



49er, FX & 29er 2026 NSW & ACT State Championship. 3rd to 6th April 2026

This is the selection event for sailors to represent Australian Sailing in the **Skiff – 29er** at the 2026 Youth Sailing World Championships in Vilamoura, Portugal from 11 – 19 December 2026.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. GENERAL

- 1.1. The Organising Authority (OA) for this event is Royal Motor Yacht Club Toronto. RMYCT are conducting the event on behalf of the NSW and ACT 9er Association.
- 1.2. The venue is the Royal Motor Yacht Club Toronto, 6 Arnott Ave, Toronto NSW 2283.
- 1.3. The event will be run in conjunction with the Nacra 15 National Championship

2. RACING RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the following rules:
 - a. The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-28 and Australian Sailing Prescriptions.
 - b. Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats;
 - c. The relevant Class Rules (except where any of these are altered by the SI's); and
 - d. The Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions (SI's).
- 2.2. The Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
 - a. RRS Appendix P shall apply. Appendix P2.3 will not apply and RRS Appendix P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
 - b. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration shall apply.
 - c. RRS 63.1, 64.1 & Appendix A5 will be amended in the SI's to enable the Race Committee to apply a Scoring Penalty (SCP) without a hearing, for some breaches of the rules.
 - d. RRS 44.1 and Appendix P2.1 are changed so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty.

- 2.3. The Notation 'NP' (Not Protestable) denotes a rule of the Sis that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat, this changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 2.4. The notation 'SP' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that the Standard Penalty for a breach of the rule may be applied by the race committee or technical committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- 2.5. The Notation 'DP' denotes a rule in the SIs for which the protest committee can apply a Discretionary Penalty.
- 2.6. Australian Sailing may appoint a National Jury for the 49er, FX & 29er 2026 NSW & ACT State Championship.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 4.1. The Official Noticeboard [ONB] is located at:
<https://9ernsw.ourclubadmin.com/notice-board.php?event=30>
- 4.2. Regatta information will available on the race portal at:
<https://9ernsw.ourclubadmin.com/event.php?z=100&event=30>
- 4.3. Except in an emergency, while racing a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. For this rule, racing is deemed to have commenced at the commencement of the starting sequence for the relevant boat.

5. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 5.1. [DP] Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials. Support Persons are to note RRS 62.
- 5.2. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment or place advertising provided by the Organising Authority with care, and seamanship, by any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

6. RACING SCHEDULE

- 6.1. The scheduled time for the first warning signal on Championship Racing days will be posted on the Official Noticeboard by 1800 on the previous day.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 7.1. On any scheduled day of racing, no warning signal shall be made after 17:00hrs. On the last day of racing, no warning signal shall be made after 15:00hrs
- 7.2. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flag pole located at the RMYCT Club and the Marina.

7.3. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes in Race Signals AP.

8. CLASS FLAGS

8.1. Class flags will be notified at the competitor briefing.

9. RACING AREA

9.1. The racing will be on the waters adjacent to RMYCT as shown in Attachment A.

10. COURSES

10.1. All courses shall be Windward / Leeward. The diagram in Attachment B shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10.2. No later than the warning signal for each race, the start boat will display the course to be sailed and may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

11. MARKS

11.1. All course marks (1, 2S, 2P) shall be yellow cylindrical inflatable buoys approximately 1.5 metre high and 1 metre in diameter.

12. THE START

12.1. The starting line is between a pole displaying an orange flag on the start boat at the starboard end and stick mark displaying an orange flag on the port pin end.

12.2. [SP] A boat that does not start within four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2

13. CHANGE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1. Once a race has started, the course will not be changed, other than to be shortened or abandoned.

14. THE FINISH

14.1. The finishing line is between a blue flag on the committee boat and a stick mark with a blue flag on the starboard side of the committee boat.

15. TIME LIMITS

15.1. The Race Target Time is 30 minutes

15.2. The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below:

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
15 minutes	45 minutes	10 minutes

16. HEARING REQUESTS

16.1. The protest time limit ends 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

16.2. Hearing requests, on water penalty notifications and scoring enquiries must be submitted online at <https://9ernsw.ourclubadmin.com/event/30/noticeboard>.

16.3. Hearing Notices will be posted on the official online notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

16.4. Hearings will be held at the time and place advised on the hearing notice.

16.5. A list of boats that have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted with Hearing Decisions on the ONB.

16.6. Penalties for breaches of the class rules, RRS 50.1 or rules in the NOR and SIs marked [DP] are at the discretion of the National Jury and may be less than disqualification.

17. SCORING

17.1. The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

17.2. The regatta will consist of a series up to fifteen (15) races.

17.3. Six (6) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.4. When fewer than six (6) races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

17.5. When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her two worst scores.

17.6. Results will be posted on the ONB and available online

<https://9ernsw.ourclubadmin.com/event.php?z=100&event=30>

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1. All boats shall SIGN ON before racing each day and SIGN OFF at the earliest possible time after the completion of racing (but not later than the protest time). The Sign On and Sign Off sheets will be located in the covered area beneath the RMYCT club (outside the Mariners Bar).

18.2. [DP][NP] Failure to SIGN ON will result in that boat being penalised five (5) places for the first race of the session (but not worse than DNF). Failure to SIGN OFF shall result in that boat being

penalised five (5) places for the last race of the session (but not worse than DNF). Penalties will be applied without a hearing. This changes Rule 63.1.

- 18.3. [DP][NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee of her retirement at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. Substitution of the helmsperson at any time during the championship will not be allowed.
- 19.2. Substitution of a crew (i.e. other than the helmsperson) is not allowed without the prior written approval of the Jury or Race Committee. Please submit your request online at <https://9ernsw.ourclubadmin.com/event/30/noticeboard>
- 19.3. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race. Please submit your request online at <https://9ernsw.ourclubadmin.com/event/30/noticeboard>

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1. The Race Committee may appoint a Technical Committee.
- 20.2. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and the sailing instructions.
- 20.3. [DP] When instructed by a race official, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

21. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 21.1. Support and coach boats shall register at the club on the morning of the first day.
- 21.2. Except when rendering assistance to a boat in distress or under the specific directions of the race officer (such as acting in a safety boat role), all support and coach boats shall remain at least 50 metres outside areas where all fleets are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 21.3. All support and coach boats are required to have a VHF radio and maintain a listening watch on Channel 73.
- 21.4. When requested by the Race Officer or his /her delegate, support and coach boats shall render immediate assistance as directed.

22. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

- 22.1. Rubbish must be disposed of ashore or placed aboard official or support person vessels. No rubbish of any kind (including bio-degradable items such as food scraps) should be thrown into the water

23. RISK STATEMENT

- 23.1. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

- 23.2. Competitors are reminded that RRS 3 states that the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.
- 23.3. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include, but are not limited to, strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

24. INSURANCE

- 24.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per incident or equivalent and shall be made available upon request.
- 24.2. By entering the event, each competitor declares that they have the required insurance cover. Neither the OA nor the 9er Association will be liable if a competitor declares that they have insurance and it subsequently transpires that this was not true.

25. YOUTH WORLDS 2026 SELECTION

- 25.1. 29er competitors who want to be considered for the 2026 Youth World Sailing Championships must comply with the Selection Guidelines – 2026 Sailing World Championships and complete the 2026 Youth Sailing World Championships – Expression of Interest online registration form prior to midnight 00:00 hours AEDT on Thursday 2 April 2026. Selection Guidelines and Expression of Interest Form are linked here.

<https://www.sailingyouth.org.au/national-teams/2026-youth-sailing-world-championships>

26. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 26.1. For further information contact:

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APPENDIX A – MARKS, COURSES, ROUNDING, START & FINISH LINE

Marks			
Mark 1, 2s & 2p	Yellow inflatable buoy		
Pin End Start	Orange Flag	Pin End Finish	Blue Flag
Courses 29er, 49erFX and 49er			
2	Start - 1 - 2s / 2p - 1 - 2p - Finish		
3	Start - 1 - 2s / 2p - 1 - 2s / 2p - 1 - 2p - Finish		

All marks are to be taken to **port** except 2s, which is part of a gate and is to be taken to starboard

The gate marks 2P and 2S may be substituted by a single mark in which case it should be treated as 2P and taken to port at all rounding.



