

Marconi Cup

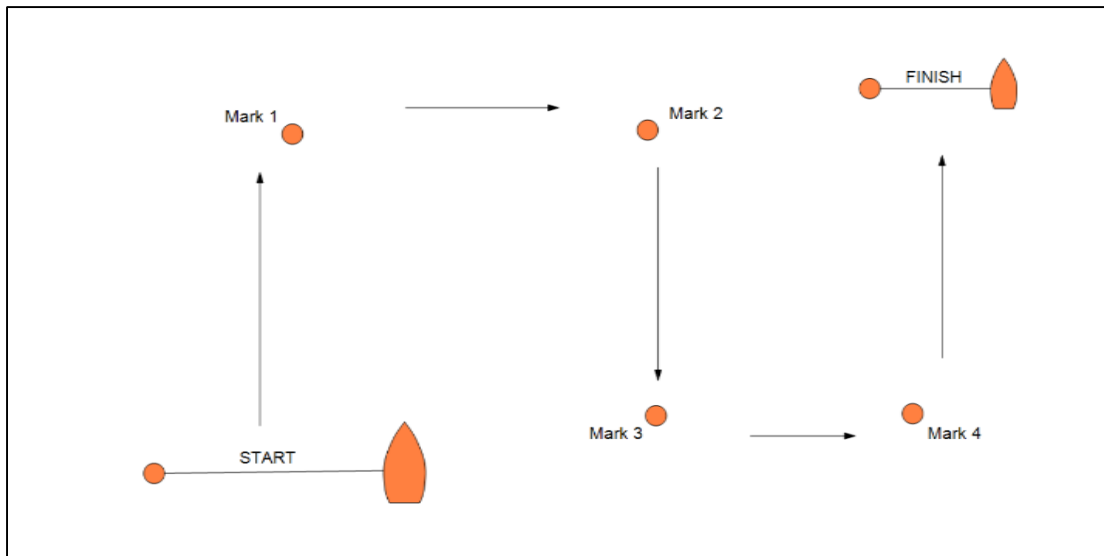
Sailing instructions specific to Team Racing

1 Format

- 1.1 The format will be a round robin event. It is intended to run semi finals of one or three races and a final which will be the best of three. However, the race committee has the option of concluding the racing after the round robin series for reasons of weather, time or equipment problems. In that regard the race committees decision is final and will not be subject to appeal.
- 1.2 The schedule of races will be displayed on the official notice board. Any changes will be displayed not less than 10 minutes before the start of that phase of the competition.
- 1.3 Oral instructions may be given on the water by the Race Committee and/or the umpires prior to the warning signal.

2 Courses

- 2.1 The diagram below shows the course, 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:



- 2.2 The Race Committee may move marks of the course at any time. Rule 33 will not apply. The moving of a mark by the Race Committee will not give grounds for redress.

3 Marks

Marks will be Red buoy with a white pole and flag at top. Provided the flag remains on the buoy there shall be no penalty when a boat touches any part of a flag which does not surround the staff of a mark. This amends RRS 44.1.

Start and Finish Pin are 2 red dan buoys.

4 Breakdowns

- 4.1 Competitors shall inspect a boat before taking charge of the boat.
- 4.2 Competitors shall report any defects, damage or breakdown to the Race Committee or on the water bosun at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 4.3 When to continue racing after damage reasonably risks further damage to the boat, she shall retire immediately. The Race Committee will decide redress in accordance with rule D5.
- 4.4 The Race Committee may postpone a re-sail indefinitely and shall score each team half a race win unless the result is relevant to progress to, but not seeding in, the next round.
- 4.5 In the case of breakdown that is through no fault of either the teams about to race, and signalled before the preparatory signal of the race by raising the protest flag and notifying the race committee or umpire, the race committee may decide to sail a race with only 2 boats per team. The race committee's decision will be communicated to teams either verbally ashore or by the race umpires
- 4.6 When the race committee decides to run a 2-boat per team race, D.3.1(d) is modified to read "The team with the lower total points wins the race. If the totals are equal, the team that did not have the last-place boat wins."
- 4.7 When the race committee decides to run a 2-boat per team race and when D4.2 (b) or (d) apply, the boats that did not race will be considered to have scored points equal to 5th place.

5 The Start

- 5.1 Rule 26, Starting Races, will not apply.
- 5.2 A series of short sounds will be made prior to the first warning signal of a starting sequence.
- 5.3 Unless otherwise notified at the briefing the starting sequence will be:

Signal	Time before starting signal	Sound signals	Alternative Visual Signals
Warning	3 min	Three long	3 batten
Preparatory	2 min	Two long	2 batten
One-minute	1 min	One long	1 batten
	30 sec	Three short	
	20 sec	Two short	
	10 sec	One short	
	5,4,3,2,1 sec	One short every second	
Starting		0 One long	No batten

- 5.4 Times shall be taken from the start of each sound signal.
- 5.5 The race number will be displayed or verbally notified from the start boat before the preparatory signal.
- 5.6 The starting line will be between a staff bearing an orange flag on the start boat and the starting mark as defined in SI 3.
- 5.7 An inner limit mark may be laid adjacent to the start boat. No boat shall pass between this mark and the start boat.
- 5.8 A boat shall start not more than 2 minutes after her starting signal.

5.9 When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line, the Race Committee shall promptly display flag X with one sound and may hail the sail numbers of premature starters. The flag shall be displayed until all such boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions, but not later than two minutes after the starting signal. Failure to hail, or failure of a boat to hear a hailed number, shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rules 29.1 and 62.1(a).

5.10 A boat that fails to start within two minutes of her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. However, if the boat was OCS at her starting signal, she shall be scored in accordance with RRS D3.1(b). This amends RRS A4 and A5.

6 The Finish

The finishing line shall be between a staff bearing a blue flag on the finish boat and the finishing mark as defined in SI 3.

7 Abandoning a race.

The Race Committee may abandon a race for any reason. Abandonment(s) may be advised orally by the umpires of that race. This changes rule 32 and Race Signals.

8 Time limits

The time limit for each race shall be 20 minutes. Boats failing to finish within five minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rule 32 and Race Signals.

9 Continuity and termination of responsibility

9.1 The handover of boats between competitors shall be completed without delay.

9.2 A boat shall remain the responsibility of the team until handed over to a Race Committee representative or the next team to use that boat. Boats shall be handed over as empty of water as practical and in racing trim. Any defects shall be reported to a Race Committee representative or Bosun at handover.

10 Umpiring and protests

10.1 All races shall be umpired and rule D2 applies.

10.2 The protest committee may refuse to hear a protest or request for redress unless its outcome is relevant to progress to, but not seeding in, the next round of the competition. This changes rule 63.1.

10.3 Breaches of SI 9 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification.

11 Official boats

Official boats may be marked. Details will be posted on the official notice board.

12 Support boats

Coach boats will not be allowed

13 Right of use of name and likeness

Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any text, motion pictures, video and still pictures, as well as live, taped or filmed television of, or relating to, the event.