



# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## Mudgee Concrete Presents

*28<sup>th</sup> Navigators' Cup Regatta 2026*

*31<sup>st</sup> January 2026*

*Organising Authority:*

**Cronulla Sailing Club (CSC) 48-50 Waratah Street, Cronulla NSW 2230**

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). '[DP]' denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.*

### **1 RULES**

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), and the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) applicable, except where either is changed by the Notice of Race or these Sailing Instructions.

### **2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:30 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the Online Notice Board (ONB) & WhatsApp Chat by 18:00 on the day before it will take effect.

2.2 The race committee may signal a change to the course to be sailed or other changes to the Sailing Instructions afloat by displaying of flag L before the warning signal on the committee vessel.  
The race committee may communicate these changes either orally, by radio, or in writing.

### **3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

3.1 The Race Office is the CSC Office located on the ground floor level of the CSC Clubhouse.

3.2 The 2026 Navigators' Cup Official Notice Board (ONB) is available online in results, click view entries, then select **POSTS**, then select **2026 Navigators' Cup**.

3.3 Any amendment to the SI or other notice to competitors shall be posted on the ONB & WhatsApp.

3.4 On the water, the race committee may monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 73.

### **4 CODE OF CONDUCT**

4.1 [NP][DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable instructions from race officials with respect to measurement, safety inspection, mooring and pontoon activities.

### **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff on the western side of the CSC Clubhouse.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

### **6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

6.1 The schedule is as follows.

Day	Date	Time	Event
Thursday	29 Jan 2026	1700	Closing for entries
Friday	30 Jan 2026	1800	Close of late entries.
Saturday	31 Jan 2026	1145	Mandatory Crew Declaration via <b>SailSys QR Code App</b> closes.
Saturday	31 Jan 2026	11:55 1200	First warning signal for Div1, Div2, Div3 All divisions start together
Saturday	31 Jan 2026	1630 – 1700 Approx	Presentation Function, Catered, Prizes

6.2 Across specified courses and divisions, the event is open to boats holding AS Cat4, AS Cat5 or CSC Cat7+.



The division signals shall be.

- a. Division 1
- b. Division 2 All divisions start together, code flag W
- c. Division 3

## 8 RACING AREA

8.1 The 28th Navigators' Cup Regatta consists of three courses outlined below in 9.1

## 9 COURSES

### 9.1 Division 1, Course 73 (Cat 4)

From the starting line, proceed to Botany Bay and turn after crossing the 'Captain Cook Transit Line', thence to Wedding Cake Island (lat. 33° 55.7'S; long. 151° 15.8'E) rounding the island to starboard, thence to the finishing line in Port Hacking. (27NM)

**Captain Cook Transit Line:** A line from the Flag Mast with yard arm (lat 34° 0.155'S; long. 151° 13.281'E), and through the Captain Cook Buoy (lat. 33° 59.9'S; long. 151° 13.2'E). Boats must pass on the north west side of the Captain Cook Buoy.

Note: For clarity, the Waverider Buoy is not a turning mark in course 73.

### 9.1 Division 2, Course 74 (Cat 4 Yachts & Cat 5 for Multihulls)

From the starting line, proceed to Botany Bay and turn after crossing the 'Captain Cook Transit Line', thence to the Waverider buoy (lat. 34° 02.43'S; long. 151° 15.18'E) rounding the mark to starboard, thence to the finishing line in Port Hacking. (17NM)

**Captain Cook Transit Line:** A line from the Flag Mast with yard arm (lat 34° 0.155'S; long. 151° 13.281'E), and through the Captain Cook Buoy (lat. 33° 59.9'S; long. 151° 13.2'E). Boats must pass on north west side of the Captain Cook Buoy.

### 9.1 Division 3, Course 10 (Cat 7+)

Bate Bay Passage Race

Start at E, to B (p), K (p), C (s), E (s), C (s), to finish at E

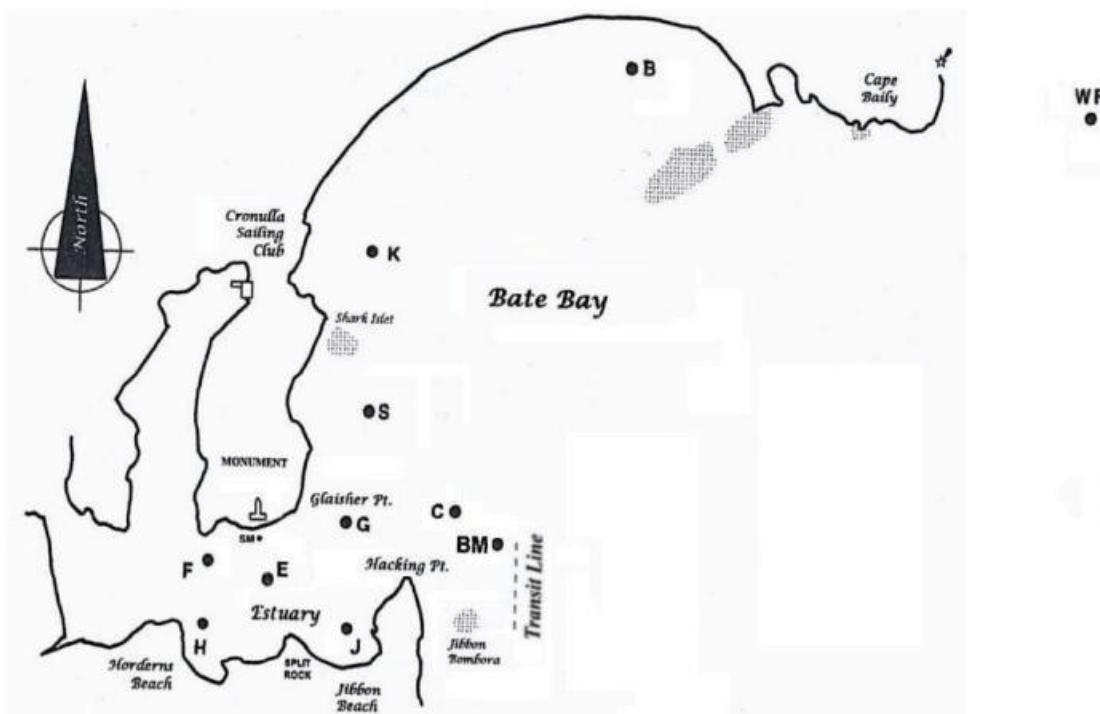


Figure 1: Estuary 8. Bate Bay Marks



9.2 At the discretion of the Race Management Team, all courses are subject to change due to weather conditions on the day.

## **10 MARKS**

10.1 BOTANY BAY COURSES:

Start/finish pin adjacent to the start boat shall be inflatable.

All turning marks are as described in the course descriptions.

10.2 BATE BAY COURSES:

Start/finish pin adjacent to the start boat and all turning marks shall be inflatable or fixed.



## **11 THE START**

- 11.1 Races shall be started using RRS26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal
- 11.2 Starts shall proceed in the Port Hacking Estuary in the vicinity of the Bass and Flinders Monument.
- 11.3 The starting line will be between the signal mast on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the Start/Finish mark at the port end.
- 11.4 A boat that has not started within 10 minutes after her starting signal may be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

## **12 THE FINISH**

- 12.1 For Division 3, The finishing line will be between the signal mast on the Race Committee Vessel at the port end and the Start/Finish mark at the starboard end.
- 12.2 For Division 1 & 2, the finishing line will be an extension of the transit line from the Bass & Flinders Obelisk to the starboard lateral marker pile situated below the monument. Boats shall finish on the southern side of the pile mark, leaving it to starboard. Boats should take their own GPS finish time, and within 10 minutes after crossing the finish line, they must text on the WhatsApp Chat, boat name and GPS finish time

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 For an infringement of Part 2 of the RRS, a 720° Turn Penalty in accordance with RRS Rule 44.1.
- 13.2 A boat which infringes RRS Rule 42 Propulsion by using her engine or being towed after her preparatory signal, but before starting, shall take a One-Turn penalty before she starts.
- 13.3 A boat which infringes RRS Rule 42 Propulsion by using her engine to take urgent action to avoid or get clear of an obstruction shall take a One-Turn Penalty before continuing to race.
- 13.4 Penalty Turns are to be completed as soon as possible once the infringing boat is clear of all other boats and obstacles.
- 13.5 In addition to penalties at the time of the incident in accordance with RRS 44.1 and 44.2, boats may also take a 30% Post Race Penalty in accordance with RRS Appendix T by notifying the race office.

## **14 TIME LIMIT**

### **14.1 BOTANY BAY COURSES:**

The time limit will be official sunset. If one boat finishes before the time limit, the time limit will be extended by thirty (30) minutes. Boats failing to finish before the time limit extension are scored "Did Not Finish".

### **14.2 BATE BAY COURSES:**

The race time limit shall be 120/150 minutes for other Bate Bay Courses.

Boats that do not finish within 20 minutes of the first boat that sails the course and finishes within the race time limit will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4.2, A5, and A11.

## **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 Protests shall be delivered by email or by hand to the rear commodore or sailing committee members not later than the protest time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing.
- 15.3 Hearing request (protest) forms are available from the race office or speak to Jared Macquart
- 15.4 RRS Appendix T Arbitration may be applied by the protest committee. Arbitration may take place promptly after racing or at some other time as advised to the parties. Arbitration may take place by email, telephone, or other electronic means.
- 15.5 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. In most cases, the hearing shall be conducted on the race day in the location notified to the parties.

## **16 SCORING**

### **16.1 The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A of the RRS will apply.**

### **16.2 BOTANY BAY COURSES:**

The race results for Div1 & Div2 courses will be determined using a performance handicap System (SailSys PHS).

### **BATE BAY COURSES:**

The race results for Div 3 course will be determined using a performance handicap System (SailSys PHS).

### **16.3 Boats scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) shall be scored points equal to the number of boats that sail the course and finish within the time limit plus two points. This changes RRS A4.2, A5, and A11.**

### **16.4 Performance Handicap System (PHS) results will be decided by application of the Time Correction Factor (TCF) to the elapsed times. The PHS TCF will be allocated by the Race Committee, may be recalculated between races and will not be subject to redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a). TCFs will be advised on list of entries available online.**



## 17 ADVERTISING

17.1 Boats may be required to display Regatta sponsor's name / logo. CSC may supply these items and they shall be affixed and / or worn as prescribed.

## 18 SAFETY

18.1 10 minutes before the first warning signal, it is mandatory that each boat shall declare the names, phone number, Next of Kin name, and NOK phone number of each person on board using the **SailSys QR code app**. Boats that do not comply may be scored DNS for all races that day without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

18.2 Division 1 & Division 2, In addition to the sign-on procedure described in Section 18.1 of this document, for Category 3 and 4 races, each boat shall report to the RCV advising the boat's name, sail number and number of crew before the warning signal. The report shall be made by radio using the race communication frequency.

18.3 [NP][DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18.4 [NP][DP] Boats shall report any incident involving injury or significant damage likely to costs more than \$5,000 to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity by direct contact, or on VHF 73.

## 19 RISK WARNING

19.1 This RISK WARNING is issued by the Cronulla Sailing Club Ltd., pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2022 to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by Cronulla Sailing Club Ltd. Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death. As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
- (b) The potential that the control of a vessel may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
- (c) The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning or exposure injury.
- (d) The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- (e) The absence of immediate medical care and the possibility that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
- (f) Exposure to the elements for extended periods.

19.2 CSC further warns that:

- (a) Walking surfaces on marinas, walkways, ramps and slips may be wet and slippery;
- (b) Floating marinas and associated ramps and walkways may be subject to sudden movement, which may cause people to fall, including into the water;
- (c) There is a possibility that people may be injured by shoreside equipment at CSC including movement of dinghies, yachts, slipways, winches, tools and cranes.

19.3 Cronulla Sailing Club Ltd. further warns participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with Cronulla Sailing Club Ltd.

19.4 Owners and persons in charge of boats shall ensure that all participants on their boats are aware of this risk warning.

## 20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

20.1 All those taking part in races conducted by CSC do so at their own risk and responsibility. CSC, their staff, officers and volunteers accept no responsibility whatsoever for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

20.2 CSC, their staff, officers and volunteers accept no responsibility whatsoever for any damage, injury or death, either ashore or at sea to persons or boats, which might result from participating in races conducted by CSC.

## 21 INSURANCE

21.1 All boats shall be covered by current third-party property liability and third-party personal liability insurance with racing endorsement for not less than \$10,000,000 for each separate incident.

21.2 Participants are advised that although CSC is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover does not extend to race participants. Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer. A personal accident insurance policy is available with subscription to membership of Australian Sailing.

## 22 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

22.1 Jared Macquart – CSC Rear Commodore (Yachts) 0479 152 235



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