



# Sailing Instructions

2025 Hansa Class World & International Championships  
and  
Australian & NSW Hansa Class Championships

in conjunction with the  
Para World Sailing Championships

23 – 30 March 2025



Para  
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## Organising Authority (OA)

The OA will be the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club. The Event is sanctioned by World Sailing and the International Hansa Class Association and is supported by Australian Sailing.

## Notations

- [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee or the technical committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5; and
- [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury and may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1

## 1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*. Other documents under RRS Definition: Rule (g) include:
- 1.1.1 [DP] Support Person Regulations (including Coach Boats) (SPR).
  - 1.1.2 World Sailing Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.2 In all rules governing this regatta;
- 1.3 Both 'athlete' and 'competitor' mean a person competing or intending to compete in the event.
- 1.4 The Para Sailing Championships are, in addition, governed by:
- 1.4.1 The World Sailing Race Management Manual Section Y, Part 1.
  - 1.4.2 The Para-Classification Rules of Sailing.





- 1.4.3 For a World Sailing sanctioned event, the World Sailing Race Management Manual Section Y and Para-Classification Rules of Sailing may be changed only with written authority of the World Sailing Technical Delegate, if one has been appointed.
- 1.5 The prescriptions of the National Authority (Australian Sailing) will not apply.
- 1.6 Racing rules 44.1, P2, 61.1, 63.3, preamble of Part 4 is changed as follows: -
- 1.6.1 RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed as follows: Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.6.2 RRS 61.1 (a) Informing the Protestee is changed: "the hail 'Protest' is not required but should be made where possible. The protesting boat doesn't need to display a red flag".
- 1.6.3 RRS 63.3(a) Protest Hearing is changed: "a boat representative at a protest hearing need not have been on board at the time of the incident".
- 1.7 Liberty Class Rule C.2.3 Sailor Weight Equalisation shall apply.
- 1.8 The SKUD 18 shall be sailed as per Section J5 of the Class Rules without additional provisions specified by World Sailing.
- 1.9 World Anti-Doping Code Regulations will apply. Competitors are reminded of the World Sailing Rules and Regulations concerning the use of banned methods and substances which are contained in the World Sailing Anti-Doping Code. Drug testing may take place during this event. Additional information is available at <https://www.wada-ama.org>.
- 1.10 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 1.11 The Organising Authority may amend this Notice of Race. Amendments shall be posted on the [Official Notice Board on the Event Website](#).
- 1.12 If there is a conflict between languages, the English language text will take precedence.

## 2 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

An alteration of race area may be signalled before delta is flown.

## 3 Communications with Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the Hansa Worlds Website, and notices may be copied into the official WhatsApp group as well as the SailingResults.net platform.
- 3.2 The Race Office is located in the RPAYC Reception Area.
- 3.3 On the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with Team Coaches on VHF radio channel 72 for Alpha Course Area and 77 for Bravo Course Area.
- 3.4 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that are not available to all boats.
- 3.5 [DP] Whilst racing, Mobile phones are not permitted to be used onboard.
- 3.6 When the race committee displays flag Victor with repetitive sounds, all official and support boats shall monitor the race committee radio channel for that racing area for search and rescue instructions. The race committee will announce 'Flag Victor' using the designated VHF Channel. This changes RRS 37.

- 3.7 An event specific WhatsApp group exists for event information, if you would like to be added, please scan the QR code below:



- 3.8 Whenever boat numbers are displayed afloat, sail numbers shall be displayed.

#### 4 Code of Conduct

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from Race Officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment provided by the organising authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

#### 5 Signals made ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flagpole situated on the main lawn.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.
- 5.3 [SP] Flag D will be displayed with the relevant fleet class flag to signal that that fleet is released.

The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed.

Boats shall not leave the harbour until their relevant fleet is signalled.

## 6 Schedule of Races

- 6.1 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no fleet becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 2.1.
- 6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1300hrs.
- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1600hrs.

## 7 Class flags

- 7.1 The Class flags will be as follows:

CLASS	BACKGROUND	INSIGNIA COLOUR
<b>Hansa 2.3</b>	White	Blue
<b>Hansa 303 One Person</b>	White	Red
<b>Hansa 303 Two Person</b>	Red	White
<b>Liberty</b> (inc. Servo)	Purple	White
<b>SKUD 18</b>	White	Pink

## 8 Racing area

- 8.1 The racing area(s) are shown in SI Addendum A and will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 8.2 Boats not racing shall not transit through other race areas that are in use. Competitors are advised to follow Marshall instructions.

## 9 Courses

- 9.1 The diagram(s) in SI Addendum B show(s) the course(s), the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

## 10 Marks

- 10.1 Starting Mark(s) will be the Committee Vessel and a pink inflatable buoy.
- 10.2 Marks will be described in Appendix B.
- 10.3 Audio marks may be activated at any time by vision impaired competitors or the race committee.
- 10.3 Finishing marks will be a Committee Vessel and an inflatable Black & White buoy.

## 11 Hazards & Prohibited Areas

- 11.1 Boats shall keep clear of vessels that are at anchor or displaying Flag A, indicating divers are in the water.
- 11.2 Boats shall not transit through any groups of moored boats at the venue unless specifically directed to do so by the Course Marshalls.
- 11.3 Boats shall not sail within the area of water between registered moorings (including Police or NSW Maritime moorings) and the adjacent shoreline inside Pittwater. These areas rank as continuing obstructions.
- 11.4 Competitors shall give reasonable clearance to fishermen, with 50m being the recommended distance.

## 12 The Start

- 12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26, with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 12.3 [DP] Boats for whom a warning signal has not been made shall avoid the

starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

- 12.4 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal has been given, will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing being granted. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

### 13 Change to the next leg of the course

- 13.1 Original marks will be used

### 14 The Finish

- 14.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Committee Boat and the course side of the Black & White finishing mark.

### 15 Penalty System

- 15.1 Appendix P will apply except that all penalties shall be the One-Turn Penalty.
- 15.2 For the Para Sailing Championships - When a Protest Committee or Jury decides that a boat has broken rules related to functional adaptations, or a class rule, it may disqualify the boat, impose a lesser penalty or give a warning.
- 15.3 The Jury may use Discretionary Penalties.

### 16 Time limits and target times

- 16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit and Race Time Limit (see RRS 35) are shown in the table below.

<b>Hansa 2.3, Liberty &amp; SKUD 18</b>	<b>Mark 1</b>	<b>Target</b>
<b>Race Time Limit</b>	<b>Time Limit</b>	<b>Time</b>
60 minutes	15 minutes	40 minutes
<b>Hansa 303</b>	<b>Mark 1</b>	<b>Target</b>
<b>Race Time Limit</b>	<b>Time Limit</b>	<b>Time</b>
50 minutes	15 minutes	30 minutes



16.2 The race committee may award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course (changing rule 28), shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this Sailing Instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. This changes RRS 28.1 and A3.

## 17 Hearing Requests

- 17.1 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of their specific flight each 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 will be available from the Race Office which is located in the RPAYC Reception Area.
- 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 RPAYC Board Room or other room as posted.
- 17.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

## 18 Scoring and Racing format

- 18.1 The low points scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 18.2 A boat that did not start, did not sail the course, did not finish, retired, or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats in the largest flight of that class. This changes RRS A5.2.

- 18.3 Competitors in the Para Sailing and Servo competitions will race together with their respective open fleets. Results will be separated by sub-series.
- 18.4 Nine (9) races are scheduled for each class.
- 18.5 Four (4) races are required to constitute a series.
- 18.6 When four (4) races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.7 When more than four (4) races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.8 When more than seven (7) races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two (2).
- 18.9 RRS 90.3 will apply.
- 18.10 The Hansa 303 one-person and Hansa 303 two-person competitions may consist of a qualifying series and a final series. The allocation of boats to qualification fleets will be determined by the Allocation Committee consisting of the World Sailing Technical Delegate, IHCA Technical Delegate, the Principal Race Officer, and the Results Manager.
- 18.11 Scoring requests should be made via SailingResults.net or the Race Office located in the RPAYC Reception Area where the scoring request forms are available.

## 19 Safety Regulations

- 19.1 [SP] A competitor from each boat is required to sign in and out using SailingResults.net. Failure to sign in or out will result in a 1 point standard penalty.
- 19.2 [SP] 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 complete a retirement declaration form, which is available at the Race Office within the protest time limit.

- 19.3 [SP] Competitors are required to follow safety instructions given by Marshall or Safety Boats or any World Sailing marked Boats. Failure to follow instructions given by Marshals, World Sailing Technical Delegate or World Sailing Boats will result in a 2 point standard penalty.
- 19.4 Competitors, their supporters, and event officials shall always provide and wear an approved buoyancy aid or life jacket of an appropriate buoyancy level and standard in relation to the individual's size and capabilities whilst afloat or on pontoons. There are no restrictions for the use of auto-inflating Personal Flotation Devices except that they shall not be worn under a seat belt or harness.
- 19.5 A boat requiring assistance may drop her jib, luff her sails or display code flag "V". This is in addition to the Race Signal Code Flag V.
- 19.6 Racing rule 40 will be changed as follows: "Competitors shall wear a personal flotation devices at all times while afloat except temporarily not racing, while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment, or for reasons of personal hygiene. This requirement shall not be enforced in the case of an athlete with high support needs for whom, in the opinion on the World Sailing Technical Delegate, after consultation with the Chief Classifier agree that the wearing of a conventional PFD would result in diminished safety.
- 19.7 Racing Rule 41 is changed as follows: "Support persons may go to the assistance of competitors, without interfering with other boats, if they consider that the safety of the sailor is at risk. Once assistance has been provided, the competitor shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible.



## 20 Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 20.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the World Sailing Technical Delegate or IHCA Technical Delegate.
- 20.2 For the Para Sailing Championship:
- 20.2.1 Only one change of crew shall be permitted during the event and only as a result of illness, injury or exceptional circumstances.
  - 20.2.2 Any such changes shall occur only with the written approval of the World Sailing Technical Delegate.
  - 20.2.3 Any change of crew shall not cause a Team to become ineligible to compete under the Para Classification rules for sailing.
- 20.3 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Technical Committee, consisting of the World Sailing Technical Delegate, IHCA Technical Delegate, Principal Race Officer, Chief Equipment Inspector, and in the case of adaptations, Chief International Classifier. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Technical Committee at the first reasonable opportunity through the Race Office, which may be after the race.

## 21 Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 21.1 It is the intention of the Organising Authority that all charter boats will have undergone measurement and inspection prior to March 23. A time on March 23 or 24 will be posted on the Official Noticeboard for the measurement and inspection of all other boats and sails.
- 21.2 All boats or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 21.3 [DP] When instructed by a Race Official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.
- 21.4 [DP] All boats shall comply with class rules regarding the carrying of a tow line and keel securing pins.

## 22 Official Vessels

22.1 Official vessels will be identified as follows:

Race Committee	RC
World Sailing	WS
Technical Delegate	TD
International Jury	IJ
International Measurer	IM
International Classifier	IC
Marshall	Marshall

## 23 [DP] Support Teams and Coaches

- 23.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing including being on the extensions of the start line 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, including being on the extensions of the start line.
- 23.2 Support person vessels shall be identified with country letters clearly displayed on the engine/ engine cover or by a flag.
- 23.3 Support Team/ Coaches SI 23.1 does not apply to World Sailing Coaches.

## 24 [DP] Trash disposal

- 24.1 Waste (Rubbish / Trash) may be placed aboard any official or support person vessel.  
Competitors should not put trash into the water.

## 25 Berthing and Changeovers

- 25.1 [DP] Boats shall follow all instructions from the Regatta Officials when entering the pontoon area for changeovers, including landing the boat in a specific

place on the pontoon. Failure to follow instructions may result in a discretionary penalty.

- 25.2 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places as indicated by the Dockmaster at the end of each day. Boats may be re-located as directed by the Dockmaster.

## 26 Haul out restrictions

- 26.1 All boats shall be launched by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 1700hrs.
- 26.2 Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee, however:
- For all classes, the removal of rudder blades for cleaning and maintenance is permitted.
  - For the Hansa 2.3, Hansa 303 and Liberty classes, centreboards shall remain located in their lowered position with retaining pin fitted while not being cleaned or maintained.
  - For the Liberty class, the temporary hauling out of hulls onto a marina pontoon for cleaning, maintenance and the loading and unloading of crew is permitted. Liberties may only haul out with the approval and supervision of the Dockmaster, or the Chief Equipment inspector or their delegate, and shall not impede access to the dock by other competitors and support persons.
  - For the Liberty class, where boats are temporarily hauling out to enable the loading of crew, personal lifting slings shall be positioned under the athlete before departing for the race area to enable the safe removal of the athlete using a C-crane in case of an emergency, jammed centreboard or the absence of an athlete's support team.

26.3 For the SKUD 18 class, the raising of keel fins for cleaning and maintenance is not permitted. Keels shall remain in their lowered position with retaining pin fitted until the conclusion of racing.

## 27 Diving equipment and plastic pools

27.1 [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus including snorkels and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the last race of the event.

## 28 Risk Statement

28.1 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.

## 29 Insurance

29.1 Each boat attending the event shall be insured with third-party liability insurance, with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 AUD per incident or the equivalent.

For further information, please contact the OA via email: [sailing@rpayc.com.au](mailto:sailing@rpayc.com.au)

Competitors are advised to regularly check the [Event Website](#) for updates and notices as it may not be practical to contact every entered or potential competitor.

## SI Addendum A – Race Areas

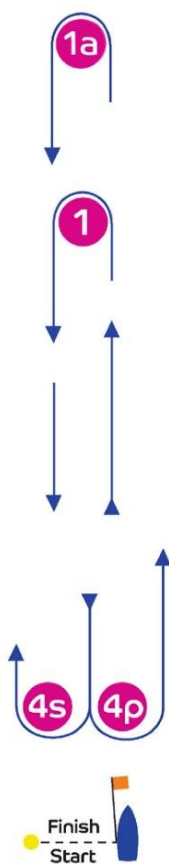


*A Competitors guide will be published outlining the various areas of the club for berthing, rigging, Race Office, Registration, launching points, catering and more.*



## SI Addendum B – Courses

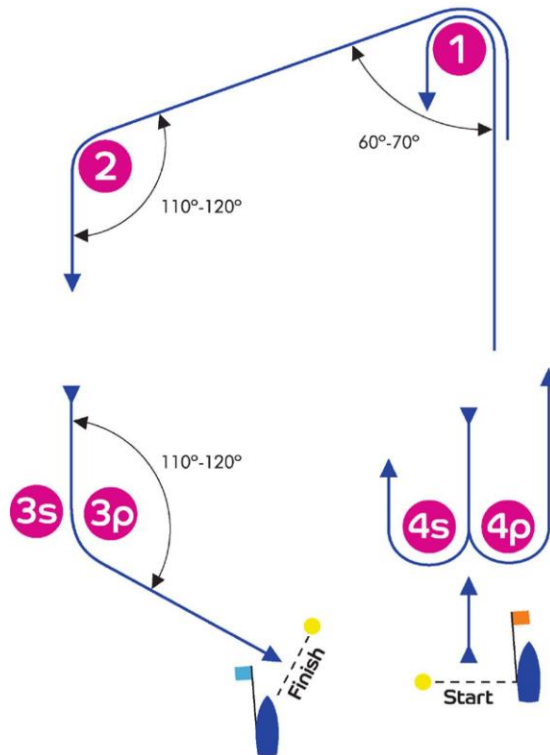
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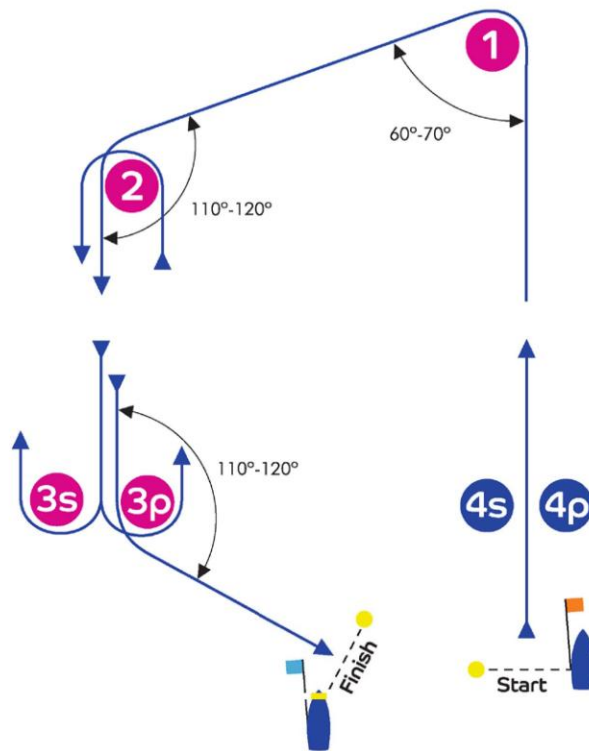
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L2	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - Finish
L3	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - Finish
L4	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - Finish
LA2	Start - 1a - 4s/4p - 1a - Finish
LA3	Start - 1a - 4s/4p - 1a - 4s/4p - 1a - Finish
LA4	Start - 1a - 4s/4p - 1a - 4s/4p - 1a - 4s/4p - 1a - Finish

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Course:

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
12	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 2 - 3p - Finish
13	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 2 - 3p - Finish
14	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 2 - 3p - Finish



Course:

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
O2	Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - Finish
O3	Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - Finish
O4	Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - Finish



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## Marks

### Course Area Alpha – SKUD 18 & Liberty

Marks 1, 2, 3s/3p, 4s/4p	Orange
Mark 1a	Yellow
Start/ Finish	Pink
Finish	Black & white check

### Course Area Bravo – 303 (One & Two Person) & 2.3

Marks 1, 2, 3s/3p, 4s/4p	Yellow
Start	Pink
Finish	Black & white check



## SI ADDENDUM C – Charter Boats

### A1 BOATS

- A1.1 Boats supplied to competitors shall not be modified in any way except for:
- (a) the addition of a compass tied or taped to the hull or spars;
  - (b) the application of wind indicators, including yarn or thread, tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
  - (c) use of adhesive tape anywhere above the water line
- A1.2 The following shall not be modified or adjusted in anyway:
- (a) Steering purchases
- A1.3 All equipment supplied with the boat for sailing purposes shall remain in the boat while afloat, including the joystick handle and tow line.
- A1.4 The penalty for not complying with one of the above instructions may be disqualification from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken.
- A1.4 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Technical Committee immediately after securing the boat ashore. The penalty for breaking this instruction, unless the protest committee is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, is disqualification from the race most recently sailed.