SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – South Australian Friendly Flying Fifteen State Championship 2026.

1. GENERAL

1.1 These Sailing Instructions will cover the South Australian Friendly Flying Fifteen State Championship 2026. for Flying 15, Open, Silver and Classic classes to be held on April 18th and 19th 2026.
1.2 These Sailing Instructions will apply to all races conducted by the organizing authority.
1.3 In accordance with accordance with RRS 89.1, the organizing authority is the Clayton Bay Boat Club Inc. (CBBC)
1.4 Additional sailing instructions may be issued for a particular series and/or a particular race within a series and such Additional Sailing Instructions are to be read in conjunction with these Sailing Instructions.
1.5 The Schedule of Races (South Australian Friendly Flying Fifteen State Championship 2026, Notice of Race 2026) is to be read in conjunction with these Sailing Instructions.
1.6 Competitors participate in CBBC events, and all other events conducted, organized, and run or assisted by CBBC. entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority and its officers will not accept any liability for material damage/loss, personal injury including death, or any other loss associated with competing in, prior to, during or after any event organized by it. By competing you are agreeing to this.
1.7 All races will be governed by the rules set out in the current World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the current Australian Sailing Special Regulations (ASSR), these Sailing Instructions, any applicable Additional Sailing Instructions, and any applicable Notice of Race.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 There must be a "Person in Charge" of each yacht in a race. This person must be over 16 years of age unless exempted in writing by the organizing authority.
2.2 It is not required that the Person in Charge be the helmsperson.
2.3 The Person in Charge of a yacht competing in the South Australian Friendly Flying Fifteen State Championship 2026. shall be a current financial member of a Club or Association affiliated with Australian Sailing.
2.4 Subject to 2.5, all crew members must be registered sailors and financial members of a Club or Association affiliated with Australian Sailing.
2.5 A crew member who is not a member of a Club or Association affiliated with Australian Sailing may sail as a temporary member of CBBC for a maximum of three racing days in a season. This changes RRS Rule 46.

3. INSURANCE

3.1 Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance, endorsed for racing, and with a minimum cover of $10,000,000 per incident.

4. RULES

4.1 All yachts and crew must comply with and must carry the safety equipment required by or under South Australian Legislation, including the SA Harbors & Navigation Act and the Regulations made thereunder. General information regarding boating requirements can be found at www.sa.gov.au and specific checklists at this site within the downloadable 'South Australian Boating Safety Handbook' page 43.
4.2 All courses are designed to keep competitors within the 'smooth waters' as defined under Schedule 1 of the Harbors and Navigation Act 1993 SA.

4.3 The Australian Sailing Special Regulations including '2021 Part 2 Off The Beach Boats' shall apply to all races involving Flying 15's. Along with Class rule safety equipment and the addition of a suitable **10 meter (minimum length) tow rope. Handheld VHF radio or mobile telephone for emergency use.**

4.4 All competitors must wear an approved Personal Floatation Device (PFD, non-inflating) while afloat, except while briefly changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment but including while proceeding to the start area and thereafter until finishing or retiring from the race and leaving the racing area. This changes RRS Rule 40 and Part 4 of the RRS Preamble.

5. RACING

5.1 The Sailing Area for the organizing authority to operate within are confined to waters of the Lower Murray from Goolwa Barrage in the west to Stony Point in the east.

5.2 A race will only be held provided there are at least 3 competitors, or as decided by the race committee.

5.3 A race will be postponed if the current windspeed at the scheduled briefing time of a race consistently equals orexceeds 22 knots or if the Race Officer decides that the conditions are, or may become, unsafe. All competitors are reminded of the fundamental rule 4.

5.4 The Organizing Authority may change the wind strength limit at their discretion due to conditions or safety boat capability.

5.5 If the local temperature, as recorded at the BOM Hindmarsh Island, is greater than 38deg, the Organizing Authority may postpone or cancel any race at their discretion.

5.6 A yacht will be considered to be the yacht and skipper combination. When the skipper of a yacht changes, this shall be made clear on the nomination form and the yacht shall be recorded as a new entry in the series.

5.7 The Regatta Divisions and Division flags for all series of races at CBBC will be:

5.7.1 Division 1 Flying 15 -Numeral pennant 1.

5.8 All yachts should have clearly visible identifying sail numbers as recommended by RRS Appendix G -G2.

5.9 The organizing authority shall use the Australian Sailing Yardsticks for Flying 15 Regatta race series.

5.10 The organizing authority reserves the right to accept or reject any entry.

5.11 If there is any ambiguity or discrepancy between any RRS Rule, ASSR Regulation, Sailing Instruction and/or any Additional Sailing Instruction, the ambiguity or discrepancy will be resolved by the organizing authority at its discretion.

5.12 All Skippers must sign on using the form provided indicating the name and sail number of their boat, and the names of their crew.

5.13 All Yachts are permitted to fly spinnakers in the invitation race.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The Schedule of Races is set out in the South Australian Friendly Flying Fifteen State Championship 2026., NOR may be changed at the discretion of the Regatta Race committee and communicated at the daily briefings.

7. ENTRIES

7.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing the Entry Form and paying the race fee of $80 by Thursday the 16th April 2026.

8. MODIFICATIONS

8.1 A yacht that does not comply with Class Rules or is modified in a way that may affect potential performance must notify the organizing authority in writing before participating in any scheduled races, but if that has not been done before the day of a race, such notification may be brought to the attention of the Race Officer ("RO") or the Officer of the Day (OOD) at least two hours prior to the first Warning Signal of the day for any Division. A modified Yardstick may be applied to the modified boat.

9. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

9.1 Notices to competitors, and any notice or document required by the RRS or ASSR or any other rule or sailing instruction will be posted on the CBBC website underthe “Racing” tab or on the CBBC Notice Board.

9.2 If a notice to competitors is to be posted on a race day, it will be posted on the CBBC Notice Board and brought to the attention of sailors at the Race Briefing.

10. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

10.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the CBBC flag mast.

10.2 When the AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in the Race Signals AP. This changes RRS Race Signals AP.

11. COURSES & RACE BRIEFINGS

11.1 Unless otherwise determined and notified by the CBBC Boating Sub-Committee, Course diagrams and descriptions will be made available at the briefing at least 30 minutes before the first Warning Signal.

12. MARKS

12.1 Descriptions of marks will be provided with the course diagrams and descriptions.

12.2 Course rounding marks may be orange/yellow/pink inflatable buoys or flags and must be rounded as specified on the course information issued by the Organizing Authority.

13. OBSTRUCTIONS

13.1 All channel markers shall, whilst racing, be considered obstructions and not marks of the course.

14. THE START

14.1 Starts will use RRS Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

14.2 The starting line will generally be between the mast on the committee vessel flying an orange flag and a buoy unless indicated otherwise at briefing.

14.3 In line with RRS Rule 41 (C) the starting sequence may be relayed by radio to competing yachts.

14.4 A yacht not starting within 10 minutes of her Starting Signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS).

14.5 When a general recall has been signaled, the removal of the recall signal will be the new starting sequence.

14.6 Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29. Recall Signals will be displayed for approx. 4 minutes.

15. SHORTENING THE COURSE

15.1 The Course may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32. The decision to shorten a course will be at the discretion of the PRO or Race Committee. In the event of a shortened course, Code Flag 'S' will be displayed on the committee boat or official safety boat, at a course rounding mark, (provided that mark is ahead of the leading boat in the race) indicating that boats should proceed from the Course Rounding Mark to the Finish.

15.2 If a mark is missing or out of position while boats are racing, the race committee will, if possible,

15.2.1 (a) replace it in its correct position or substitute a new one of similar appearance, or

15.2.2 (b) substitute an object displaying flag M and make repetitive sound signals.

15.3 The position of the Course Rounding Marks may be varied, to compensate for weather conditions or changes.

16. THE FINISH

16.1 Unless otherwise specified in Sailing Instructions or the course diagrams and descriptions, the finish

line will be the same as the starting line.

16.2 On return to the shore or on retirement each skipper will sign off to indicate their safe return to shore, failure to sign off within the protest time limit may result in a 10%-time penalty being applied to their elapsed time.

17. PENALTY SYSTEM

17.1 RRS Rule 44.1 is changed so that the “Two Turns Penalty” is replaced by a “One Turn Penalty” which includes one tack and 1 gybe under sail.

18. TIME LIMIT

18.1 Unless otherwise specified by the organizing authority in Additional Sailing Instructions, yachts finishing more than 15 minutes after the 3rd yacht in the race finishes, will be scored "Did Not Finish” (DNF). This changes RRS Rule 35.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

19.1 The Race Officer and the Safety Boats will monitor VHF 72 during races.

19.2 The Race Officer, Safety Boat Operators or the Officer of the Day may use this frequency for communications relating to the conduct of a race and/or the safety of competitors.

19.3 This frequency must not be used by Competitors unless assistance is being requested or withdrawal from a race is being notified or if it is necessary for the Officer of the Day to communicate with the Race Officer for any reason related to the race.

20. OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

20.1 A vessel which has run aground may receive assistance from a CBBC safety boat until it reaches a safe point on the course relative to where it first went aground. It must then complete one turn under sail including one tack and one gybe.

20.2 In an emergency and/or after an incident, the first priority of a Safety Boat or a competing vessel providing assistance is to attempt to ensure the safety of crew members, officials and other persons involved - NOT YACHTS.

20.3 Unless a person or a vessel is unable to request consent, a Safety Boat or a competing vessel will only assist a person or vessel in difficulties with the consent of the person or the vessel’s crew.

20.4 If a Safety Boat or a Safety Boat and a competing vessel is providing assistance, the operation will be under the control of the Safety Boat Operator. If only a competing yacht is providing assistance, the operation will be under the control of the skipper of the competing yacht providing assistance. Each person and/or yacht crew receiving assistance must comply with the directions of the Safety Boat Operator or, if no Safety Boat is involved in providing assistance, each person and/or yacht crew must comply with the directions of the skipper of the competing yacht providing assistance.

20.5 If assistance is refused, the Safety Boat or a competing yacht offering assistance is not required to standby but will advise of its intention to leave. If in the opinion of the Safety Boat Operator or the skipper of the competing yacht offering assistance it is safe to do so, they may, but are not required to return crews to their yachts.

20.6 A yacht and/or crew receiving outside help must notify the Race Officer with details of the incident as soon as possible after the race. Yachts which fail to notify or gain a material advantage in the race from this incident may be protested and penalized. Any penalty may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS Rule 41.

21. RETIREMENT

21.1 A yacht retiring from a race will notify the Race Officer as soon as possible by radio VHF Channel 72.

22. SCORING

22.1 Unless otherwise specified in the relevant Notice of Race, results will be based on corrected times using the following:

22.2 Flying 15 Classic and Open classes – the current Australian Sailing Yardsticks

22.3 The “Race Result Discard System” for Yachts in determining Series Results is as follows:

22.3.1 When four (4) or less series races have been completed, a yacht’s series score will be the totalof her race scores.

22.4 If there are 1 or more finishers in a division in any race, the scores from that race will be included in the calculation of the series result.

22.5 Unless the CBBC Boating Sub-Committee determines otherwise for a particular series to be eligible for a series prize a yacht must have completed two races in the series.

23. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

23.1 Unless it is impossible to do so, the protest flag must be flown as soon as practicable.

23.2 Protests or requests for redress or reopening must be lodged in accordance with RRS Part 5 and the written form handed to a representative of the CBBC Boating Sub-Committee or the RO within 45 minutes after the protesting yacht finished the last race of the day.

23.3 Protest forms are available from the CBBC Boating Sub-Committee.

23.4 Protest hearings may not necessarily be held on the day of the race but will be heard at CBBC as soon as practicable thereafter at a date and time determined by the CBBC Boating Sub-Committee.

24. ARBITRATION

24.1 At the discretion of the organizing authority an arbitration hearing may be conducted pursuant to RRS Appendix T for protests lodged in accordance with RRS 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or 4 or RRS 31. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to a protest hearing.

24.2 The time and place of the arbitration hearing will be decided by the arbitrator and such advice will be given verbally. One representative from each yacht will attend the arbitration hearing and no witnesses will be allowed. The arbitrator will decide the manner in which testimony is given.

24.3 After taking testimony at an arbitration hearing the arbitrator will make one of the following conclusions:

24.3.1 protest does not comply with RRS 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest;

24.3.2 The protest will proceed to a protest hearing. (This may be because rules other than Part 2 or4 or RRS 31 are involved, or because evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged incident or any other reason decided by the arbitrator);

24.3.3 No rule was broken, and the protestor may withdraw the protest; or

24.3.4 A rule was broken by one or more yachts involved and the infringing yacht(s) may accept a time penalty of 10% and the race result adjusted accordingly and, if such a penalty and adjusted result is accepted by the protested, the protestor will withdraw the protest but, if such a penalty and adjusted result is not accepted by the protested the protest will proceed to a hearing of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 63.1.

24.4 An arbitration hearing will not be reopened. No conclusion of an arbitrator can be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.

25. PRIZES

25.1 Trophies will be awarded to Open, Silver and Classic classes.

25.2 Unless otherwise specified in a relevant Notice of Race and subject to the discretion of the CBBC Boating Sub-Committee, the award of prizes for each race or series will be subject to the following conditions:

25.2.1 If there are 3, 4 or 5 starters in a division in a race or only 1, 2 or 3 yachts that qualify for a series result in a division – only a 1st prize will be awarded: and

25.2.2 If there are at least 6 starters in a division in a race or at least 4 yachts that qualify for a series result in a division – 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be awarded

25.2.3 Results for individual races will be presented at the conclusion of the Regatta.

25.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.