



BLAIRGOWRIE
YACHT SQUADRON

Adams 10 Victorian Championships 2026 14 – 15 February 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.

The notation '[NP]' denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by boat. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 1 Category 6 of Australian Sailing (AS), as may be amended [DP], apply. All crew members shall wear an approved PFD Type 1 or 2 whilst afloat.
- 1.3. The current Adams 10 Class Association Class Rules, apply, except as follows:
 - 6.21 (a): Mainsail, No.3 Jib and Storm Sail part 1 and 2 do not apply and are replaced with: *“Construction of the Mainsail and No.3 Jib may be of any material”*.
 - 6.29: Headsail LP Measurement does not apply and is replaced with: *“Excluding the Storm Sail, a maximum of 3 Headsails is permitted. The maximum LP measurement for any Headsail is 5334mm. There is no minimum LP for No.1, No.2 or No.3.*
 - 10.70 Mainsail or Headsail halyard locks affixed to a mast above the gooseneck of the boom under 10 PROHIBITIONS are allowed.
- 1.4. In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the SIs will prevail. This changes RRS 63.5 (c).
- 1.5. Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 1.6. RRS 40.1 applies to all competitors while **afloat**. This changes the preamble to RRS Part 4.

2. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD AND COMMUNICATION

- 2.1. The official notice board is located at <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/?ID=82257> and can also be accessed via the regatta page of BYS's website www.bys.asn.au/adams-10-victorian-championship-2026/.
- 2.2. The Race Committee may use VHF radio to advise competitors of general matters relating to racing, for individual and general recalls, or for emergency or safety purposes.
- 2.3. The radio frequency for this regatta will be VHF channel 71.
- 2.4. The BYS tower call sign is “Blairgowrie”.
- 2.5. The Race Committee Vessel call sign is “Adams 10 Start”.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the SIs will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least two hours before the scheduled time for the first race on the day it will take effect and signalled in accordance with RRS Race Signals, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed over the class flag flown from one of the western halyards of the BYS Yardarm in front of the clubhouse.

- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS and RACES

5.1. Event Schedule

Date	Time	Event
Friday 13 Feb 2026	0900 - 1600	Berthing available (or earlier by arrangement)
	1730	The Wooden Boatshop Sunset Series Race 7 Twilight Invitation Race, enter here: https://sailingresults.net/entry/default.aspx?ID=1769169 (*see note below)
Saturday 14 Feb 2026	0900 - 1000	Registration
	1030 approx	Competitor briefing
	1200	Race session 1, first warning signal
		Post racing refreshments and snacks
		Dinner available in the BYS Club Racing Lounge and the deck at member prices, subject to prior booking via ph: 5925 9600.
Sunday 15 Feb 2026	1100	Race session 2, first warning signal
	As early as possible after last race	Post racing drinks and presentation of awards

*Boats and crews are encouraged to join the BYS fleet in its Twilight Race on Friday 13 February, but this is not a championship race and does not form part of this event.

- 5.2. A maximum of six (6) championship races is scheduled, with up to four (4) heats sailed each day.
5.3. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1430 hrs.

6. CLASS FLAG

- 6.1. The class flag will be Code Flag K.

7. THE COURSES

- 7.1. The diagrams and associated notes in Attachment A show the courses and marks, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
7.2. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee Vessel will indicate the course to be sailed by displaying the corresponding numeral pennant and may also display the approximate magnetic compass bearing from the starting line to Mark 1.
7.3. In the event that one of either mark 2s or 2p is not in place, boats shall round the single mark 2 to port.

8. MARKS

- 8.1. See Attachment A.

9. THE START

- 9.1. To alert boats that a race starting sequence will begin soon, an orange flag will be flown from the race committee vessel with one sound signal not less than five minutes before a warning signal is made.
9.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end, and the course side of the starting mark at the port end.
9.3. [NP] In addition to the provisions of RRS 30.1, if a boat is identified as OCS at the start, the race committee may attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 71 within approximately 1

minute after the start. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

- 9.4. A boat that does not start within five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10. CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1. The Race Committee may change the position of the next mark in accordance with RRS 33, subject to the amendments detailed in this clause.
- 10.2. In the event that the position of Mark 1 is changed, Marks 1 and 1a may be replaced by a new single Mark 1 and boats will round the new Mark 1 and proceed directly to Marks 2S/2P or the finishing line, as appropriate.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 11.2. For courses 1, 2, 3 and 4 (downwind finish) the Race Committee Vessel will be on the port end of the line when viewed from Marks 1 and 1a.
- 11.3. For courses 5, 6 and 7 (upwind finish) the Race Committee Vessel will be on the starboard end of the line when viewed from Marks 2S/2P.

12. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 12.1. Time limits and target times are as follows:

Race Time Limit	Finish Window	Race Target Time
75 minutes	20 minutes	50 minutes

- 12.2. Closure of the finish window will be 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, or after the last boat has finished (whichever is sooner). On closure of the finish window, all boats not yet finished are to return to the starting area for the next race if one is scheduled.
- 12.3. A boat that fails to finish within the Time Limit will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing unless they subsequently retire, are penalized, or are given redress. The score for TLE will be the number of finishers plus two points, but not worse than DNF. This changes RRS 35, and is added to A4, A5 and A10.
- 12.4. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress under RRS 61.4(b)(1).

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1. Protest forms are available via the online noticeboard facility or from the BYS Regatta Office.
- 13.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 13.3. Protest notices shall be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest.
- 13.4. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule RRS 60.2.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1. The sign on/sign off facility shall be via the online regatta system. Skippers will receive a unique sign-on/off link at the regatta registration.
- 14.2. All boats shall SIGN ON and include all crew member details 30 minutes or more before the first scheduled warning signal each day.
- 14.3. All boats shall SIGN OFF at the earliest possible time after completion of the race session, but not later than the end of the protest time limit. A boat which retires or does not intend to continue racing is required to sign off immediately on return to the shore. Boats should advise the Race Committee by VHF radio if returning to shore from the race area.

- 14.4. [SP] Failure to sign on or sign off will result in that boat receiving a 2 point penalty without a hearing. However, no boat shall be scored worse than DSQ. For boats failing to sign on, this penalty will be applied to the first race of the session. For boats failing to sign off, this penalty will be applied to the last race of the session. If there is only one race in a session, a boat will only receive one penalty. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 14.5. [NP] No races shall be started or continued if the average wind (measured over the previous 10 mins) is less than 5 knots or more than 25 knots, if a Gale Warning issued by the Bureau of Meteorology is current, or if the Race Committee otherwise believes current and forecast conditions are inappropriate.

15. [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW, SAILS OR EQUIPMENT

- 15.1. Substitution of crew or the replacement or repair of sails or required equipment will require the prior written consent of the Race Committee.

16. [DP] SUPPORT BOATS

- 16.1. Coaches and support boats must remain at least 100m outside the start area, the course and all racing areas from the time of the first warning signal each day until racing has concluded for that day.
- 16.2. Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to coach or support boats from the first warning signal each race day until racing has been concluded for the day.
- 16.3. If called upon by the Race Committee, support boats must assist in an emergency as directed, and must maintain a watch on VHF channel 71 pursuant to RRS 37.

17. [NP] OFFICIAL BOATS

- 17.1. Official boats will be marked with a BYS Burgee.

18. TROPHIES and PRIZES

- 18.1. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 18.2. A prizegiving ceremony will be held as soon as possible after completion of racing on Sunday 15 February 2026.

19. RISK STATEMENT

- 19.1. 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.**
- 19.2. All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the Australian Sailing Special Regulations clause 1.02 'Responsibility of the Person in Charge'. The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who shall do their best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather. They must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spares, rigging, sails and all gear. They shall ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used. They shall also nominate a person to take over the responsibilities of the person in charge in the event of his incapacitation.

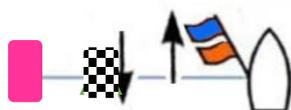
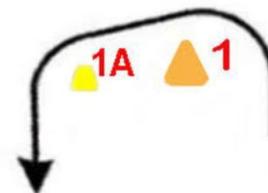
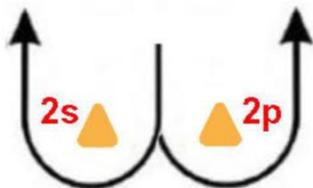
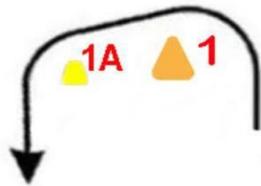
Attachment B – COURSES & MARKS

Marks	Description
Start pin	Pink conical mark
Finish Pin	Black and white chequered mark
1, 2S, 2P	Orange conical mark
1A	Yellow conical mark
Change/ Replacement	Pink conical mark

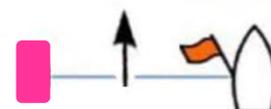
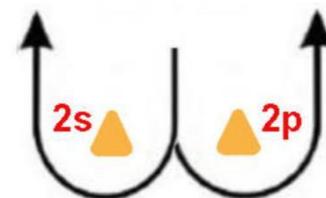
Course	Description
Course 1	Start – 1 – 1a – Finish
Course 2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a - Finish
Course 3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p - 1 – 1a – Finish
Course 4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p - 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a - Finish
Course 5	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
Course 6	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p - 1 – 1a – 2s/2p - Finish
Course 7	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p - Finish

COURSES 1, 2, 3, 4
DOWNWIND FINISH

COURSES 5, 6, 7
WINDWARD FINISH



Starting Line / Finishing Line



Starting Line