



**2015 Flying Eleven National Championship
Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron
Some notes on the Sailing Instructions**

The Sailing Instructions are simple, really, but a few words on them may be helpful:

- There has been discussion on the measurement of masts. Class Rules apply.
- RQYS is a big place, inside a breakwater. Have a look at the [site](#) and realise how big and how fabulous the place is.
- Racing is to be conducted in one fleet.
- There is only one competitor briefing (Sunday 11 January at 1200 hours) and attendance at that is compulsory. After Sunday, issues such as the day's racing areas and others like this will be communicated by Notices to Competitors on the Regatta Noticeboard, as well as by me just wandering around talking.
- The courses are back to triangles, finishing at the top. Pete Heyworth and his team will do their usual stellar job laying these, but remember that the wing mark will move in and out depending on the breeze strength and water conditions so as to make the best reaching angles.
- We'll trial using Flag U (see Instruction 11.4) at this regatta. Watch out for it – it's the red and white chequered (2 red and 2 white) flag. It acts similarly to the black, but allows us some flexibility.
- Jeremy Atkinson, as well as being the Protest Committee Chair, is available as an arbitrator for Part 2/Part 4/Rule 31 protests. Whilst all are encouraged to take penalties on the racetrack, if you want to bring an issue ashore you should avail yourself of arbitration. Jeremy's great value and really knowledgeable, so we all learn stuff from these.
- Instruction 14.2 allows us to score boats still on the course after the expiry of the finish time limit. So, keep racing, even if you're a tad back from the front of the pack. Everyone that has not retired will get a score.
- Please sign on and off. The electronic sign on/off makes this simple. Our concern with Waterloo Bay is that the racing areas are a way off the entrance and it's always nice to know that all are home. Instruction 18.2 does allow us to dock sailors a race if they forget.
- Coach boats will please register on Sunday 11 January. This is almost painless, but does allow us to know who is out there and available if the clag hits the fan.
- Waterloo Bay is a fabulous racing area, but do have a think about sailing in chop and tide before coming up. The Bay is shallow.

Talk to me at any time if you have questions or suggestions.

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