



ADMIRAL'S CUP SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Thursday 22nd to Sunday 25th February 2024

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1. ORGANISATION AND RULES

- 1.1. The event is organized by the Royal Varuna Yacht Club.
- 1.2. The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing [RRS], the class rules, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3. Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply
- 1.4. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board (ONB). It can be found at this link:
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/7663/event?name=2024-admiral-s-cup>
- 2.2. The online system that will enable paperless submissions of hearing requests, equipment substitution requests and scoring enquiries will be accessible through the ONB. In case of a total system failure, paper forms can be found at the Race Office and shall be delivered to the Race Office.
- 2.3. When a visual signal is displayed over a fleet(s) flag, the signal applies to only that fleet(s). This changes Race Signals [RRS preamble]

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 10:00 on the day it will take effect, except that a change in the starting time of the day's first race to a time earlier than originally scheduled shall be posted before 20:00 the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official signal mast at the beach bar. When code flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, 1 minute is replaced by not less than 30 minutes. This changes Race Signals [RRS preamble]



5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Registration: Entries must be submitted online at <https://forms.fillout.com/t/kGo13DGg8aus> by 17:00 on Saturday 17 February 2024

Date	Time	Event
Wed 21 February	10:00-16:30	On-site Registration, Declaration of sail numbers
Thu 22 February	10:00	Coaches Meeting
	11:30	Warning signal of first race (3 races scheduled)
Fri 23 February	09:00	Coaches Meeting
	10:30	Warning signal of first race (3 races scheduled)
Sat 24 February	09:00	Coaches Meeting
Sat 24 February	10:30	Warning signal of first race (3 races scheduled)
Sun 25 February	09:00	Coaches Meeting
	10:30	Warning signal of first race (3 races scheduled)
	After racing	Prizegiving

- 5.2. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:30.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. White flag with Optimist insignia.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. The racing area is immediately offshore from RVYC beach launch area in the Gulf of Thailand

8. COURSE

- 8.1. The diagrams in Attachment 1 shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee starting vessel will display the course number on a board.

9. DESCRIPTION OF MARKS



- 9.1. Marks 1, 2, 3s/3p will be inflatable cylindrical buoys. Colour for each mark 1,2, 3s/3p will be red. A new mark, if any, will be an inflatable black buoy.

10. FORMAT OF RACING

- 10.1. Boats may be divided into flights and fleets, as far as possible with the same number of boats.
- 10.2. Boats will sail an open series followed by a final series. See Addendum 1
- 10.3. The allocations to flights in the open series will be done by the race committee on Thursday 22nd of February.
- 10.4. Boats will be re-assigned to flights after each day of racing in the open series.
- 10.5. If a minimum of four races have been completed in the open series at the end of the second day, then the last two racing days will be the final series.
- 10.6. An open series will not count until all flights in the open series completed the same number of races.
- 10.7. Boats will be assigned to Gold and Silver fleets in the final series based on their rank in the open series.
- 10.8. In the final series, fleets do not need to sail the same number of races.

11. THE START

- 11.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark.
- 11.2. [DP] [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during start sequences for other fleets or classes.
- 11.3. For the purposes of RRS 30.4 a race is 'restarted or re-sailed 'when it has the same race number as a previously abandoned or recalled race, even if the race is re-sailed on a later date or is re-sailed as part of a final series instead of a qualifying series.
- 11.4. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.11.

12. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

- 12.1. A change in the next leg of the course will first be attempted by changing the position of the original marks. When this is not possible the course may be reset using one or more new marks.
- 12.2. Any action or no action by the race committee under this instruction will not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.1 (a).

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and an orange teardrop mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. RRS P2.3 does not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.



15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window	Target time
30 minutes	90 minutes	15 minutes	50 minutes

- 15.1. If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.2. Race Time Limit: Time limit for the first boat to start, sail the course and finish.
- 15.3. Finishing Window: Time limit for boats to finish after the first boat starts, sails the course and finishes.
- 15.4. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 15.5. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

16. HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1. For each flight or fleet, the protest time limit is 45 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.
- 16.2. On the last scheduled day of racing, the protest time limit will be 30 minutes after the last boat of each fleet has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 16.3. Requests for a hearing shall be lodged electronically via the form available on the ONB within the appropriate time limit. Submissions of hearing requests into this system will be considered as delivered to the Protest Committee. Once delivered, a hearing will be automatically listed on the list of pending hearings. If this does not show, then the protest/request has not been received.
- 16.4. A request for redress based on an incident identified in a scoring inquiry will meet the time limit if: the scoring enquiry was submitted within the time limit specified in RRS 62.2 as changed by SI 16.1 and SI 16.2; and the request for redress is delivered as soon as reasonably possible after being notified of the race committee's response to the scoring inquiry. The response by the race committee may be notified through the online system or in writing in the case of a system failure. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 16.5. 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 and where the hearings will be held.



16.6. A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

16.7. The first three sentences of RRS 61.1(a) are changed to: 'A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest will concern an incident in the racing area that she was involved in or saw she shall hail 'Protest'. She shall inform the Race Committee at the finishing line immediately after finishing of the boat/s being protested or as soon as practicable after she retires.' To inform the Race Committee of the boat/s being protested, the boat intending to protest shall approach the starboard side of the race committee vessel.

17. SCORING

17.1. Low point score system will be used

17.2. A minimum of 4 races are required to be a completed series.

17.3. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

17.4. When from five to twelve races have been completed, a boat's series score will be her total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.5. Twelve races are scheduled.

17.6. To request correction of an alleged error in posted results or to schedule a meeting with the race management member(s) who made a call, a boat shall complete an online scoring inquiry.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1. *[NP]* When flag V over flag H is displayed with one sound signal all boats shall return promptly and directly to the harbour. Further signals ashore. This changes RRS 37.

18.2. RRS 37 is changed so that it applies when flag V or flag V over flag H is displayed with one sound.

18.3. *[NP]* All competitors shall Sign-out at the table near the launch site prior to leaving the shore.

18.4. *[NP]* All boats shall return directly to the launching area and shall Sign-in after completing their last race of the day.

18.5. *[DP] [NP]* A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18.6. Competitors who require assistance should wave one arm with hand open. If no assistance is required, the arm should be waved with fist closed.

18.7. *[NP]* Failure to comply with SI 17.3 before leaving the harbour, or with SI 17.4 by the end of protest time or by the time posted on the ONB (whichever is later) shall result in the boat receiving a 10% scoring penalty as calculated in RRS 44.3(c) added to the race score sailed nearest in time to that of the incident. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1. However, the race committee may



protest the boat when they consider the 10% scoring penalty to be inappropriate.

18.8. RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat.

19. COMMUNICATIONS

19.1. The course race committee will be operating on VHF channel 69.

20. RACE OFFICE

20.1. The race office is on the second floor of Royal Varuna Yacht Club

21. MEASUREMENT

21.1. Competitors are allowed to use only one hull, center board, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail during the regatta. Substitution of damaged equipment may be made only after the approval has been given by the race committee.

21.2. Boats may carry national letters or sail numbers in contravention to Class Rules. However, a unique combination of country code and sail number is mandatory within each class. Any duplicate will be required to change the number. In all other respects, the sail shall comply with the Class Rules (according to and amending RRS 77 and Appendix G)

22. SUPPORT VESSELS ZONE [DP] [NP]

22.1. Support vessels shall not be positioned; a) Closer than 100 meters of any boat racing b) Within 100 meters of the starting line and marks from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have left the starting area, or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment c) Between any boat racing and the next mark of the course d) Within 100 meters of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark e) Within 100 meters of the finishing line and marks while boats are finishing.

22.2. In addition, support vessels that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 meters from any boat racing.

23. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk according to RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, or during, or after the regatta.

24. **PRIVACY POLICY:** By registering for the race, you allow RVYC to use your personal information, including photographs, for administrative, instructional and safety purposes. You also agree that RVYC may share photographs of you with you and the other participants of your course and within the RVYC community, including on our social media. If you do not wish to have your photograph shared, please notify our reception when you register. RVYC will never use your personal information or photograph for advertising without your prior permission.



Addendum 1

QUALIFYING and FINAL SERIES FORMATS

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. This addendum applies when boats are divided into flight/fleets to sail in qualifying series and a final series.

2. QUALIFYING SERIES

2.1. Initial assignment will be made by the race committee and will be posted by 20:00 on the evening before the first race. Boats will be assigned to the flights of, as near as possible, equal size.

2.2. In the qualifying series boats will be reassigned to flights after each day of racing. If all flights have completed the same number of races, boats will be reassigned based on their ranking. If all flights have not completed the same number of races the series scores for reassignment will be calculated for those races, numbered in order of completion, completed by all flights.

2.3. Reassignments will be made as follows:

	Two flight format	Three flight format
Rank in Series	Flight Assignment	Flight Assignment
1st	Yellow	Yellow
2nd	Blue	Blue
3rd	Blue	Red
4th	Yellow	Red
5th	Yellow	Blue
6th	Blue	Yellow

2.4. Reassignments will be based on the ranking available at 21:00 that day, regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.

2.5. If all flights have not been completed the same number of flights by the end of the day, the flights with fewer number of races will continue racing the following day until all flights have completed the same number of races. All boats will there after race in the new flights.

2.6. If four races have not been completed on the second day of the qualifying series, the qualifying series will continue on the third day of racing.



- 2.7. If at the end of the qualifying series some qualifying series flights have more race scores than others, any extra races will be abandoned so that all boats in the qualifying series have the same number of race scores.

3. SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 22	Qualifying Series
Friday, February 23	Qualifying Series
Saturday, February 24	Qualifying Series/ Final Series
Sunday, February 25	Final Series

- 3.1. A qualifying series will not count until all qualifying series flights have completed that race. The qualifying series races and the final series will count for the total points in the regattas.
- 3.2. If four or more qualifying series races have been completed, the worst qualifying race score will be excluded when calculating the division into final series fleets.
- 3.3. If only one final series race is completed, then it will not be excluded.
- 3.4. If two or more final series races are completed, then the maximum of one final series race score may be excluded.
- 3.5. For the purposes of RRS A5.2 *Scoring* the number of boats entered in a qualifying series will be the number of boats assigned to the largest qualifying flight

4. FLIGHT/FLEET IDENTIFICATION

- 4.1. Flight and Fleet Coloured bands

Color	Flight	Fleet
Yellow	Yellow	Gold
Blue	Blue	Silver
Red	Red	Bronze

- 4.2. [NP][DP] While racing, each boat shall display a coloured band corresponding to the flight/fleet to which she has been assigned. The band shall be placed on top of the sprit.
- 4.3. The coloured bands will be issued at the race office.



4.4. Flight and Fleet flags

Colour	Flag	Flight	Fleet
Yellow	Optimist logo on a yellow background	Yellow	Gold
Blue	Optimist logo on a blue background	Blue	Silver

5. FINAL SERIES

- 5.1. Boats will be assigned to final series fleets based on their ranks in the qualifying series.
- 5.2. There will be the same number of fleets in the final series as there were in the qualifying series.
- 5.3. The final series fleets will be, as nearly as possible, of equal size but so that the Silver fleet is not larger than the Gold fleet and the Bronze fleet (where it exists) is not larger than the Silver fleet. Boats with the best qualifying series ranks will race all the final series races in the Gold fleet; boats with the next best qualifying ranks will race in the Silver fleet; boats with the next best qualifying series ranks will race in the Bronze fleet (where it exists)
- 5.4. Any recalculation of the qualifying series ranking after the boats have been assigned to a final series fleet will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to a higher fleet.
- 5.5. Different final series fleets need not have completed the same number of races. The boats in the Gold fleet will be ranked the highest.

