
FOOTERS
LEAGUE

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS ('SI')

18 FOOT SKIFF 2026-2027 CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON

Version 1.1

1. RISK STATEMENT

1.1 Boats shall refer to Notice of Race 14 regarding risk which states:
It is a fundamental condition of entry that all those taking part in the regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility and that they hold harmless and indemnify the Australian 18 Footers League Limited and Australian Sailing, its officers, employees, agents and members and the sponsors of the event from all liability any of those persons has to any crew member on the boat, or to any person claiming through or under any such person arising from loss or damage howsoever caused, including by negligent act or omission, arising out of or relating to participation in the event.

The Australian 18 Footers League Limited is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a skiff whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The Australian 18 Footers League Limited reserves the right to refuse an entry.

Attention is drawn to RRS 3 which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

2. CHANGES TO SI

2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than two hours prior to the scheduled start time on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast of the Double Bay Sailing Club.

3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes", in Race Signals AP.

4. STARTING LINE and FINISHING LINE

4.1 The starting line and finishing line are between the mast of the Committee Vessel displaying a white rectangular flag with the Australian 18 Footers League logo, at the starboard end of the line and the mast displaying a white rectangular Australian 18 footers League flag on the buoy at the port-end of the line. A finish may also be recorded with the committee vessel at the port end of the line when sailing downwind.

4.2 The Race Committee may use a boat to sight the starting line from the pin end.

5. THE START

5.1 The table in RRS 26 is changed as follows:

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal (flags)	Sound signal (Optional)	Means
5	5 x Red I, U, Black (if used)	One	Warning signal
4	4 x Red	One	Preparatory signal
3	3 x Red		
2	2 x Red		
1	1 x Red	One	One minute
0	Red removed	One	Starting signal

5.2 BALMAIN CUP SPRINT SERIES:

A 3-minute start sequence will replace the standard sequence outlined in 5.1. Subsequent starts will begin as soon as possible after the conclusion of the previous race.

6. TIME LIMITS

6.1 Boats shall start within ten minutes of the starting signal. Boats not starting within ten minutes of the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.1.

6.2 On days where one race is scheduled, the race time limit is two hours. On days where two races are scheduled, the race time limit is one hour.

6.3 The finishing window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. The finishing window:

- for a race where only one race is scheduled is 30 minutes after the finishing time of the first boat; and
- for a race where more than one race is scheduled is 15 minutes after the finishing time of the first boat.

6.4 Boats failing to finish within the finishing window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This SI changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

7. PROTEST TIME LIMIT

7.1 The protest time limit shall be 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

8. PROHIBITED AREAS

8.1 While racing, boats shall not sail:

- within the area of water between the registered moorings and the adjacent shoreline. This includes Police or NSW Maritime moorings but excludes naval and shipping moorings;
- within the area bounded by the cardinal marks around Sow and Pigs reef;
- between the cardinal mark(s) nearby and the shore of Bradley's Head and Shark Island; and
- within the area of water bounded by the Yellow special purpose buoys and the shore at Garden Island and Chowder Bay.

8.2 The areas described in SI 8.1 designated as obstructions.

8.3 The penalty for this infringement will be Discretionary Penalty Guidelines Band 2 (midpoint 20% penalty).

9. COMMERCIAL AND DEFENCE SHIPPING

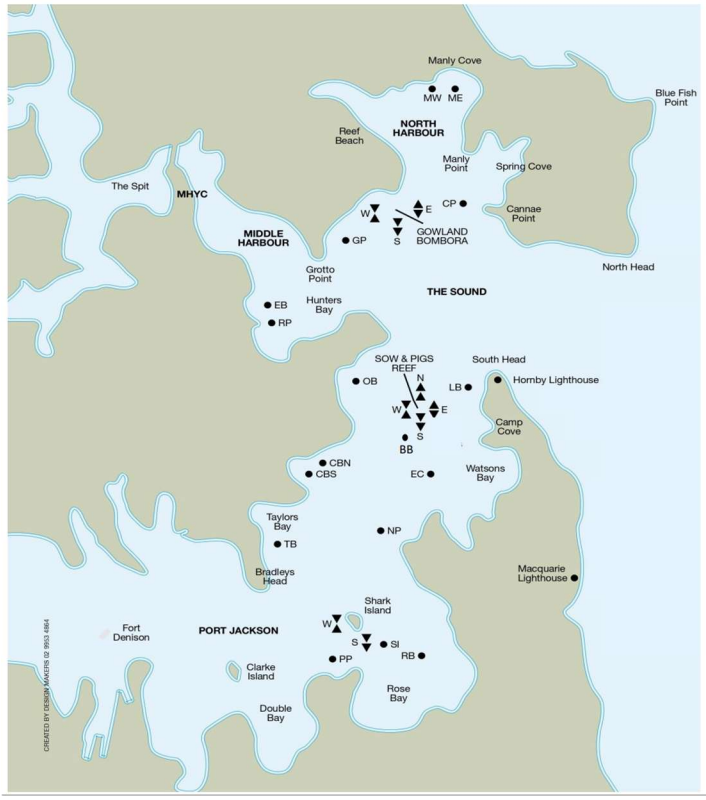
9.1 Boats shall refer to Notice of Race 11 regarding Commercial and Defence Shipping

9.2 Boats are reminded of their obligations for reporting marine accidents under the Marine Safety Act 1998 and the Marine Safety (General) Regulations 2016. Details of these obligations can be found at www.18footers.com.au/18-footers-sailing/documents/

10. COURSES

- 'AS' marks are Australian Sailing yellow spherical, cylindrical or spar shaped buoy and can be replaced with a different mark without warning.

- ‘LM’ marks are temporarily laid orange inflatable cylindrical marks with white band and fluorescent end or a MarksetBot mark and may include an Australian 18 Footer League logo and/or sponsor’s logo.
- In Course 6/2, Course 6/3 and Course 6/4, Mark 1 will be laid to windward of the start line. (Distance and bearing will be displayed from the Committee Vessel).
- Gate 2 will be laid approximately 50 metres to windward of the start line.
- If one of the gate marks is missing boats shall round the one existing mark to port.
- All marks are rounding marks.
- Start locations described for the courses are a guide only and may vary at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- The inadvertent touching of a mark (but not attaching to or shifting a mark) is permitted. RRS 31 ‘Touching a Mark’ is changed so that it only applies to:
  {1} a race committee vessel that is also a mark
  {2} a boat that attaches to, or drags a mark
  {3} a MarkSetBot Start Line Pin Mark or a MarkSetBot Mark of Course



Australian Sailing

Sydney Harbour Marks

	Name	Lat	Long
EB	Edwards Beach	33 49.292s	151 15.242e
RP	Rocky Point	33 49.424s	151 15.299e
GP	Grotto Point	33 49.052s	151 16.039e
MW	Manly West	33 48.173s	151 16.619e
ME	Manly East	33 48.193s	151 16.731e
CP	Cannae Point	33 48.819s	151 16.955e
LB	Lady Bay	33 50.076s	151 16.620e
BB	Beashel Buoy (Sow & Pigs)	33 50.332s	151 16.185e
EC	East Channel	33 50.439s	151 16.249e
NP	Neilson Park	33 50.945s	151 15.927e
SI	Shark Island	33 51.609s	151 15.572e
RB	Rose Bay	33 51.742s	151 15.978e
PP	Point Piper	33 51.758s	151 15.077e
TB	Taylors Bay	33 50.898s	151 14.922e
CBS	Chowder Bay South	33 50.533s	151 15.343e
CBN	Chowder Bay North	33 50.343s	151 15.613e
OB	Obelisk Bay	33 49.845s	151 15.981e
All marks to be rounded to starboard			
AS Yacht Rounding Marks are yellow cylindrical or spar shaped buoys and may be replaced with a different mark without warning.			

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COURSE 1 - NORTH-EAST		
Start		Starting line in vicinity of Clarke Island
Beashel Buoy - AS	to starboard	
Shark Island - AS	to starboard	
Clarke Island - LM	to starboard	
Beashel Buoy - AS	to starboard	
Clarke Island - LM	to starboard	
Beashel Buoy - AS	to starboard	
Shark Island - AS	to starboard	
Finish		Finishing line in vicinity of Clarke Island

COURSE 1 / 2 - NORTH-EAST SHORT		
Start		Starting line in vicinity of Clarke Island
Nielsen Park- LM	to starboard	
Shark Island - AS	to starboard	
Clarke Island - LM	to starboard	
Nielsen Park- LM	to starboard	
Finish		Finishing line in vicinity of Clarke Island

COURSE 2 - EAST		
Start		Starting line in vicinity of Robertson Point
Rose Bay - LM	to starboard	
Clarke Island - LM	to starboard	
Kurraba Point - LM	to starboard	
Rose Bay - LM	to starboard	

Kurraba Point -LM	to starboard	
Rose Bay - LM	to starboard	
Finish		Finishing line in vicinity of Clarke Island

COURSE 2 / 2– EAST SHORT		
Start		Starting line in vicinity of North of Clarke Island
Rose Bay - LM	to starboard	
Clarke Island - LM	to starboard	
Athol Bay - LM	to starboard	
Rose Bay - LM	to starboard	
Finish		Finishing line in vicinity of North of Clarke Island

COURSE 3- SOUTH-EAST		
Start		Starting line in vicinity of Taylors Bay
Rose Bay - LM	to starboard	
Robertson Point - LM	to port	
Clarke Island - LM	to port	
Chowder Bay - LM	to starboard	
Rose Bay - LM	to starboard	
Taylors Bay - AS	to starboard	
Rose Bay - LM	to starboard	
Robertson Point - LM	to port	
Finish		Finishing line in vicinity of Clarke Island

COURSE 3 /2 - SOUTH-EAST SHORT (HUGH SUGGESTION)		
Start		Starting line in vicinity of Taylors Bay
Rose Bay - LM	to starboard	
Clarke Island - LM	to starboard	
Chowder - LM	to starboard	
Rose Bay - LM	to starboard	
Finish		Finishing line in vicinity of Taylors Bay

COURSE 4 - SOUTH		
Start		Starting line in vicinity of Athol Bay
Clarke Island - LM	to port	
Obelisk Bay - AS	to starboard	
Shark Island - AS	to starboard	
Athol Bay East - LM	to port	
Clarke Island - LM	to port	
Obelisk Bay - AS	to starboard	
Shark Island - AS	to starboard	
Athol Bay East - LM	to port	
Finish		Finishing line in vicinity of Clarke Island

COURSE 4 / 2 – SOUTH (STORM)		
Start		Starting line in vicinity of Athol Bay
Clarke Island - LM	to port	
Chowder Bay North - LM	to starboard	
Shark Island - AS	to starboard	
Athol Bay East - LM	to port	

Clarke Island - LM	to port	
Chowder Bay North - LM	to starboard	
Shark Island - AS	to starboard	
Athol Bay East - LM	to port	
Finish		Finishing line in vicinity of Clarke Island

COURSE 4 /3 – SOUTH SHORT		
Start		Starting line in vicinity of Athol Bay
Clarke Island - LM	to port	
Chowder Bay - LM	to starboard	
Shark Island - AS	to starboard	
Athol Bay East - LM	to port	
Clarke Island - LM	to port	
Finish		Finishing line in vicinity of Athol Bay

COURSE 5 - WEST		
Start		Starting line in vicinity of Rose Bay
Kurraba Point - LM	to port	
Clarke Island - LM	to port	
Rose Bay - LM	to port	
Kurraba Point - LM	to port	
Rose Bay - LM	to port	
Kurraba Point - LM	to port	
Finish		Finishing line in vicinity of Clarke Island

COURSE 5 / 2 – WEST SHORT		
Start		Starting line in vicinity of West Shark Island
Athol Bay East - LM	to port	
Clarke Island - LM	to port	
Rose Bay - LM	to port	
Athol Bay East - LM	to port	
Finish		Finishing line in vicinity of West Shark Island

COURSE 6 / 2		
Start		
Mark 1	to port	
Gate 2	Gate mark	
Mark 1	to port	
Finish		

COURSE 6 / 3		
Start		
Mark 1	to port	
Gate 2	Gate mark	
Mark 1	to port	
Gate 2	Gate mark	
Mark 1	to port	
Finish		

COURSE 6 / 4		
Start		
Mark 1	to port	
Gate 2	Gate mark	
Mark 1	to port	
Gate 2	Gate mark	
Mark 1	to port	
`Gate 2		
Mark 1	to port	
Finish		

11. MEASUREMENT CHECKS

11.1 The Sail Registration Date (SRD) and cut off for all skiffs to have their sails measured and signed for use during the season. Only signed sails may be used for all sailing (including racing, training, practicing, tuning) until the completion of the Season. A skiff which sails with sails that are not signed in for the Season may be scored DNC by the Race Committee without a hearing. This amends RRS 63.1

11.2 A skiff which sails without a current valid Measurement Certificate may be scored DNC without a hearing. This amends RRS 63.1

12. ALTERNATIVE SAILS

12.1 Alternative sails supplied by the club may be used for any League races during the season with written authority from the OA. This precludes the Nationals and JJ Giltinan World Championships.

13. ADDENDUM D

13.1 SCORING

The Low Point Score System as described in RRS 2021-2024 RRS Appendix A as modified will apply.

- RRS A5.3 will apply for all races conducted by the Australian 18 Footers League.
- Such points will be scored on club conducted events as follows:

  - Season Point Score - A total of points scored in the handicap section of each race listed in the calendar on the 18 Footers website will count towards the Season Point Score. There will be no discard.
  - Club Championship - There shall be sixteen(16) races, as listed on Calendar published on the 18 footers website, to count towards the Club Championship. There will be no discard
  - Spring Championship - There shall be six (6) races, as listed on Addendum A of these instructions, there will be no discard
  - NSW Championship - There shall be eight (8) races, as listed on Addendum A of these instructions, of which a minimum of four (4) races shall be completed to constitute the series. In order for the worst score to be excluded from a boat's point score five (5) or more races shall be completed.
  - Australian Championship - There shall be six (6) races, as listed on Addendum A of these instructions, of which a minimum of four (4) races shall be completed to constitute the series. In order for the worst score to be excluded from a boat's point score five (5) races shall be completed

14. ADDENDUM 'E' - SAILING BY LAWS

14.1 ENTRIES

No skiff shall be allowed to start in any race unless all required documentation has been completed to the satisfaction of the Organising Authority.

The Organising Authority has the right to refuse registration or cancel any existing registration.

14.2 HANDICAPS

The Race Committee shall be responsible for allocation and review of all handicaps.

14.3 PRIZES

The Organising Authority shall be responsible for the determination of the amount and distribution of all prizes.

14.4 SUSPENDED PERSON

Any person serving a racing ban imposed by Australian Sailing (the National Sailing Authority) or a disqualification or suspension from Australian 18 Footers League membership shall not be allowed to become a member of any crew competing in a race during the term of their disqualification or suspension.

14.5 OFFICIAL REPORT

The starter and timekeeper shall submit reports of all such matters falling within their respective duties to the Race Committee as required.

14.6 SKIPPERS & CREWS

All members of each registered skiff taking part in the club's sailing events must be a financial member of the club and Australian Sailing.

14.7 DEAD HEAT

In the case of a dead heat, any prize money and points shall be equally divided. If a cup or other prizes which cannot be divided, the race shall be resailed by the skiffs having made the dead heat, if practicable. If not, the destination of the prize shall be decided by ballot.

14.8 LIFEJACKETS

All Australian 18 Footer League events require each registered boat to carry an appropriate life jacket for each person on board.

Each crew member shall be wearing a compliant PDF, or have one for each crew member stored on the boat from the time a boat launches until the time it returns to the rigging area (unless being utilized).

Life Jackets shall:

- Shall be approved to Australian Standard AS4758 (level 50N or higher).
- Shall be the correct size for the competitor,
- Shall be in good working order,

- Inflatable lifejackets must be serviced. Self-service is permitted if it meets the manufacturers servicing requirements.
- When worn for the entirety of a race, shall be the second outermost layer of equipment only to be exceeded by a trapeze harness.
- When stored onboard; one lifejacket will be stored on the port transom or gantry with another two to be stored on boat's deck in a fashion that allows quick and easy access.