



Pacer Class Victorian Championship 2021 49th 125 Class Victorian Championship 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

Organising Authority: Somers Yacht Club
44 Alexandra Ave, Somers
in conjunction with
Pacer Class Association
and
125 Class association
6th to 8th March 2021

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats, available at <https://www.sailingresources.org.au/safety/specialregs/> applies.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located downstairs in the sailors foyer.
- 3.2 The race office is located at the western end of the Somers Yacht Club balcony.
- 3.3 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Somers Control tower at the western end of the club.

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

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Registration:
Saturday March 6th 2021, from 10am to 12pm.

6.2 Dates of racing:

Day/Date	Event	Time / Warning Signal
Sat March 6 th	Registration	10:00 – 12:00
Sat March 6 th	Information Session	12:00
Sat March 6 th	Racing Session	1 st Warning Signal not before 13:55
Sat March 6 th	AGM	18:00
Sat March 6 th	Welcome Dinner	After AGM in the clubhouse
Sun March 7 th	Morning Racing Session	1 st Warning Signal not before 09:55
Sun March 7 th	Afternoon Racing Session	Following the morning Session
Sun March 7 th	Social Night	After Sailing
Mon March 8 th	Racing Session	1 st Warning Signal not before 09:25
Mon March 8 th	Presentations	After Racing

6.3 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 12:00.

6.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

7 CLASS FLAGS AND IDENTIFICATION

7.1 The class flags are:

Pacer Spinnaker & Non-Spinnaker	Class insignia on a white background
Pacer Pursuit	Class Insignia on white Background
125 Spinnaker & JAM	Class insignia on a white background

7.2 Boats entered in the 125 Class Jib and Main division shall display an Association-supplied coloured sash on their mainsail.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area is the waters of Western Port, south of Somers Yacht Club.

9 COURSES

9.1 The diagram in SI Addendum A shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9.3 Courses may be shortened at a rounding mark for one or more classes. A committee boat, in the vicinity of a rounding mark, will fly an S flag as well as a class flag for each class being shortened. If there is no class flag flying all classes are shortened.

When a class is shortened at a rounding mark, they will pass that mark to port, then proceed directly to the finish line, defined in SI14.1, before finishing. This changes RRS32.2

10 MARKS

10.1 Rounding Mark(s) are Orange Can buoys with yellow tops. The Windward mark displays a 1, The Wing mark displays a 2 and the leeward mark displays a 3.

The Start Mark is a stick buoy flying an orange flag located at the port end of the start line.

The Finish Mark is a stick buoy flying a blue flag at the port end of the Finish line.

10.2 New marks, as provided in SI 13, will be an orange can buoy with yellow top with no number

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 There are no obstructions in the sailing area.

12 THE START

12.1 5 Minute start sequence will be used as stated in RRS26.

12.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end, and the port-end starting mark.

12.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

12.4 If there is to be another race, an L flag will be flown from the Start/Finish boat, no later than at the finish of the first boat to complete the course.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat at the starboard end, and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 For the Pacer class, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

16.1 Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Race Time Limit	Finishing Window	Target Time Short	Target Time Long
90	20	45	90

16.2 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office at the western end of the Yacht Club balcony.

17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located upstairs in the club house beginning at the time posted.

17.4 Arbitration as defined in Appendix T will be used.

18 SCORING

18.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

18.5 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 5 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 Sign on sheets will be provided on the bench downstairs in the sailors foyer prior to each race session. A race participant for each boat shall sign on before each race session by signing the sheet next to their boat's name or sail number 30 minutes prior to the sessions 1st warning signal.

Sign off sheets will be provided on the bench downstairs in the sailors foyer after each race session. A race participant of each boat shall sign off after each race session on the sheet next to their boat name or sail number, within the protest time limit.

19.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Promptly after returning to shore, the boat shall indicate the declaration on the sign off sheet.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Technical Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

21.2 When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

22 OFFICIAL VESSELS

22.1 Official vessels will be identified by flying a Somers Yacht Club Burgee.

23 [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

23.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start, until all

boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

24.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

25 PRIZES

25.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

Pacer Class:

- Open 1st, 2nd, 3rd Skipper & Crew
- Non Spinnaker 1st, 2nd, 3rd Skipper & Crew
- Junior Skipper/Crew 1st, 2nd, 3rd Skipper & Crew
- Junior skipper/Senior Crew 1st Only
- Masters 1st Only
- Pacer Pursuit 1st Only

125:

- Open Division – 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- JAM – 1st
- Handicap - 1st
- Junior Division (skipper under 18 as at 6 March 2021) – 1st
- Masters Trophy Division (skipper over 55 as at 6 March 2021) – 1st
- Ladies Trophy – 1st
- Classic boat (pre 3100) – 1st

26 RISK STATEMENT

26.1 RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include 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. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

26.2 **COVID-19** By taking part in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19, and for complying with the Somers Yacht Club COVID-19 procedures.

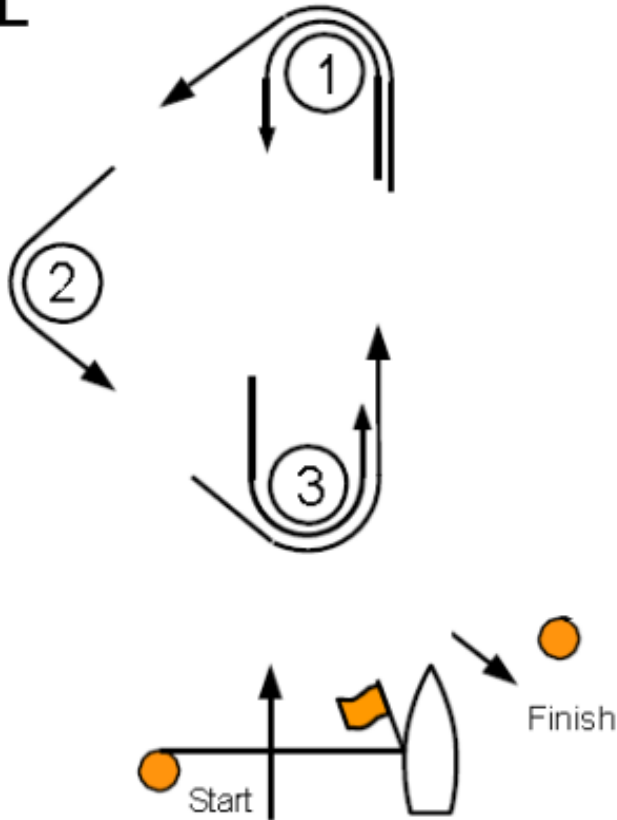
27 INSURANCE

27.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

SI ADDENDUM A

Courses

TL



Angles at marks 1 and 3 are approximately 45°, Angle at mark 2 is approximately 90°

Course	Mark Rounding Order
TL1	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 - Finish
TL2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 - Finish
TL3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 - Finish
All Marks shall be left to port	
<p>Note: when TL2 is signalled the 125 JAM fleet will sail TL1 and when TL3 is signalled the 125 JAM fleet will sail TL2</p>	