



# **Keppel Bay Sailing Club**

## **2026 May Day Regatta**

### **Incorporating the 2026 QLD Arrow State Championships**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**Organising Authority**

Keppel Bay Sailing Club



## 1 Rules

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions.

1.2. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2.

## 2 Changes in Sailing Instructions

2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00am on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 6:00pm on the day before it will take effect.

## 3 Communication

3.1. The Official Noticeboard will be on the “May Day Regatta” page of the Keppel Bay Sailing Club website.  
<https://kbsc.com.au/project/may-day-regatta/>

3.2. The physical noticeboard will be located on the window of the Regatta Office.

3.3. All communications regarding May Day Regatta 2026 will be through the What’s App Chat.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/FeKqmResohFCdPCGUpPHzu>

## 4 Code of Conduct

4.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from the race officials.

## 5 Signals Made Ashore

5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the official flagpole beside the Regatta Office at the Clubhouse.

5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’.

## 6 Schedule of Events

6.1. Schedule:

Day/Date	Activity	Time of Warning Signal & not before
Saturday – 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	<b>Briefing</b>	11:00am
	Race 1	12:30pm
	Race 2	After Race 1
	Race 3	After Race 2
	Social Event	From 5pm
Sunday – 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2026	Race 4	9:25am
	Race 5	After Race 4
	<b>Dash for Cash Briefing</b>	1:00pm
	Dash for Cash Race	1.30pm
	<b>Presentations</b>	4:00pm

6.2. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least two minutes before a warning signal is made.

## 7 Class Flags

Class	Flag
Catamarans	Numeral Pendant 2
Monohulls	Numeral Pendant 1
Intermediate Monohulls & Catamarans	Numeral Pendant 3
Wing Foilers	Numeral Pendant 4
Juniors	Junior Yellow Flag
Green Fleet	Solid Green

## **8 Racing Area**

8.1. There will be one racing area. The course areas will be as shown in Attachment B.

## **9 Courses**

9.1. The diagrams in SI Attachment A show the courses.

9.2. There will be a course board displaying the course type (Triangular or Windward Leeward) will be displayed on the start boat with the warning signal for first fleet for each race.

## **10 Marks**

10.1. The Marks are described in Attachment A

## **11 The Start**

11.1. Races will be started using rule 26, with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2. The order of the starts for racing will be outlined at the briefing on Saturday

11.3. The starting order for subsequent races each day may vary.

11.4. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

11.5. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.6. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## **12 Change of the next leg of the course**

12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **13 The finish**

13.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel as shown in the course diagram in Attachment A and a yellow pencil buoy.

## **14 Time Limits**

14.1. The target time for a race is 60 minutes for all classes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a). Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat of their division finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish.

14.2. The target time limit for the Dash for Cash Race will be 120 minutes for all classes. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat of their division finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish.

## **15 Protests**

15.1. For each division, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that division has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

15.2. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

15.3. Protest Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing, in which they are party to a hearing or named as witnesses.

15.4. Notices of protest by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1 (b).

15.5. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

15.6. Decisions of the protest committee will be final. This changes RRS 70.1.

## 16 Scoring

- 16.1. There are up to 5 races scheduled, of which 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2. Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. She may discard her worst score if 4 or more races are completed. The lowest series score wins.
- 16.3. The Dash for Cash Race is not included in the calculation for the overall series placings.
- 16.4. Results will be calculated using the 2025-26 AS Yardstick handicapping system.
  - 16.4.1. RS Toura will for this regatta sail in division 3 under the yardstick of 119.5 with spinnaker or 122 without.
  - 16.4.2. Weta 4.4's will for this regatta sail in division 1 under our club adjusted yardstick of 92 for SQ or 95 for PH (SQ = Square Top Main & PH = Pin Top Main)
  - 16.4.3. Wing Foilers scoring for this regatta won't be using the AS Yardstick system but will be racing for line honors.

## 17 Safety Regulations

- 17.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17.2. Personal floatation devices shall be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat.]
- 17.3. Sign on/off will be located at the Regatta Office.
  - 17.3.1. All competitors **shall** sign on before leaving the beach for a racing session. Failure to sign on will result in the boat receiving a 5 point scoring penalty without hearing for the first race session. No boat shall be scored worse than DSQ. This changes RRS 63.1, A5.1 and A5.2.
  - 17.3.2. All competitors **shall** sign off when they come ashore within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the day. Failure to sign off will result in the boat receiving a 5 point scoring penalty without a hearing for the last race session. No boat shall be scored worse than DSQ. This changes RRS 63.1, A5.1 and A5.2.

## 18 Replacement of crew or equipment

- 18.1. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 19 Support Boats

- 19.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not be in the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will be disqualification all boats associated with the support personnel who do so.

## 20 Prizes

- 20.1. Prizes will be awarded to the boats finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each division for the regatta.
- 20.2. Cash prizes will be awarded to the boats finishing 1st in each division for the Dash for Cash Race.
- 20.3. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.

# ATTACHMENT A

## Courses for May Day Regatta

Course A Triangle Course:

Catamarans: Start-1-2-3-1-3-1-2-3-Finish

Monohulls: Start-1-2-3-1-3-1-2-3-Finish

Intermediates: Start-1-2-3-4-3-Finish

Wing Foilers: Start-1-2-3-1-3-1-2-3-1-3-1-2-3-Finish

Juniors: Start-4-5-3-4-3-4-5-3-Finish

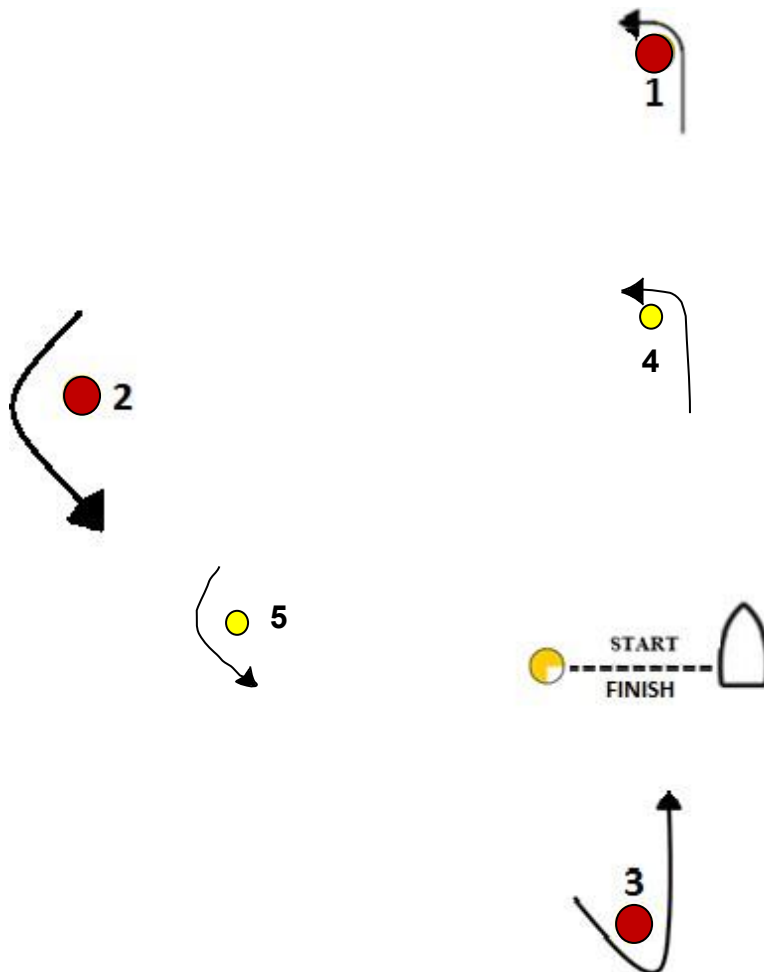
Green Fleet: Start-4-5-3-4-3-Finish

The start /finish gate shall only be sailed through when starting or finishing.

Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be Red Inflatable buoys

Marks 4, and 5 will be Yellow Pencil bouys.

The port end of the start/finish line will be a yellow pencil buoy.



**Course B Windward / Leeward Course:**

**Catamarans: Start-1- 2S/2P- 1- 2S/2P- 1 – Finish**

**Monohulls: Start-1- 2S/2P- 1- 2S/2P- 1 – Finish**

**Intermediates: Start-1- 2S/2P- 3- Finish**

**Wing Foilers: Start-1- 2S/2P- 1- 2S/2P- 1 - 2S/2P- 1- Finish**

**Juniors: Start-3- 2S/2P- 3- Finish**

**Green Fleet: Start-3- 2S/2P- Finish**

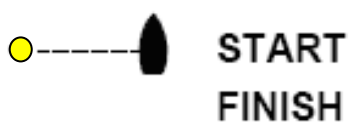
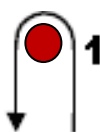
Mark 1 will be left to port. Marks 2S and 2P is a gate.

**The start /finish gate shall only be sailed through when starting or finishing.**

Marks 1, 2S and 2P are Red Inflatable Buoys.

Mark 3 is a yellow pencil buoy.

The port end of the start/finish line will be a yellow pencil buoy.



## ATTACHMENT B – Racing Area

