



2026 International Ok Dinghy Class Qld Championships

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2nd-5th October 2026

[DP] Denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

[SP] Denotes a rule for which a standard penalty will be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

[NP] Denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

1 Rules:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part2 – Off the Beach boats shall apply.
- 1.3 The rules and regulations of Maritime Safety Queensland shall apply.
- 1.4 Racing rules 35, 42, 44.1, 60.1(a), 63.1, A4, and A5 will be changed as per Sailing Instructions 12.3, 15.1, 16, 16.4, 16.5, 17.1, 21.2, and 21.4.
- 1.5 Rule 44.1 and Appendix P2.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.6 The International OK Dinghy Class Rules shall apply.

2 Changes to Sailing Instructions:

- 2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least one hour before the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00hrs 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 at www.tvsc.com.au
- 3.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 3.3 GPS tracking devices are allowed to be carried by competitors provided they are mounted or stored in such a way as to prevent any readout or screen from being viewed by the competitor while racing. Mobile devices such as mobile phones may be used as a GPS tracking device provided it is not used for making or receiving other radio transmissions while racing.

4 Code of Conduct

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 Signals made ashore:

- 5.1 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

6 Schedule: Please note these are QLD times

6.1 Open Racing:

Date	Time	Schedule
Saturday 3 rd October 2026	11:00 -11.30	Registration
	11.30 - 12:00	Briefing
	12:30	First Signal Race Session 1
Sunday 4 th October 2026	9:30	QLD OK Dinghy AGM
	11:00	Briefing
	12:00	First signal for Race Session 2
	After Racing	Presentation BBQ
Monday 5 th October 2026	10:00	Briefing If Required
	11.00	First signal for Race Session 2

- 6.2 Five (5) races are scheduled.

- 6.3 Up to three (3) races per day are planned back-to-back. Additional races may be sailed on any day provided that the regatta does not become more than one (1) race ahead of schedule.

- 6.4 No warning signal shall be made after 1500 hours on Sunday

- 6.5 Changes to the scheduled times will be notified to competitors by 20:00hrs on the evening before they apply.

7 Class Flags

- 7.1 Only the OK Dinghy class is sailing so no class flag will be displayed.

8 Racing Areas:

- 8.1 Attachment A shows the location of the racing area.

9 The Courses:

- 9.1 The course, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left, will be advised at the race briefing but may be modified on the water at the Race Committee's discretion to suit the prevailing conditions.
- 9.2 An indication of leg distances may be advised at the race briefing but may be modified on the water at the Race Committee's discretion to suit the prevailing conditions.

10 **Marks:**

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be large inflatable orange buoys.
- 10.2 The start line will be the race committee signal boat and the course side of a nearby white round buoy with black cross.
- 10.3 The finish line will be the same as the start buoy.

11 **Areas that are Obstructions:**

- 11.1 Competitors should be aware that there are rocks inside the cardinal mark labelled C in the course map (Appendix 1)

12 **The Start:**

- 12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between a post displaying an yellow flag on the committee boat and the black and white pin mark.
- 12.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13 **Change of the next leg of the course:**

- 13.1 To change to next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

14 **The Finish:**

- 14.1 The finish line will be the Start/Finish boat and the same white buoy with black cross as used for the start.

15 **Penalty System**

- 15.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

16 **[NP] Time Limits:**

- 16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (se RRS35) and the Target Time are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 time limit	Race time limit	Target Time
30 minutes	60 minutes	40 minutes

- 16.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit the race will be abandoned.
- 16.3 If no boat has sailed the course and finished within the Race Time Limit the race will be abandoned.

- 16.4 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 16.5 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored 'Time Limit Expired' (TLE). A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished before the time limit expired. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

17 Hearing Requests

- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat racing finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. This time will be displayed on the official notice board.

18 Arbitration

- 18.1 Appendix T shall apply.

19 Scoring

- 19.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

20 Safety Regulations

- 20.1 Sign-in and Sign-out: All competitors intending to start shall complete a Race Entry Sheet provided in the 'Sign-on' area at the club before the warning signal for each race.
- 20.2 All competitors shall 'Sign-off' on the Race Entry Sheet within 60 minutes of the last boat racing finishing for the day. [SP] Failure to sign on will be scored DSQ.
- 20.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

21 Replacement of crew or equipment:

- 21.1 [DP] Substitution of crew or equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 21.2 [DP] Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

22 Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 22.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 22.2 On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee official to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

23 Official Boats

- 23.1 Official boats may fly an TVSC Burgee.

24 Support Boats

- 24.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a

postponement, general recall or abandonment.

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

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

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.**

Attachment A – Racing Areas and Course Information

Course location will be in the Tweed river, immediately adjacent to the launching harbour at Tweed Valley Sailing Club



- The positions of all Course and Fixed Marks shown above are approximate.
- **U** – Southernmost Special (yellow) bouy near Ukerebagh Island
- **G1, G2** – Green Channel Lateral Markers
- **C** – East Cardinal Marker
- **N, S, E, W** – Orange TVSC flag bouys
- **S/F** – TVSC Start/Finish Line

Courses: To be confirmed during briefings.

All Vessels on permanent moorings must be passed to the East.

South/ S westerly: S/F, S, E, W, N, S, E, W, N, S/F – pass S, E to Port; W, N to Starb.

South Easterly: S/F (between U & G2), G2, U, G2, U, S/F all marks to Port.

Easterly: S/F, E, S, W, E, S, W, S/F. All marks to Port

Northerly/NE: S/F, N, W, E, S, N, W, E, S, S/F. N, W to Port; E, S to Starb.

Nor Westerly: S/F (between U & G2), U, G2, U, G2, S/F all marks to Port.

Westerly: S/F, W, S, E, W, S, E, S/F. All marks to port