

F18 Class Australian Championships 2011

1st – 6th September 2011

Hosted by Townsville Cruising Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2009 – 2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF), the Yachting Australian Special Regulations Part 1, the current class rules of the F18 Class Association.
- 1.2 Attention is drawn to the RRS Part 1 and especially drawn to **Fundamental Rule 4**. Which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"
- 1.3 The Organising Authority may provide sponsors' logos. These will be adhered to the outside of each hull, no more than two metres from the bow, for the duration of the event. Replacement logos may be available at the Regatta Office.
- 1.4 Competing boats shall keep clear of commercial vessels at all times.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board located outside the Regatta Office, Nelly Bay Harbour Precinct.

3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted two hours before the start of the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff at the Nelly Bay Harbour Precinct.
- 4.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in race signal "AP". Boats are requested not to leave the beach until this signal is removed.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1

DATE	EVENT	START TIME
Thursday 1 st	Registration & Welcome Function	1000 hrs – 1700 hrs
Friday 2 nd	Registration	1100 hrs
Saturday 3 rd	Up to 4 races	1100 hrs

Sunday 4 th	Up to 4 races	1100hrs
Monday 5 th	Up to 4 races	1100hrs
Tuesday 6 th	Up to 4 races	1100 hrs
	Awards presentation	1800 hrs

The race committee may change the schedule at any time

5.2 On Tuesday 6th no Warning Signal will be made after 1500 hrs.

6 CLASS FLAG

6.1 The Class Flag will be International Code Flag "W"

7 RACING AREA

7.1 Racing will be conducted on the waters between Townsville and Magnetic Island and surrounding waters. Chart AUS 256 covers the racing area. See Appendix "A"

7.2 The Race Committee will indicate the racing area by displaying either numeral 1, 2 or 3 on the signals made ashore flagstaff by 0900 hrs each day.

8 COURSES

8.1 The courses will be windward / leeward.

8.2 A board displaying the course to sail and the approximate compass bearing to Mark 1 will be displayed by the Race Committee Boat.

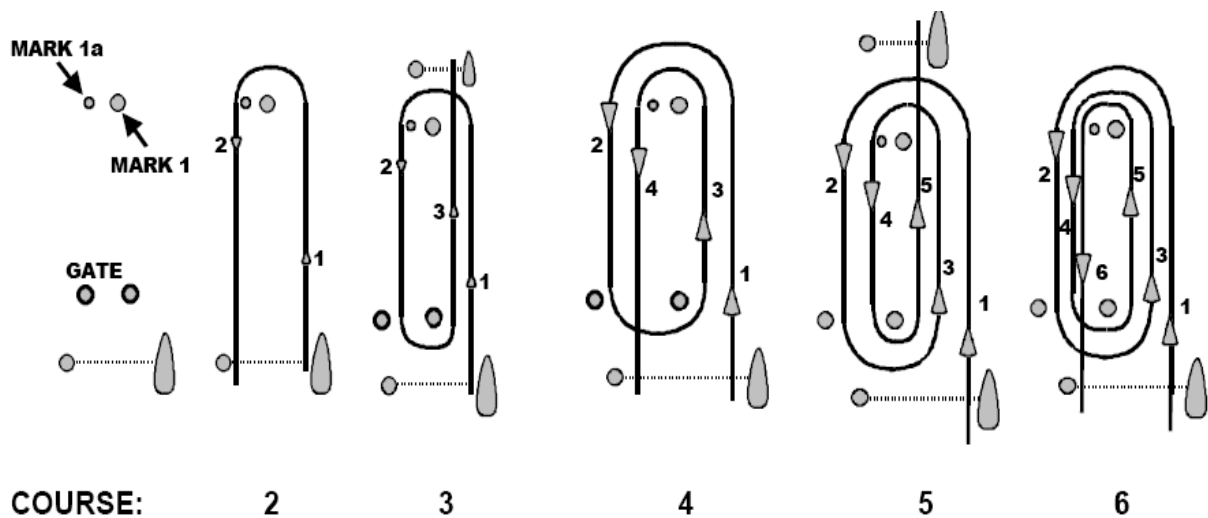
8.3 Mark 1 will be laid to windward of the start line. Mark 1a will be to port of Mark 1.

8.4 The Gate will be laid approximately 50 metres to windward of the starting line.
(Note: The Gate may be laid after the starting signal)

8.5 Boats shall sail between the Gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either Gate mark. If only one Gate mark is set, boats shall round the mark to port.

8.6 The following course descriptions lists the order in which marks are to be passed and the side each mark is be rounded.

COURSE SIGNAL	COURSE CONFIGURATION All Marks rounded to PORT
2	Start – 1 – 1a – Finish (Downwind)
3	Start – 1 – 1a – Gate – Finish (Upwind)
4	Start – 1 – 1a – Gate – 1 – 1a – Finish (Downwind)
5	Start – 1 – 1a – Gate – 1 – 1a – Gate – Finish (Upwind)
6	Start – 1 – 1a – Gate – 1 – 1a – Gate – 1 – 1a – Finish (Downwind)



9 MARKS

- 9.1 Rounding marks will be large yellow inflatable buoys.
- 9.2 Change of course marks will be orange inflatable buoys.
- 9.3 Start marks will be orange inflatable buoys.
- 9.4 Finish marks will be orange inflatable buoys.

10. REPORTING

- 10.1 Boats intending to start shall report to the race committee vessel (when on station) prior to the warning signal of each race by hailing the race committee vessel with their sail number and receive verbal acknowledgement. Boats failing to comply may be subject to protest by the race committee only.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be a line between the signal mast displaying orange flag on the Starting Vessel and the starting mark to be left to port, set at about 90 degrees to the direction of the first mark.
- 11.2 When multiple races are to be raced on one day the orange flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least four minutes before the warning signal.

12 CHANGE OF COURSE

- 12.1 For a change of course or length of one leg the race committee will lay a new mark (or marks) at the new position. Any subsequent marks may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 The alternative penalty rules RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that the two-turn shall be replaced by a one-turn and shall include one tack and one gybe.
- 13.2 A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 44.1 or retired under RRS 31.2 shall complete and file an acknowledgement form at the Regatta Office.

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1
- 14.2 A race shall be abandoned if no boat finishes within 75 minutes.
- 14.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "DNS". This changes RRS A4.1.

15 THE FINISH LINE

- 15.1 The Finish line will be a line between the signal mast displaying an orange flag on the Finishing Vessel, and the finishing mark.

16 PROTESTS

- 16.1 Protests will be lodged at the Regatta office within 1.5 hours of the finish time for the last finishing boat in the last race for the day. Protest forms are available from the Regatta office.
- 16.2 Protests will be heard at Regatta Headquarters as soon as practical after the close of protest time. The schedule of hearings will be posted on the official notice board. In accordance with RRS 64.1(a) the protest committee may make any determination it decides is equitable for the fleet.
- 16.3 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing will be delivered:-
 - a. within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on a previous day.
 - b. no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. (amends RRS 66).

17 MEDIATION

- 17.1 At the option of the protest committee a short mediation hearing may be heard prior to a protest hearing (affecting Rule 63). After the written protest form is properly lodged, one representative from each boat will meet with the mediator, no witnesses will be allowed. Protests not resolved by mediation will be lodged with the Protest Committee
- 17.2 A boat that accepts fault at a mediation hearing will be penalised by having her race score increased by 25% of the difference between the boats finishing score and the score for DSQ, rounded to the nearest whole number. All other boats scores will remain the same. Once accepted, this decision is not subject to reopening or appeal. This alters RRS 63, 64.1(a), 66 and Appendix A.
- 17.3 The mediator may be a member of any subsequent Jury or Protest Committee.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 The series will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the RRS using the low point systems.
- 18.1 Twelve (12) races are scheduled with a minimum of three (3) races to be sailed to constitute the series.
- 18.2 When 4 or more races have been completed, the worst score (except DND) will be excluded, when ten (10) or more races have been completed, the worst two (2) scores (except DND) will be excluded.

19 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- 19.1 Trophies and Prizes will be provided for First, Second and Third overall.
- 19.2 Daily race winners will be awarded prizes at the Competitors Precinct, Nelly Bay Harbour after racing each race day.
- 19.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the organizing authorities' discretion

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 All competitors shall use only two hulls, one sail, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder.
- 20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 20.3 Substitution of competitors will not be permitted without prior written approval of the jury.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1 Each competitor shall present a valid measurement certificate on the first day of his registration. To prevent any dispute, no fundamental measurement need be carried out on the spot. Measurement office is the regatta office.
- 21.2 Boats, sails, rigging and crews must be at the disposal of the Measurement Committee in the measurement area.
- 21.3 Corrector weights as shown on the certificate or form shall be in place at the time of weighing.
- 21.4 Any boat or equipment may be inspected for compliance with the class rules and the sailing instructions at any time.
- 21.5 On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for measurements checks.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 22.1 Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority sponsors and their servants and volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

APPENDIX "A"

COURSE AREAS

Magnetic Island Race Week – Course Areas

