



Gosford J24 Spring Regatta 27th & 28th November 2021

Sailing Instructions



Organising Authority:

Gosford Sailing Club

On Behalf of
J24 Class Association NSW Inc

Event website:
www.j24.com.au

1 RULES

The regatta will be conducted under the following:

The current COVID-19 NSW Health orders and the GSC COVID 19 safety plan

If you are unvaccinated or unwell DO NOT ATTEND This Sailing Event

AND

- 1.1 The current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS). The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing
- 1.2 The NSW Maritime Safety Regulations of NSW.
- 1.3 These Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 The Notice of Race, as amended by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5 The current Rules of the International J24 Class are changed as follows:
 - 1.5.1 Where a boat deviates from the rules of measurement on hull and rigging, such deviation may be considered legal when a class measurer is satisfied that the item in question is 'as supplied by the licensed builder at the time of manufacture'. The measurement certificate shall be endorsed appropriately by the class measurer.
 - 1.5.2 Class rule 5.3 is changed as follows: A boat may sail with different crew on different days provided the crew changes are declared at registration. The number of declared crew shall remain the same throughout the regatta. Crew changes not declared at registration require advance written approval of the Race Committee and will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.

2 ENTRIES

- 2.1 The Regatta will be conducted for the NSW J24 Class Association by Gosford Sailing Club. All yachts competing in the Regatta should have third party insurance cover of not less than \$10,000,000.
- 2.2 All yachts competing in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Gosford Sailing Club, any Sponsor, Regatta Officials and the Class Association are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
- 2.5 The Gosford Sailing Club, any Sponsor, Regatta Officials and the Class Association are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The Regatta Office is situated at the Sailing Office of the Gosford Sailing Club.
- 3.2 The Official Regatta Notice Board is located in the entrance foyer of the Gosford Sailing Club.

4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 1030 hours on the day it will take effect.
- 4.2 Changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Gosford Sailing Club flagpole.
- 5.2 Code flag "AP", Answering Pennant displayed ashore means, "All races not yet started are postponed". The Warning Signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after "AP" is lowered. Amends Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACING

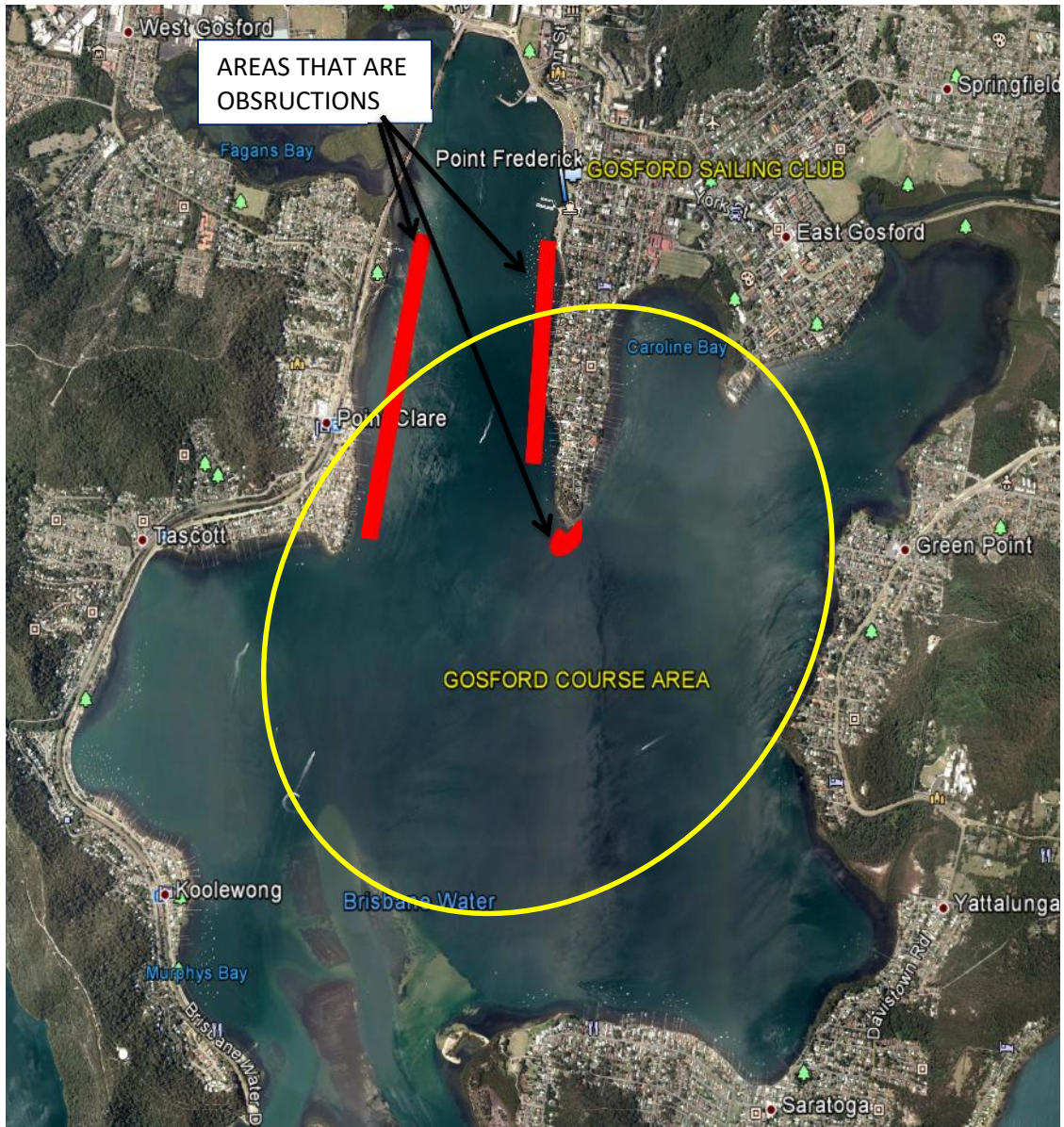
- 6.1 Races are scheduled as follows.

Day	Date	Time	Event
Saturday	27 Nov	0830-1000 1130 1300	Registration Sailors Bar Competitors meeting First Warning Signal, Race 1 Races 2&3 As soon as practical after the preceding race
Sunday	28 Nov	11.30 16.00	First Warning Signal Race 4 Races 5&6 As soon as practical after the preceding race Presentation

- 6.2 It is the intention of the Race Committee to conduct the races as shown above, but the Race Committee may alter the Schedule of Races as required.
- 6.3 The Race Committee may alter the schedule and number of races sailed at any time but will only advance the Regatta by not more than one (1) race per day.
- 6.4 At the end of racing each day, the Race Committee will fly "AP over A".
- 6.5 No warning signal will be made after 1430 hrs on Sunday 28th November 2021.

7 RACING AREA

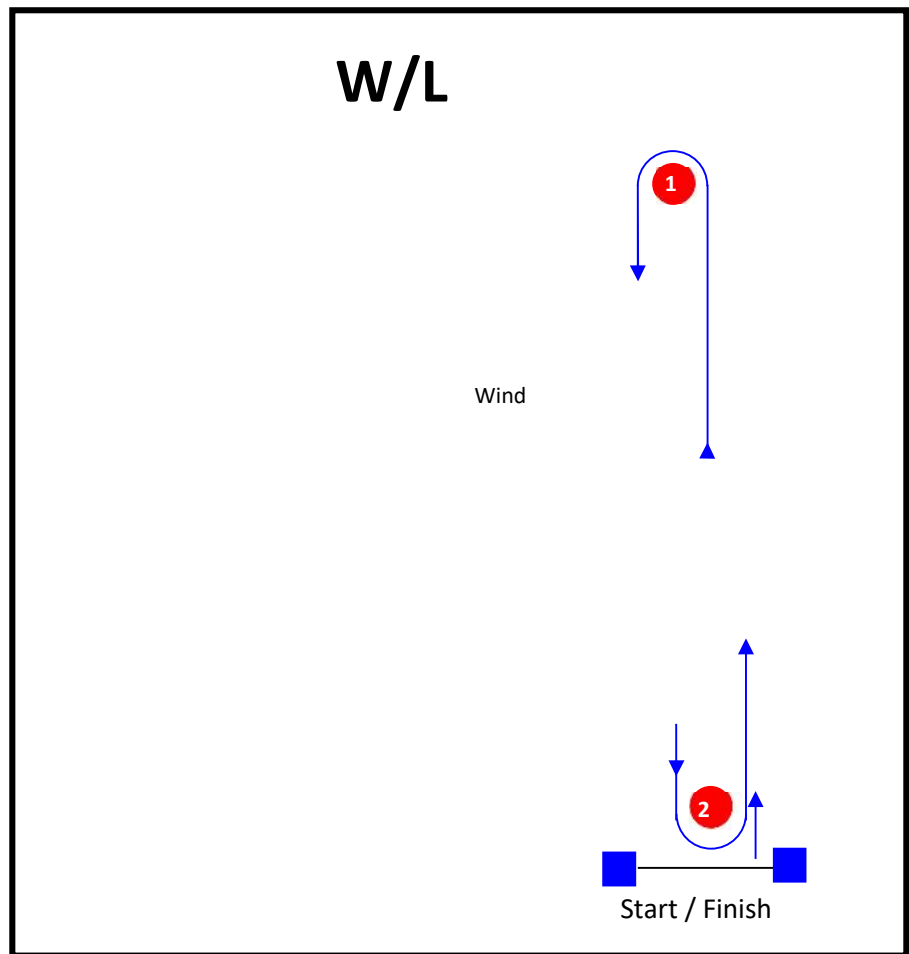
- 7.1 The racing area will be Brisbane Waters approximately 1-2nm south of Gosford Sailing Club. Helmspersons are advised that the water north of the cardinal mark at Point Frederick is extremely shallow.



8 THE COURSES

The diagram below shows the approximate course configuration.

8.1 Courses shall be windward/leeward.



Mark 1 shall be laid to windward of the starting line and shall be rounded to Port.

Mark 2 may be laid approximately 50 metres to windward of the starting line and shall be rounded to Port. (Note: Marks 2 may be laid after the starting signal)

8.2 The course to be sailed will be indicated by a numeral pennant.
Course Configuration

Courses to be sailed	Mark Rounding Order
Course 1	Start – 1p – Finish
Course 2	Start -1p- 2p - 1p – Finish
Course 3	Start – 1p – 2p – 1p – 2p – 1p – Finish

8.3 A numerical pennant 1,2 or 3 will be flown at the Warning Signal indicating the course to be sailed.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Mark 1, & 2 shall be white cylinder buoys displaying a green and orange band.
- 9.2 The start / finish mark will be a buoy displaying an orange flag with a black letter "Y"

10 COMMITTEE VESSEL

- 10.1 The Committee Vessels will display the GSC burgee.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The Class Flag will be Code Flag "J"
- 11.2 Starting will be in accordance with RRS 26.
- 11.3 The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel and the start mark a buoy displaying an orange flag with a black Y.
- 11.4 A boat shall not start later than four minutes after her starting signal.

12 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

- 12.1 Courses will not be changed after the start.
- 12.3 The course may be shortened after the start in accordance with RRS 32.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The Finishing Line will be between the signal mast displaying a blue on station flag on the Committee Vessel and the start mark a buoy displaying an orange flag with a black Y.

14 PENALTY SYSTEMS

- 14.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 of the RRS shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements occurring within the Zone as defined in the current RRS the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

15 TIME LIMIT

- 15.1 The time limit will be 1 hour.
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first placed boat will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A4.2 A5 and A11.

16 PROTESTS

- 16.1 Protests shall be written on the prescribed forms and lodged at the GSC Sailing Office within 1 hour after the time of the last boat's finish in the last race of the day. Amends RRS 61.3.
- 16.2 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing.

- 16.3 The Protest Committee may hear protests in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible after the protest time limit.
- 16.4 RRS Appendix T Arbitration may be applied by the protest committee. Arbitration may take place promptly after racing or at some other time as advised to the parties. Arbitration may take place by email, telephone, or other electronic means

17 SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point Scoring System as set out in Appendix A2 of the current Racing Rules will apply.
- 17.2 When 4 or less race are completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3 When 5 or more races are completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores after discarding her worst score, except when prohibited in Rule A1.3.
- 17.4 A minimum of 3 races is necessary to constitute the series.
- 17.5 Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes rule A4.2, A5, and A11.

18 SUPPORT VESSELS

- 18.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel or vessels shall not approach closer than 50 metres to any boat racing. The penalty for failing to comply may be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing vessels.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 19.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This prohibition includes use of mobile phones
- 19.2 The designated race frequency is VHF 69

20 TROPHIES

- 20.1 Trophies shall be presented at Prize Giving at the Prize giving on Sunday 28th November 2021.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Visiting Temporary Membership

Visiting Temporary Membership of the Gosford Sailing Club has been extended to all visiting yachtsmen during the Regatta.