

Sailing Instructions

1. **Rules:** KBSC Club races will be governed by the current racing rules of sailing (Blue Book), its prescriptions and the KBSC sailing instructions.
2. **Notices to Competitors:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the KBSC official notice board located outside the Race Control Office.
3. **Changes to sailing instructions:** Any Change to sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board two hours before the commencement of the days racing, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.
4. **Signals made ashore:** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in front of the KBSC office. When flag AP is displayed ashore, 1 minute is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
5. **Schedule of races:** The current year KBSC season programme forms part of these sailing instructions.
6. **Class Flags:** Class signals as described on KBSC club course sheets.
7. **Racing area:** As described in the current year KBSC Season Programme.
8. **The Courses:** Club course sheets form part of these sailing instructions and are available from the Race Control Office.
9. **Marks:** 1-12 plus Armstrong – PVC PIPE with yellow/orange flags. Coordinates specified in programme.
10. **Prohibited sailing:**
 - 10.1 Passing through a start line after having started correctly.
 - 10.2 Passing through a finish line after your class warning signal, except to finish.
 - 10.3 Passing between the power house spit post and the power house groin. See course map in this booklet for relative location.
 - 10.4 Commercial shipping. Boats MUST NOT enter the shipping channel ahead of a ship (>49m long) once the ship has entered the channel and must not cross within one ship length astern of a ship. Ships entering the channel may or may not sound one long blast on the ships horn to indicate to boats that the ship is entering the channel.
 - 10.5 Any yacht already in the channel when a ship enters the channel must immediately leave the channel by the fastest possible route to the side. See also 'Shipping and Tug Boat Movements'.
11. **Nominations:** All yachts must nominate for each race, or set of back-to-back races by completing the nomination form and by paying the required fee.
 - 11.1 Nominations close 10 minutes prior to your class warning signal, except for Extended Bay Races which closes at 1100hrs on the day of racing.
 - 11.2 Any yachts that fail to nominate according to this instruction will be deemed to be a non-starter and scored accordingly.
 - 11.3 The nomination fee for seniors is \$5 per boat and \$2 for juniors per boat.
12. **The Start:**
 - 12.1 Races shall be started by using RRS rule 26.
 - 12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a buoy flying an orange flag at the port end.
 - 12.3 A distance mark may be permanently streamed from the race committee signal boat from the time of the warning signal until all boats have started. The buoy is deemed to be a permanent part of the committee boat and any boat touching or passing between it and the committee boat shall be deemed to have touched the committee boat.
 - 12.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
 - 12.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored 'did not start' without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
13. **Shortening Course.** If the race committee signals a shortened course (displays flag "S" with two sound signals together with the 'Class' flag of the boats affected), near the mark of the course. All boats affected will complete the course up to this mark, pass on the correct side of it and then sail to mark 8 (passing it to starboard) and then to the finish line, in an east to west direction.

14. The finish.

14.1 Unless otherwise specified, the finish line for all yachts shall be an imaginary line between the KBSC Race control tower and the outer of the two finish marker buoys (yellow cross marker).

14.2 All boats must pass between the inner finish marker buoy and the outer club mooring marker (yellow cross marker) to have finished correctly.

15. Penalty System. For all classes of boats >3.65m long, rule 44.1 is changed so that Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty.

16. Time Limit: The time limit for finishing races on courses around club marks is three and a half hours from your class start. Boats failing to finish within this time will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.

17. Arbitration

17.1 An arbitration hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with rule 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of part 2, Part 4 or rule 31. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.

17.2 Rule 41 is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2, Part4 or rule 31 to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. Her penalty shall be scoring penalty equal to a finishing place midway between the boats finishing place and the score for a disqualification. Half points shall be disregarded and the points for other boats shall not be adjusted.

The following will apply.

- a) Arbitration hearings will be held after the protest has been lodged and before the protest hearing.
- b) The time limit and place of the arbitration hearing will be decided by the arbitrator, and such advice shall be given verbally.
- c) One representative from each boat shall attend the hearing, and no witnesses shall be allowed.
- d) After lodging the protest/request and being given two copies, it will be the responsibility of the protester to locate and bring the protestee to the arbitration hearing.
- e) The arbitrator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.
- f) The arbitrator may be a member of a protest committee and may give evidence at any subsequent protest hearing.

After taking testimony the arbitrator shall make one of the following conclusions:

- a) The protest does not comply with Rule 61 and the protester may withdraw the protest.
 - b) The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing (this may be for any reason decided by the arbitrator including the evidence being too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion).
 - c) There has been no rule broken and the protester may withdraw the protest.
 - d) A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, in which case, the infringing boat may accept a penalty being scoring points equal to a finishing place mid-way between her actual finishing place and a disqualification, and if so accepted, the protester shall withdraw the protest.
- 17.3 If the arbitrator decides that a breach of a class rule has had no significant effect on the outcome of the race it may
- a) Impose a scoring penalty less than disqualification; or
 - b) Make another arrangement it decides is equitable, this changes rule 64.1.

18. Protest and request for redress:

18.1 Protest forms are available from the race office. Protest and request for redress or reopening shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit. The protest committee may extend the time limit on its discretion.

18.2 The protest time limit is 1 hour after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

18.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.

- 18.4 Notice of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 18.5 Breaches of instruction 10, 12.4, 25 and 26.4 will not be grounds for 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. The scoring for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 19. Scoring:** The low point system of Appendix A will apply. Rule A9 will apply for scoring boats that are non-finishers, disqualifications and non-starters in a race.
- 20. Championship Competition:** A club championship series shall be scored as below.
- When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her races scores.
 - When 5 or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst score.
 - When 8 or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst 2 scores.
 - Championship points go to the boat in each heat.
 - Skippers may apply to the race committee for dispensation from SI 17.2(d) in exception circumstances, ie: sale or damage to boat.
- 21. Consistency Competition on Handicap Results:**
- There are 2 consistency series for each class as per the current year KBSC season programme. A pre-Christmas and post-Christmas consistency series. For the division 1 & 2 fleets there will also be an overall consistency trophy which will combine the Pre-Christmas and Post-Christmas series.
 - When 5 or more heats have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - When 8 or more heats have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst 2 scores.
 - Consistency points in all classes go to the boat.
- 22. Handicaps:** A Place penalty system will be used. Refer to general information section in the current year KBSC season programme.
- 23. Resail:** Any yacht may enter a resail of its class race, but points will be awarded only to boats nominated in the original race. Current handicaps at the time of the re-sail will apply. Resail dates will be posted on the official notice board.
- 24. Safety Regulations:**
- All yachts shall conform PRIOR TO ITS FIRST NOMINATION to the nominated Safety category under the RRS Special Regulations 2017-2020 and any amendments set by the Club.
 - Personal buoyancy; all crew on Off the Beach, Division 3, JaM, or any other cruiser with non-compliant safety rails and lines are required to wear an approved PFD at all times while on the water.
 - Any boat competing in a KBSC event, social or otherwise, shall comply with the relevant Department of Transport Regulations.
 - Cruisers sailing in extended races must comply to the nominated safety category with additions as published by the club.
 - Off the beach boats must conform to the 2017-2021 Australian Sailing Special Regulations.
 - Boats on club courses which pass a line from No 11 to No 9 to Hastie Street Mark must comply with Category 5 with additions as published by the club.
 - Boats on club courses that sail in Koombana Bay bounded by the end of McKenna Point to a point approximately 200 metres North of Beacon F to the South groyne of the Cut Entrance must comply with Category 6. This includes Twilight, Cruising, JaM and special events.
 - A yacht that retires from a race or decides not to start after having nominated shall notify the Race control tower within 30 minutes of returning to the beach or mooring. Cruisers may notify by radio.

25. Entry Requirements:

- 25.1. Only yachts registered with the club are eligible for consistency and championship points.
- 25.2. Non-members new to the club may sail in three club races only, after this they are deemed to be non-financial.
- 25.3. Non-financial members may not sail in any club races unless they have paid the nominated daily fee for that race.
- 25.4. The race committee may refuse nominations from boats with non-financial crews or skippers. Boats that race with non-financial members will not be eligible for consistency and champion points.
- 25.5. Boats sailing in club races must display on the mainsail a club or class registered number.
- 25.6. Boats competing in approved races and flag officers who miss races because of club commitments may apply to the sailing committee in writing, prior to the event to have average points awarded for the missed races. The application must include the nomination fee for the missed race. Average points will be based on the number of starters in the series.

26. Official Boats: The race committee boat will be displaying the KBSC burgee. Official race committee boats will be marked with a green and white flag. These are designated as an “obstruction” and must be avoided at all times.

27. Prizes:

27.1. Weekly and Series Awards and Trophies.






- 1 to 4 starters 1st place
- 5 to 7 starters 1st and 2nd place
- 8 plus starters 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

27.2. Consistency and club championship series.

- 1 to 5 starters 1st and 2nd place
- 6 plus starters 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

28. Disclaimer of Liability: Competitors compete in club racing entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, decision to race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after club racing.

29. Insurance: Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 000 000 or the equivalent. A certificate of conformity for such cover must be supplied to the club prior to entering your first club race, along with confirmation of a current registration with the Department of Transport where applicable. Any renewals that fall due during the season must be updated with the club office once paid. No boat is to compete in any club event without having current insurance cover.

	DIVISION 1
	DIVISION 2
	DIVISION 3, JaM, OTB
	Catamarans
	Juniors

Supplementary Extended Bay Race Sailing Instructions

1. **Nominations:** As per SI 11. To be valid the entry must be accompanied by the nomination fee and contain an accurate crew list in writing. The crew may be updated in writing at the race control office or start tower prior to the start or by radio at the radio check. The relevant Safety Category and any additions to your class must be adhered to, to be a valid competitor.
2. **Start Line:** Shall be an imaginary line between the KBSC race control tower and the outer end of the Club Mooring Marker (yellow cross). Boats must pass between the jetty and the outer Mooring Marker in a West to East direction to have started correctly.
3. **Finish Line:** As per SI 14
4. **Staring Procedure:**
5. T4.1 Warning Signal: 10 minutes to the start a Red light is displayed at the Race Control Tower.
6. T4.2 Preparatory Signal: 5 minutes before the start the red light is extinguished and an orange light is displayed.
7. T4.3 Start: The Orange light extinguished and green light is displayed.
8. T4.4 Not applicable.
9. Not applicable.

Radio Schedule:

- 9.1 A radio check must be performed and acknowledged approx. 20 minutes prior to the warning signal with KBSC start tower or a nominated competing yacht.
- 9.2 A listening watch must be kept for the duration of the race, on VHF Channel 72
- 9.3 The first scheduled radio check will be 4 hours after the start at 10 minutes past the hour.
- 9.4 Radio checks will continue to be made every 4 hours until the completion of the race.
10. Notice of Race for individual series/race can include or supersede these instructions.
11. Failure to comply with these regulations will make your boat ineligible to race.
12. The time limit for the first boat in each fleet to finish Extended Bay races shall be 1630hrs. Subsequent finishers are required to finish within 60 minutes of the first. Boats failing to finish within this time will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.