



O'pen Bic Team Race World Championships

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS for the TEAM RACING (TRSI)

ORGANISING AUTHORITY:

Manly Sailing Club in co-operation with Bic Sport & O'pen Bic Class Association

ABBREVIATIONS

SP	Rules for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee
DP	Rules for which the penalties are at the discretion of the International Jury
NP	Rules that are not grounds for protest by a boat

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Appendix D will apply. "D1.1(d) is deleted."
- 1.3 The first sentence of D3.1(d)(3) is deleted and replaced by: "when the boat has broken rule 1 or 2, rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury, or a rule when not racing, either the boat's score may be increased or half or more race wins may be deducted from her team, or no penalty may be imposed."
- 1.4 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.5 [NP] Rule 40 and the preamble to Part 4 are changed as follows:
 - 1.5.1 The first sentence of rule 40 is deleted and replaced by: "Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) according to class rule 4.2 (a), properly secured at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing."
 - 1.5.2 Add to the preamble of Part 4, after 'racing': ", except rule 40 as amended by SI 1.5.1"
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence
- 1.7 Boats shall be handled according to attachment 2.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the registration area.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 3.1 Any written changes to the Sailing Instructions or the schedule will be posted one hour before first warning signal on the day it will take effect.
- 3.2 Sailing Instructions can be changed orally by the Race Committee and/or the Umpires, prior to the warning signal, when flag L is displayed. It is the responsibility of each team to obtain any oral instructions given.
- 3.3 Changes to the format of racing and the publication of the schedule of subsequent races made on the water will be announced as described in SI 3.2.

4 BOATS

- 4.1 [NP] Competitors using charter boats shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Organizing Authority's representative immediately after securing the boat ashore.
- 4.2 Failure or loss of chartered equipment will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole located at the front of the clubhouse.

6 FORMAT OF RACING

- 6.1 The event will be a two boat against two boat team race. For teams having three competitors, any two may compete in a race, provided that the third competitor remains in the area designated for coaches, or ashore, from the warning signal of that race until that race has been completed.
- 6.2 Attachment 3 shows the intended racing format. The format may be modified during the event in a fair and practical way as solely determined by the Race Officer, taking into account the entries, weather conditions, time constraints and any other relevant factors.
- 6.3 The Race Committee with the approval of Organizing Authority may decide not to run a re-sail if the result of that race is not relevant to the progress of any team to the next round.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Jan 2 nd - 9:00 to 12:00	Registration & Inspection
Jan 3 rd - 10:30	Competitors and Coach Meeting
Jan 3 rd - 12:00	First warning signal
Jan 4 th – when finished	Price giving ceremony

8 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a white flag with the O'Bic logo class logo.

9 RACING AREA

Racing area will be in front of Manly Sailing Club

10 THE COURSE

- 10.1 The diagram in Attachment 1 shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 10.2 The Race Committee may move any course mark at any time, this changes rule 33. The moving of a mark by the Race Committee will not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 10.3 Course will not be shortened. This changes rule 32.

11. MARKS

- (a) Course marks will be yellow inflatable cylindrical marks.
- (b) The starting marks will be a race committee boat and a blue cylindrical mark
- (c) The finishing marks will be a race committee boat and a blue cylindrical mark

12. THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started as follows:

Signal	Min. before starting	Sound Signal	Visual Signal
Warning	3	One	Class flag displayed
Preparatory	2	One	"P" flag displayed
One-minute	1	One	"P" flag removed
Starting	0	One	Class flag removed

This changes rule 26.

- 12.2 Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.
- 12.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark on the starboard end and the windward side of the starting mark on the port end.
- 12.4. When an individual recall is made, flag X will be displayed for up to 2 minutes. This changes rule 29.1. The Race Committee will try to hail OCS boats to inform them.
- 12.5 The race number and the country codes of the teams to start will be displayed on the aft of the committee boat on white board before the warning signal. When the race notice is displayed in this way, it overrides all prior communications, schedules or instructions. The Race Committee may at any time remove a particular race from the published sequence of races and run it at a later time.
- 12.6 The waiting area windward boundary will be designated by two small inflatable orange marks.
- 12.7 [NP] Boats may approach the starting line only after the race number with their team's country code has been displayed. Boats that have finished shall return directly to the waiting area or ashore, keeping well clear of all boats racing and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.

- 12.8 A boat starting later than 2 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing mark on the starboard end and the windward side of the finishing mark on the port end.

14 TIME LIMIT AND ABANDONMENT

- 14.1 Boats failing to finish within 5 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rule 35 and A5.
- 14.2 The Race Committee may abandon a race for any reason. This changes rule 32.
- 14.3 Abandonment may be signaled orally by the Race Committee and/or the Umpires. Abandoned races may be re-sailed and if so, a new warning signal will be made as soon as practical. This changes rule 32 and Race Signals.

15 UMPIRING AND FLAGS

- 15.1 The event will be umpired in accordance with Appendix D as modified by these Sailing Instructions. Some races may have more Umpires than others as determined by the Chief Umpire.
- 15.2 The required red protest flag shall be attached to the competitor, clothing or PFD and it must be capable of being deployed at arm's length. To signal a protest, the flag shall be displayed from a concealed position to a position where it is visible to the protested boat and umpires.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 For protests and requests for redress other than protests under a rule listed in rule D2.2, competitors shall inform an Umpire or the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity upon finishing. The Umpires will, when appropriate, hear protests and requests for redress while afloat.
- 16.2 The protest time limit for competitors is two minutes after finishing and for the Race Committee or Jury it is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day.
- 16.3 A hearing may be declined if it is not relevant to progress to the next round. This changes rule 63.1.
- 16.4 When a hearing ashore is necessary, the schedule will be published no later than 30 minutes after the end of the protest time limit.
- 16.5 Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.
- 16.6 Breaches of Class Rules and Sailing Instructions marked [NP] or [DP] will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches will be at the discretion of the jury.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]

- 17.1 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a race committee or safety boat before leaving the course and shall complete the relevant form available at the Race Office.
- 17.2 The Safety System applies at all times during the regatta.
- 17.3 Competitors who require assistance shall blow a whistle or wave one arm. The race committee reserves the right to assist competitors who in their opinion require assistance,

regardless of the wishes of the competitor. This will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

- 17.4 When the Race Committee displays Flag V with repetitive sounds, all official and support boats shall approach the nearest Race Committee boat for search and rescue instructions.

18 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows:

Race Committee boats – Red flag with white RC

Rescue boats – S1, S2... S12

Jury boats - Yellow or White flag with 'JURY' or "J" in black letters

Media boats – Red flag with white P

19 SUPPORT BOATS [NP][DP]

- 19.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing 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. Race Committee vessels may indicate a support boat to move further from the course area, in which case the mentioned boat shall do so immediately. The penalty for failing to comply with this instruction may result in the disqualification (from the race/s in which the infringement took place) of all boats associated with the infringing boat or other penalty at the discretion of the Jury.

20 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing, nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the O'pen Bic Team Race entirely at their own risk. See Racing Rules of Sailing 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority including its regatta race officials 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. Participation in this regatta will confirm a competitor's acceptance of this sailing instruction.



g. Marking directly on the hull or deck with permanent ink.

3 MANDATORY ITEMS AND ACTIONS

3.1 The following is mandatory:

a. The completion of a written damage report before leaving a boat and submitting it to the RC, even if no damage or loss is recorded. Reports shall include any evidence of matters which could cause damage or disadvantage to the boat in future matches.

b. At the end of each sailing day:

Folding, bagging and placement of the sails as directed.

Leaving the boat in the same state of cleanliness as when first boarded.

3.2 At the end of the final day for a particular boat, cleaning the boat removing all trash and removing all tape and marks.

3.3 Any request to alter, in any way, the equipment on a boat shall be in writing and to permit a yes/no answer.

Attachment 3

Race Format

The format will be one or more round robins followed by semi-finals and finals and may be varied as described.