

F16 Association of Australia 2024 National Titles & F-Cup 08-12 Jan 2024



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 As notified in the Notice of Race (NoR) and, in addition, that:

- SI 14.1 changes RRS 26
- SI 14.3 changes RRS A5.3

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted online at the F16 Association Facebook site and on the official notice board at the Twofold Bay Yacht Club.
- 2.2 A pre-regatta briefing will be held at the Twofold Bay Yacht Club on Sunday 07 January 2024 at 1100hrs.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 The mobile phone application, '**Messenger**' will be used by the Race Committee to advise competitors of any changes to Sailing Instructions and/or any flag signals made ashore. All competitors at registration will need to join the '*F16 Nationals*' group in order to receive notices.
- 3.3 The race Committee vessel (and regatta support vessels) may provide oral changes to the sailing instructions on the water.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND FEES

- 4.1 All competitors must be current financial members of the Australian F16/F18 Association (as applicable). Regatta fees must be paid prior to the commencement of the regatta.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff near the upper balcony at the TBYC.
- 5.2** When Flag AP (Answering Pennant) is displayed ashore, “one minute” is replaced with “not less than 45 minutes” in race signal AP.

6 FLAG/SOUND SIGNALS

- 6.1** When ashore, any flag/sound signals will be displayed at the TBYC. When afloat, any flag/sound signals will be displayed on the race committee vessel.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1** The schedule of races is:

Sunday 7 th January 2024	8:00- 11:00 13:00 17:00	Registration Welcome Briefing Invitation Race - Banging the Corners (Course to be published on the notice board prior to briefing) Welcome Dinner – Tickets available
Monday 8 th January	10:00 17:00	Racing (up to 4 races) AGM
Tuesday 9 th January	10:00 17:00	Racing (up to 4 races) BBQ dinner
Wednesday 10 th January	10:00	Crew race – Le Mans start (Separate to main Regatta). Sailing instructions will be verbally provided during the race briefing on 07 Jan.
Thursday 11 th January	10:00	Racing (up to 4 races)
Friday 12 th January	10:00 16:00	Racing (up to 4 races) (no warning signal to be made after 14:00) Presentation meal – Tickets available

- 7.2** The number of races for each day will depend on the prevailing wind and/or wind prediction, weather and schedule requirements. No more than 5 races to be sailed each day.
- 7.3** On the last scheduled day of the regatta no Warning Signal will be made after 1400 hrs.

8 DIVISION FLAGS

There will be one starting sequence for all divisions.

9 SCORING

- 9.1** There are three scoring systems:
- 9.2** Goodall Design Formula Cup – combined yardstick results for F18 (65), F16 Sloop (67) & F16 Cat Rigged (70)
- 9.3** F-16 Nationals – Scratch results, including solo cat rigged.
- 9.4** Performance Handicap System for combined F18/16 Fleet
- 9.5** The completion of at least four races shall constitute a series.
- 9.6** When four races have been completed, a boat’s series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 9.7** When five races have been completed, a boat’s series score shall be the total of her race scores

excluding her worst one score.

9.8 When nine races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

9.9 When thirteen races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst three scores.

9.10 This changes RRS Appendix A2.

10 COURSES

10.1 There is only one course. The course layout is depicted in Annex A and shows the order in which marks are to be passed. The diagrams is indicative only and does not specify an exact position for any part of the course.

11 RACE AREA

11.1 Racing will be conducted in Twofold Bay, Eden as determined each day by the Race Committee. Annex B shows the approximate location of the race area.

12 SHORTENED COURSE

12.1 Courses may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2(a), or by use of the Shortened Course flag and signal.

12.2 The Shortened Course flag will be flown and sound signals made at the mark where the course is shortened. When the leading multihull rounds the Shortened Course Mark, it shall proceed directly to the finish line at the race committee boat, crossing it from the direction of the Shortened Course Mark. The remaining competitors in each Division shall sail the required course as shortened and then proceed to the finish line.

13 MARKS

Starting Mark	Red Ball Buoy
Course marks 1,1a	Yellow cylindrical buoys
Course mark 2,3	Orange inflatable marks
Finishing Mark	Red Ball buoy

14 THE START

14.1 Races will be started using RRS 26, except that the warning signal given 3 minutes before the starting signal and the preparatory signal given 2 minutes before the starting signal. This changes RRS 26.

14.2 The starting line will be between the Starting Mark and the flagstaff on the race committee boat displaying an orange flag.

14.3 A boat that is in the starting area and does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS), without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

14.4 Starts after the first race each day will commence as soon as possible after the completion of the previous race.

15 THE FINISH

15.1 The finishing line will be between the Finishing Mark and the flagstaff of the race committee boat displaying a blue flag.

15.2 Once finished, boats shall keep clear of, and not re-cross, the finish line.

16 TIME LIMITS

16.1 Each race is planned to be of no more than 20 minutes duration.

16.2 Paragraph 16.1 no way constitutes a minimum or maximum time limit for a race. The failure of a race to be of this duration will not constitute grounds for redress.

17 RACE COMMENCEMENT/POSTPONED/ABANDONED

17.1 A decision on the commencement of a race or abandonment of a race not already started will be made by the Race Committee.

17.2 If the wind speed exceeds 25kts (or is under 5 knots) (over a 5 minute period) the race will NOT be commenced and will therefore be postponed or abandoned as determined by the Race Committee.

17.3 A race already started will be abandoned if the wind-strength as measured by the Race Committee exceeds a 25kts wind speed and it is apparent that this wind speed is reasonably expected to be maintained. ie. allowance is made for a single or occasional gust.

17.4 Races postponed or abandoned may be resailed on the day or at another day as advised by the Race Committee. The Race Committee may provide oral notification on the water, or via Notice to Competitors at the TBYC or the regatta '*F16 Nationals*' group.

17.5 The scheduled Layday may be used for racing should the need arise due to past weather conditions or forecast weather conditions.

18 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

18.1 Protest forms are located adjacent to the official notice board in the Race Office. Protests shall be submitted in accordance with RRS 61.3 with the time limit for competitors being 120 minutes after the finish of the last boat of all Divisions.

18.2 Protests shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Race Officer. Protests will be heard (at the TBYC and at a time to be advised as soon as possible and in the order of receipt or in the most logical order determined by the Protest Committee.

18.3 **RRS – Appendix T – Arbitration.** Arbitration is the preferred avenue prior to holding a protest. An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest by a boat involving one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31, but only if each party is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witnesses will be permitted. However, if the arbitrator decides that rule 44.1(b) may apply or that arbitration is not appropriate, the meeting will not be held, and if a meeting is in progress, it will be closed.

18.4 Unless all protests involving the incident are withdrawn, a protest hearing will be held.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 All boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 2.

19.2 Prior to the first race of each day, competitors intending to race shall sail past the race Committee vessel notifying their sail number and intent to race.

19.3 A competitor that has signed on but does not start, or that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

20 COMMUNICATION

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

21 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 21.1** Rules 44.1, 44.2 are amended such that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

22 BUOYANCY

- 22.1** All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices which are in good condition and are in accordance with applicable boating regulations in New South Wales and RRS 40.1, 40.2. Attention is drawn to RRS Rule 1.2.

23 SUPPORT BOATS

- 23.1** Support boats shall be provided by the TBYC.

24 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- 24.1** Prizes shall be awarded for the top 3 places in each division. Prizes for PHS and first place F16 CAT rigged.
- 24.2** Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the F16 Association.

25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 25.1** Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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.

26 INSURANCE

- 26.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 million.

27 USE OF IMAGES and RECORDINGS

- 27.1** By entering the event a boat gives the OA the right to use images and recordings of a boat and its crew for any reasonable purpose including publicity and safety before, during and after the event.

ANNEX A
Courses

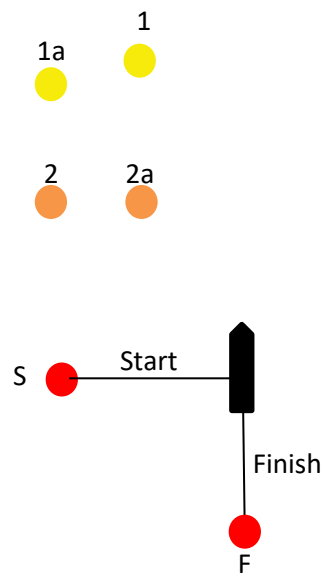
Course A

Lap 1

Start – 1(port), 1a (port) 2/2a (gate)

Lap 2

1 (port), 1a (port), S (port), Finish



Annex B RACE AREA

