VHF 73

Appendix E - Balmain Regatta 2026-27

A1 Sailing Instruction Reference

A1.1 To be read in conjunction with:

BSC Sailing Instructions 2026-27

Balmain Regatta Notice of Race 2026-27

A2 Schedule of Race

Race Date
Sunday 25th of October 2026

A3 Communications

A3.1 VHF Ch.73 will also used by the Race Committee for Courses , Changes and updates during the race.

A4 Handicapping

A4.1 Handicaps, Divisions and Division start times will be posted on BSC Website no later than 2hr before race start.

A5 Divisions

A5.1 There will be 6 Divisions.

A6 Start Sequence , Division Start times and Courses.

A6.1 Each competitor will be allocated to a Division , which will determine the competitors start time and course to be sailed.

A6.2 The warning signal will be the 'Number Board' of each Division.

A6.3 Starting sequence will use RRS 26 (5-4-1-Go)

A6.4 The warning signal for each division will be simultaneous with the start signal of the preceding division.

A6.5 The competitors assigned Division will be published on the BSC Website.

A6.6 Table of Divisions , Course and Start times

Division	Division Description	Course	Warning	Start
Division 1	Yachts Non Spinnaker 1 'Pub Challenge'	Course A	11:55	12:00
Division 2	Yachts Super 30 Spinnaker	Course A	12:00	12:05
Division 3	Yachts Spinnaker 1	Course B	12:05	12:10
Division 4	Yachts Classic Spinnaker 2	Course B	12:10	12:15
Division 5	Yachts Non Spinnaker 2	Course C	12:15	12:20
Division 6	Classic 18-footers	Custom	12:20	12:25

A7 Courses and Marks

A7.1 There will only be one laid mark. It will be the Snapper Buoy adjacent to Snapper Island. The mark will be a BSC flag mark which is a fluro yellow flag with a black cross.

A7.2 All marks are to be passed to Starboard unless the mark is suffixed (P), which indicates the mark is to be passed to Port.

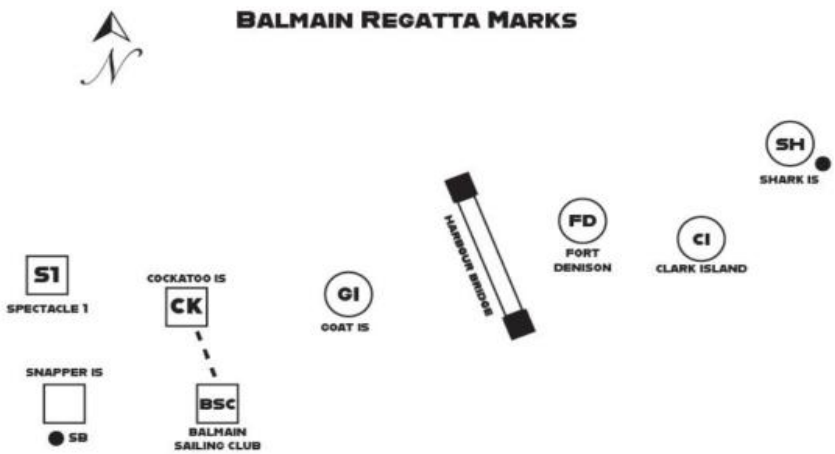
A7.3 List of Marks

Initial	Description
Start	An Orange flag on the Committee boat and BSC Yellow inflatable buoy set in the vicinity of the BSC Clubhouse and Cockatoo Island. The Committee boat will
SB	Snapper Buoy, adjacent to Snapper Island
SI	Spectacle Island
CK	Cockatoo Island
GI	Goat Island
FD	Fort Denison
SH	Shark Island
CI	Clark Island
Finish	The transit line defined by the triangular leading marks on the BSC clubhouse The line extends from the outside of the moored boats to Cockatoo Island

A7.3 Course Descriptions

Course	Course Description
Course A-Full	Start_GI_FD_**SH**_CI_FD_GI_CK(P)_SI(P)_SB(P)_Finish
Course A-Short	Start_GI_FD_**SH**_CI_FD_GI_CK(P)_Finish
Course B-Full	Start_GI_FD_**CI**_FD_GI_CK(P)_SI(P)_SB(P)_Finish
Course B-Short	Start_GI_FD_**CI**_FD_GI_CK(P)_Finish
Course C-Full	Start_GI_**FD**_GI_CK(P)_SI(P)_SB(P)_Finish
Course C-Short	Start_GI_**FD**_GI_CK(P)_Finish

A7.4 Course Image



A8 Short Course

A8.1 If a Short course is to be sailed , Flag S will be display on the Committee Boat prior to the start and a letter board with the letter "S" may be also displayed.

A8.2 If a shortened course is to be sailed an announcement will be made on VHF Channel 73.

A9 The Start

A9.1 The start line for events will be an Orange flag on the Committee Boat and the BSC Yellow inflatable buoy set in the vicinity of the BSC Clubhouse and Cockatoo Island. The Committee boat will display a Black and Yellow BSC Burgee.

A9.2 Competitors shall keep 200 metres clear of the starting area until there Division starting sequence begins.

A10 The Finish

A10.1 The Finish line will be the transit line defined by the triangular leading marks on the BSC clubhouse deck and

building, crossed in the direction from the last rounding mark.

A10.2 A competitor that has either retired or finished shall keep clear of the finishing line and boats still racing.

A11 Time Limit

A11.1 The time limit will be 16:00 hrs

A12 Race Cancellation & Abandonment

A12.1 The RC may cancel a race for any reason.

A12.2 Notice of Cancellation will be communicated via email or messaging platform.

A12.3 Race Abandonment shall be advised by 3 long signal and announced on VHF Ch73. Abandoned races will not be re-sailed.

A12.4 The RC may Postpone a race before the start signal , an announcement will be made on VHF Ch73.

A13 Entry Fees

A13.1 Table of Fees

	Member	Non-Member
Race	$55	$65

A14 Equipment

A14.1 Anchors shall no be carried at the bow or on the deck of any racing keelboat. The penalty for this will be disqualification. This changes RRS 63.1

A14.2 Hiking Aids, including trapezes and leg straps shall not be permitted to be used to assist crew members to hike outside of the gunnels of any boat unless these aids are permitted by the Class Rules for that keelboat or dinghy. This changes RRS 49.1

A14.3 The use of powered winches on boats which compete in BSC events is permitted. This changes RRS 52

A15 Recalls

A15.1 There will be no individual recalls.

A15.2 General Recall

A general recall will be signalled by the raising of the general recall flag on the bow of the committee boat, and two sharp sound signals and a radio call on VHF Channel 73.

The General Recall flag will be lowered 4 minutes after the starting signal for the division that is recalled. This changes RRS 29.2

The warning signal for the recalled division will correspond with the Start Time of the last scheduled division.

A16 Presentation

Presentation of prizes for all event will be held on the club deck from approximately 16:00 hrs

A16 Race Committee

The Race Committee(RC) for the purposes of and with the power and discretions contained in RR@ 90.1 shall be

Race Officer Chris Price(Vice-Commodore, BSC)

Race Officials Kathie Meyers(BSC), Marilyn Richardson(BSC), Sue Fletcher(BSC)