



Keppel Bay Sailing Club

KBSC Womens and Girls Regatta 2026

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th June

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 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 “SheSails” page of the Keppel Bay Sailing Club website.
<https://kbsc.com.au/shesails/>

3.2. The physical noticeboard will be located on the window of the regatta office.

3.3. All communications regarding the KBSC Womens and Girls Regatta 2026 will be through the What’s App Chat. <https://chat.whatsapp.com/F06Tnr24MlBlyZzmFtUfM>

4 Code of Conduct

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

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. Races:

Races are scheduled as follows:

Day/Date	Activity	Time of Warning Signal & not before
Saturday – 13 th June 2026	Briefing	11:00am
	Heat 1	11:55am
	Heat 2	After Heat 1
	Heat 3	After Heat 2
	Social Event	From 5pm
Sunday – 14 th June 2026	Heat 4	9:25am
	Heat 5	After Heat 4
	Heat 6	After Heat 5
	Presentations	2:00pm

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
Juniors	Caelan Byrt Sabot/Optimist Yellow Flag
Green Fleet	Solid Green

8 Racing Area

8.1. There will be one race area. The Race areas will be as shown in Illustration B, attached.

9 Courses

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

9.2. For Course Area B a course board display the course type will be displayed on the start boat at or 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 the first heat of each day is:

1st Start : **Monohull and Intermediate divisions**

2nd Start : **Catamarans**

3rd Start : **Juniors and Green Fleet**

11.3. The starting order for subsequent heats 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. [DP] [NP]

11.6. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing.

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 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.

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 6 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 results for all races will be calculated using the AS Yardstick handicap system.

17 Safety Regulations

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

17.2. Personal floatation devices shall be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat. [DP]

17.3. Sign on/off – 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. [DP]

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. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

ATTACHMENT A

The Course.

Courses:

Monohulls Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3, Finish

Catamarans Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3, Finish

Intermediates Start 1, 2, 3, 4, 3, 4, 5, 3, Finish

Juniors Start, 4, 5, 3, 4, 3, 4, 5, 3, Finish

Green Fleet Start, 4, 5, 3, 4, 3, Finish

Start/ finish line can only be sailed through when starting or finishing.

Marks.

Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be red inflatable buoys.

Marks 4 and 5 will be Yellow Inflatable buoys.

The pin end of the start and Finish line will be a Yellow Pencil Mark.

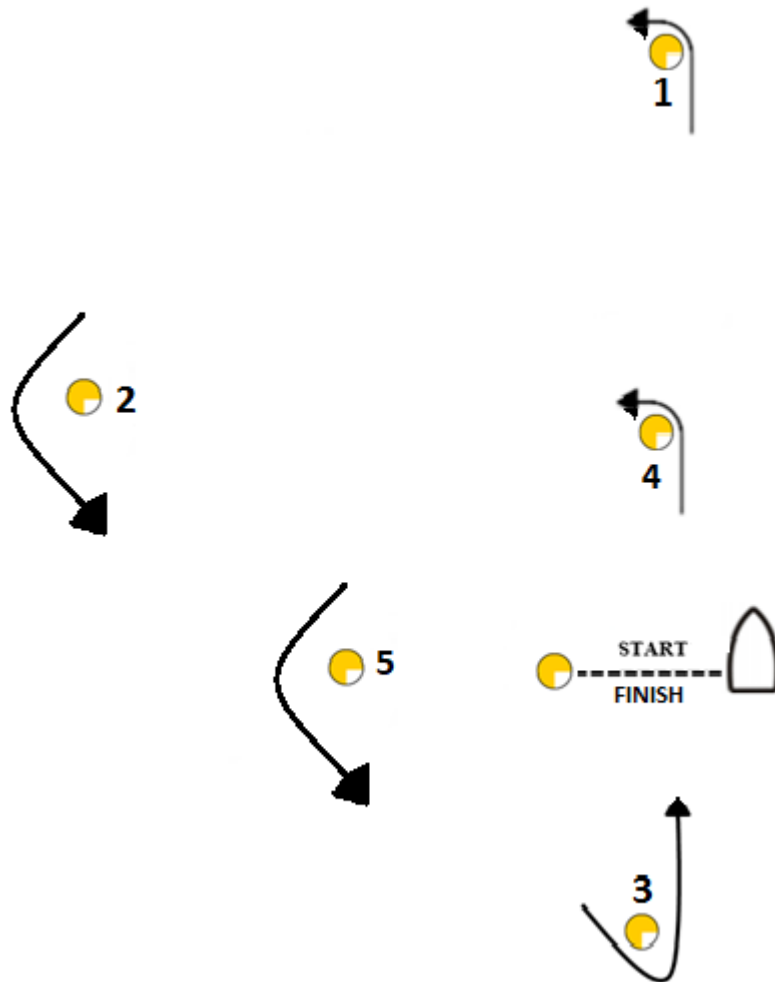


ILLUSTRATION B – Racing Area

