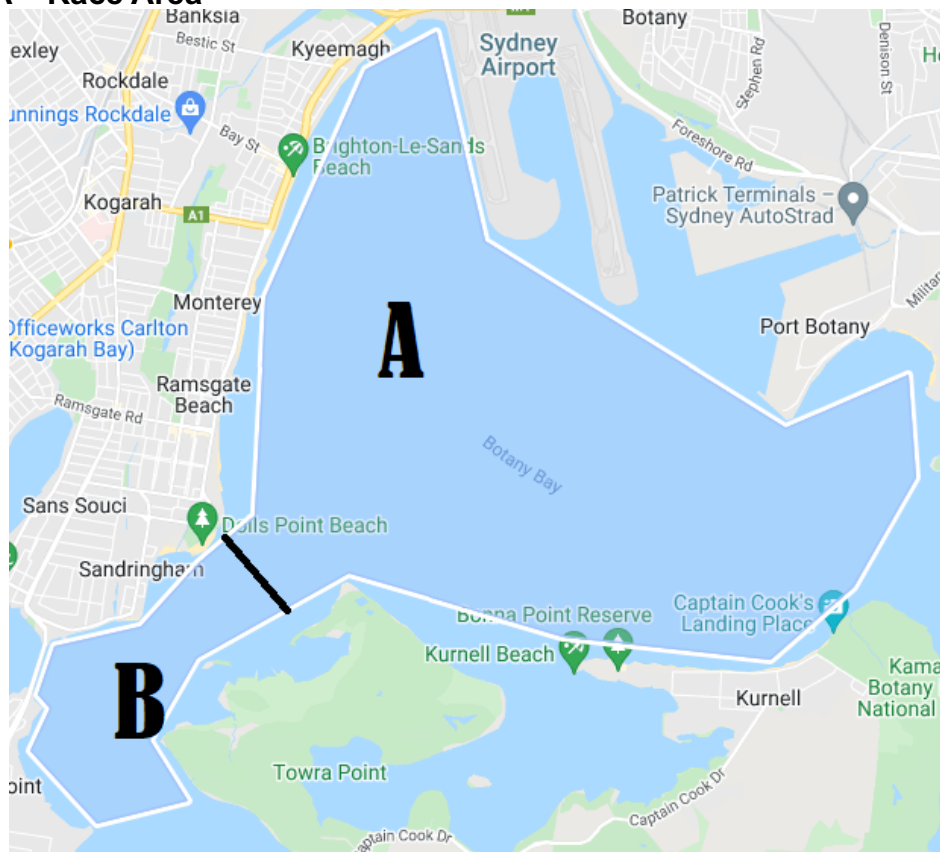
26 INSURANCE[DP][NP]

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

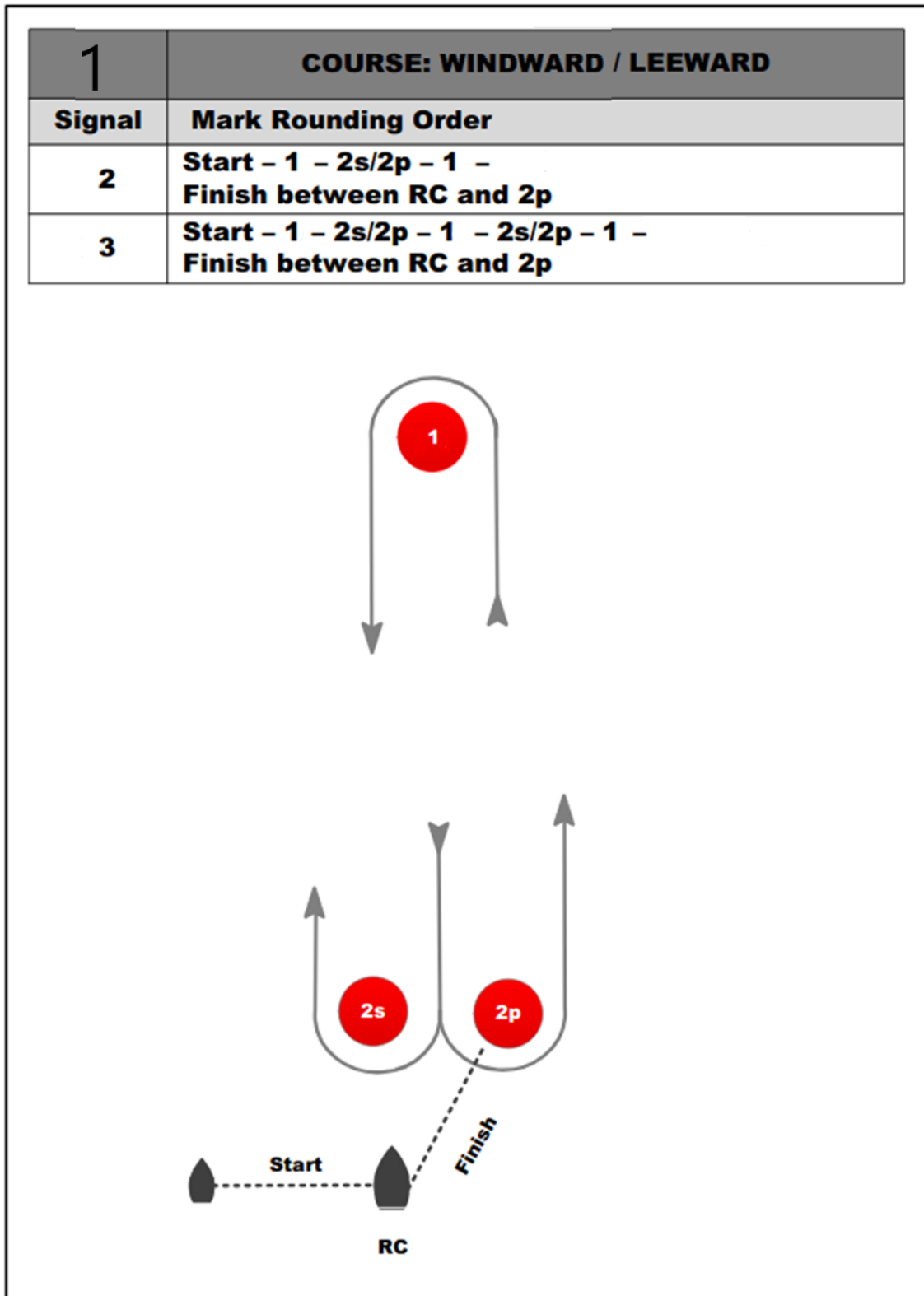
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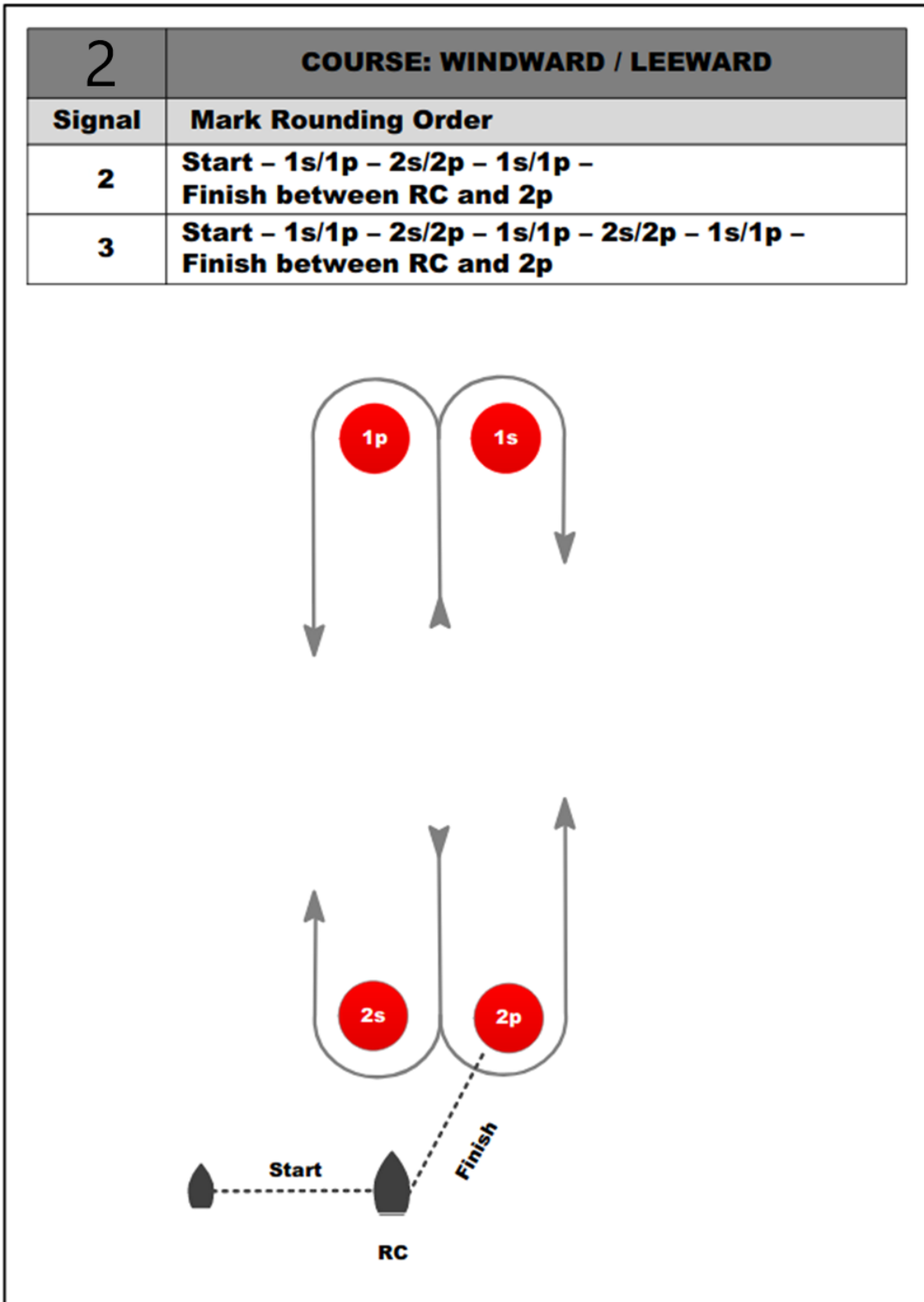
- 27.1 By participating in an event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at the discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the said event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

Appendix A – Race Area



Appendix B – Course Diagrams







LOWRIDER ANNEXURE (A) TO
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**2023 BING LEE
INTERNATIONAL MOTH AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS REGATTA**

**ST. GEORGE SAILING CLUB
21ST TO 27TH JANUARY 2023**

This Annexure outlines specific sailing instructions for use of the Lowrider fleet during the 2022/2023 International Moth Class of Australia National Championships Regatta (“Regatta”). The Annexure is to be read in conjunction with the full Sailing Instructions (and Notice of Race) for the regatta. The numbering in the Annexure has been set out to align to the corresponding section in the Sailing Instructions.

As part of the Regatta, the Lowrider fleet will sail a separate course from the Open National Championship fleet (Foilers). This Annexure modifies several of the elements of the main body of the Sailing Instruction in consideration of the differences between the foiling and non-foiling moths.

Sailors in the Lowrider fleet come together to promote a collaborative, supportive, enjoyable competitive and fun sailing environment. The sailors have diverse range of age, experience (sailing and otherwise) and physical ability. The boats also are a diverse set based upon age, design (winged and wingless scow, skiff), construction material, construction build (amateur, professional), and background (new, original and restored). The Lowrider community will seek to support each other on and off the water and thus at times the community may seek to approach the Race Committee for minor dispensations to the RRS and the Sailing Instructions, including this Annexure, to ensure these objectives can be met.

A1. RULES

A.1.1 Any amendments or variations to the RRS outlined in the main body of the SI apply

A2. IDENTIFICATION

A.2.1 Boats may be required to affix bow stickers provided by the Organising Authority on of the forward 25% of the hull, 200mm from the bow. Scows will require one sticker, skiffs will require a sticker on each side of the bow. Boats shall affix the stickers in accordance with any instructions given by the Organising Authority. The requirement to a fix stickers will be confirmed at registration.

A3. CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

A4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

A5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

A6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- A.6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed as per the SI.
- A.6.2 Signal information is contained in the main body of the Sailing Instructions with the following additional information specifically for the Lowrider fleet:
 - i. Code flag “G” will be raised above any signals that only apply to the Lowrider Fleet.
 - ii. When code flag “AP” is displayed ashore in conjunction with code flag “G” “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered”. This amends Race Signal “AP”

A7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- A.7.1 The schedule of events is set out in the SI.
- A.7.2 Subject to weather or other constraints the Sailing Committee may elect to vary the schedule of races. Note, any variation may be restricted to only affect the Lowrider Fleet.

A8. FORMAT OF RACING

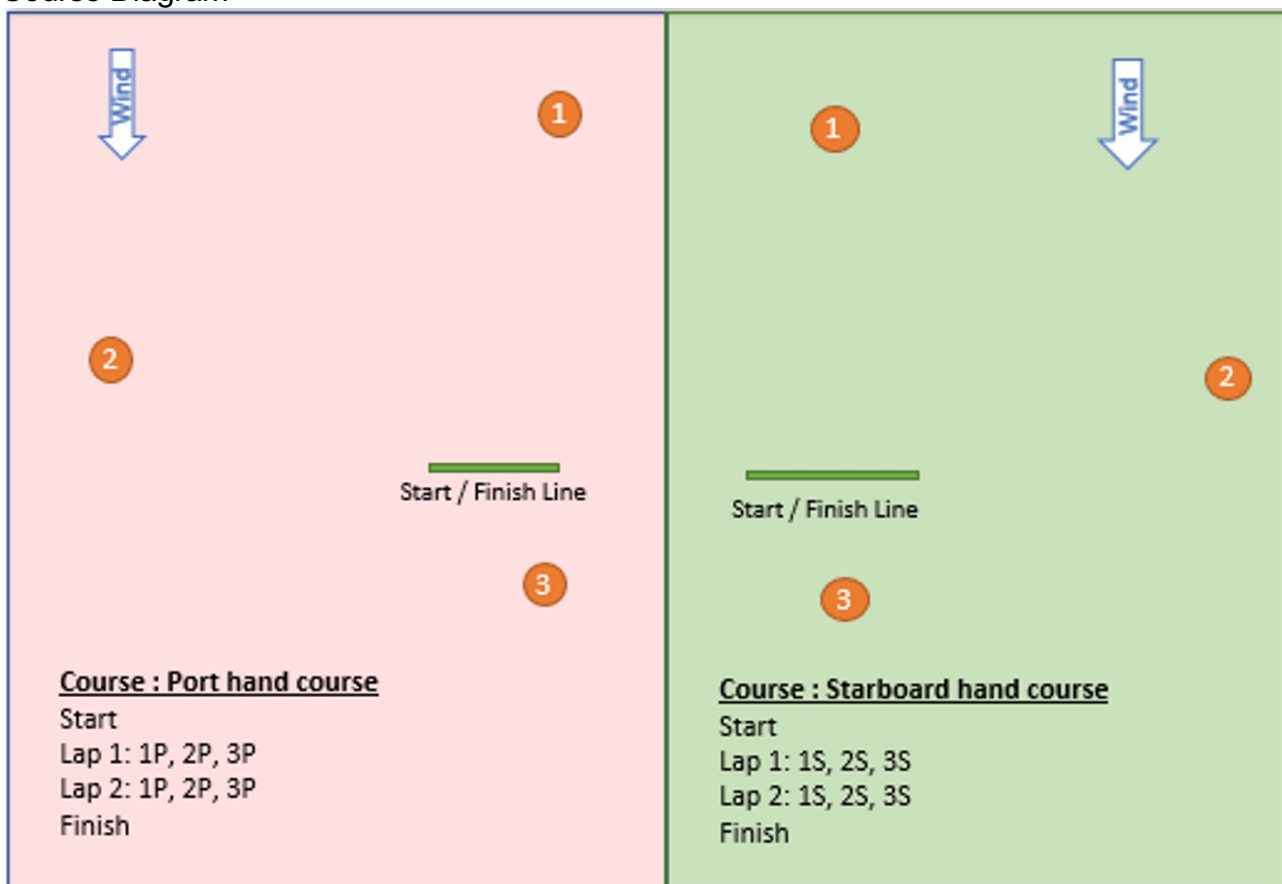
- A.8.1 The Lowrider series will consist of a maximum of ten (10) races
- A.8.2 No more than three (3) races will be scheduled on any one race day

A9. CLASS FLAGS

A10. THE COURSE

- A.10.1 The courses for the lowriders vary from those set for the Open fleet in the SI.
- A.10.2 Courses for the Lowrider fleet will be two triangular laps, with each lap consisting of a windward leg and then a reach to a wing mark and then a reach to the bottom mark, as shown in the course diagram.

Course Diagram



A.10.3 Race target time will be 45mins

A.10.4 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee boat will display the appropriate course signal flags and/or boards. Course flags and boards will be confirmed by the race committee, and may consist of:

- i. A board displaying the approximate compass bearing to the first mark
- ii. A board or flag will be displayed on the Race Committee boat to indicate the rounding of the windward mark.
 - a. A red board or flag will indicate a PORT rounding
 - b. A green board or flag will indicate a STARBOARD rounding

A.10.5 Obstructions

- i. The area of water inside all moorings and the shoreline is designated as prohibited water.
- ii. The area between the shoreline and the navigation piles known as Pelican Pile and Commons Reef Pile is designated as Prohibited Water.

Any Boats that are witnessed by the Race Committee to infringe these instructions will be scored DSQ without a hearing. Protests in accordance with RRS will need to be lodged by other competitors if they have witnessed boats infringing this instruction. This amends RRS A5 & RRS 63.1

A11. MARKS

A12. THE START

A.12.1 The starting line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat, and a yellow inflatable conical mark with a blue stripe.

A.12.2 A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after the starting signal. The starting line will remain in position for this period.

A.12.3 At least three boats must start to constitute a race. Amends RRS 90.3(a)

A13. THE FINISH

A.13.1 The finishing line will be between the mast displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat at the starboard end and a finishing mark (yellow inflatable conical mark with blue band) at the port end.

A.13.2 The finishing line will be positioned approximately in the same position as per the starting line, unless for a shortened course.

A.13.3 The Race Officer, will confirm as part of the race briefing if a 'grand prix' finish will be used for the lowrider fleet. The mechanism for a grand prix finish is described in the SI.

A14. TIME LIMITS

A.14.1 The time limits for the lowriders vary from those set for the Open fleet in the SI.

A.14.2 The race time limit is 90 minutes, any boat that does not finish the race within 25 minutes of the first boat in that division finishing will score a DNF.. Amends A4,A5

A.14.3 Target time is 50mins

A15. PENALTY SYSTEM

A16. PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

A17. ARBITRATION

A18. SCORING

A.18.1 RRS Appendix A5.3 will apply

A.18.2 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series

- A.18.3 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- A.18.4 When from 6 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- A.18.5 When from 9 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

A19. SAFETY

A20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A21. SUPPORT BOATS

- A.21.1 The conduct of support boats, coaches and other support personnel shall be as per the SI.
- A.21.2 Any coach being utilised by a Lowrider skipper is to be available to assist the remainder of the fleet at the expense of the skipper employing the coach.

A22. TRASH DISPOSAL

A23. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

A24. PRIZES

- A.24.1 Boats participating in the Lowrider fleet will be ineligible to receive Open Championship prizes or the Len Morris Open National Champion trophy.

A25. RISK STATEMENT

A26. INSURANCE

A27. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS