BALMAIN SAILING CLUB

Skippers' Briefing

and Rules Discussion

SEASON 2026 TO 2027

Wednesday 19 August 2026

Water Road, Birchgrove NSW 2041

SEASON OVERVIEW

The season at a glance

95

SCHEDULED RACES

Across 10 pointscore series

4

STANDALONE RACES

Spring Main Harbour, Balmain Regatta, Autumn Islands, Parramatta River Pursuit

1

REGATTAS

Balmain Regatta, Workboat Convoy and Pub Challenge

12

MONTHS OF RACING

Sept 2026 to Aug 2027

- Official racing season opens with the Spring Main Harbour Race 13th Sept 2026
- Season finishes with West Harbour Winter on 22nd August 2027
- Entries for every series are taken through SailSys and will be open **26th August 2027** onwards
- All dates are drawn from the BSC 2026/2027 Sailing Calendar and may be amended by email Notice to Competitors
- Note ‘Friday Afternoon’ Spring series overlaps season.

Season breakdown

TYPE	SERIES	SEASON 2026-2027				
		Yacht	Dinghy	Races	Start	End
West Harbour Series	West Harbour Spring	Yes	Yes	7	20-Sep-26	13-Dec-26
	West Harbour Summer	Yes	Yes	7	10-Jan-27	04-Apr-27
	West Harbour Winter	Yes	Yes	7	30-May-27	22-Aug-27
Standalone Races	Spring Main Harbour Race	Yes	Yes	1	13-Sep-26	13-Sep-26
	Balmain Regatta	Yes	No	1	25-Oct-26	25-Oct-26
	Autumn Islands Race	Yes	Yes	1	11-Apr-27	11-Apr-27
	Parramatta River Pursuit	Yes	Yes	1	18-Apr-27	18-Apr-27
Friday Afternoon	Friday Afternoon Spring	Yes	No	9	07-Aug-26	02-Oct-26
	Friday Afternoon Pre Christmas	Yes	No	10	09-Oct-26	11-Dec-26
	Friday Afternoon Post Christmas	Yes	No	12	08-Jan-27	02-Apr-27
	Friday Afternoon Autumn	Yes	No	8	09-Apr-27	28-May-27
	Friday Afternoon Winter	Yes	No	9	04-Jun-27	30-Jul-27
Twilight	Pre Christmas Twilight	Yes	Yes	10	09-Oct-26	11-Dec-26
	Post Christmas Twilight	Yes	Yes	12	08-Jan-27	02-Apr-27

Adjacent Races

Adjacent races from other clubs integrated into BSC Racing season.

Race	Date
Drummoyne Cup	**West Harbour Spring Series 20th September 2026**
RANSA Regatta	**West Harbour Summer Series 28th February 2027**
SHWKS Series	**Standalone, R5, SHWKS Series 31st January 2027**

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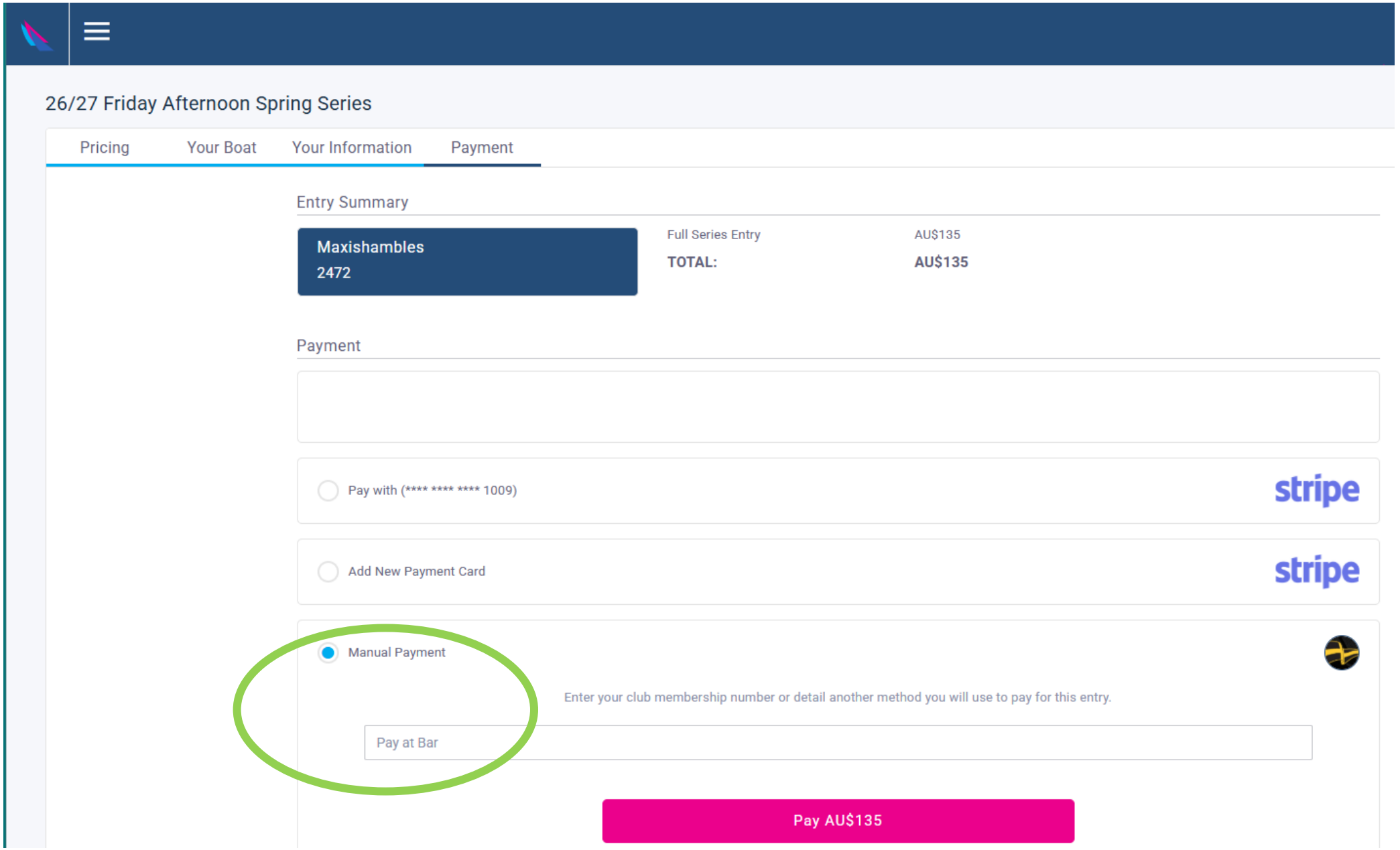
Entry Process and Racing

Entering through SailSys

I	**Check your boat profile**	If you have entered a BSC series, or a series at another Sydney club, your boat may already be in the SailSys register. If not, create a boat profile first. More detail is helpful for Handicapping
II	**Choose series or casual**	Enter for the full series, or as a casual entry for a single race. Casual entries will be included in Race results but not Series results.
III	**Pay online**	Payment is by credit card at time of entry. By **exception** you can use ‘Manual Payment’ option, then add the note ‘Pay at Bar’, but please email racing@ after entering.

Trouble with an entry? Contact racing@balmainsailingclub.com

MANUAL PAYMENT OPTION

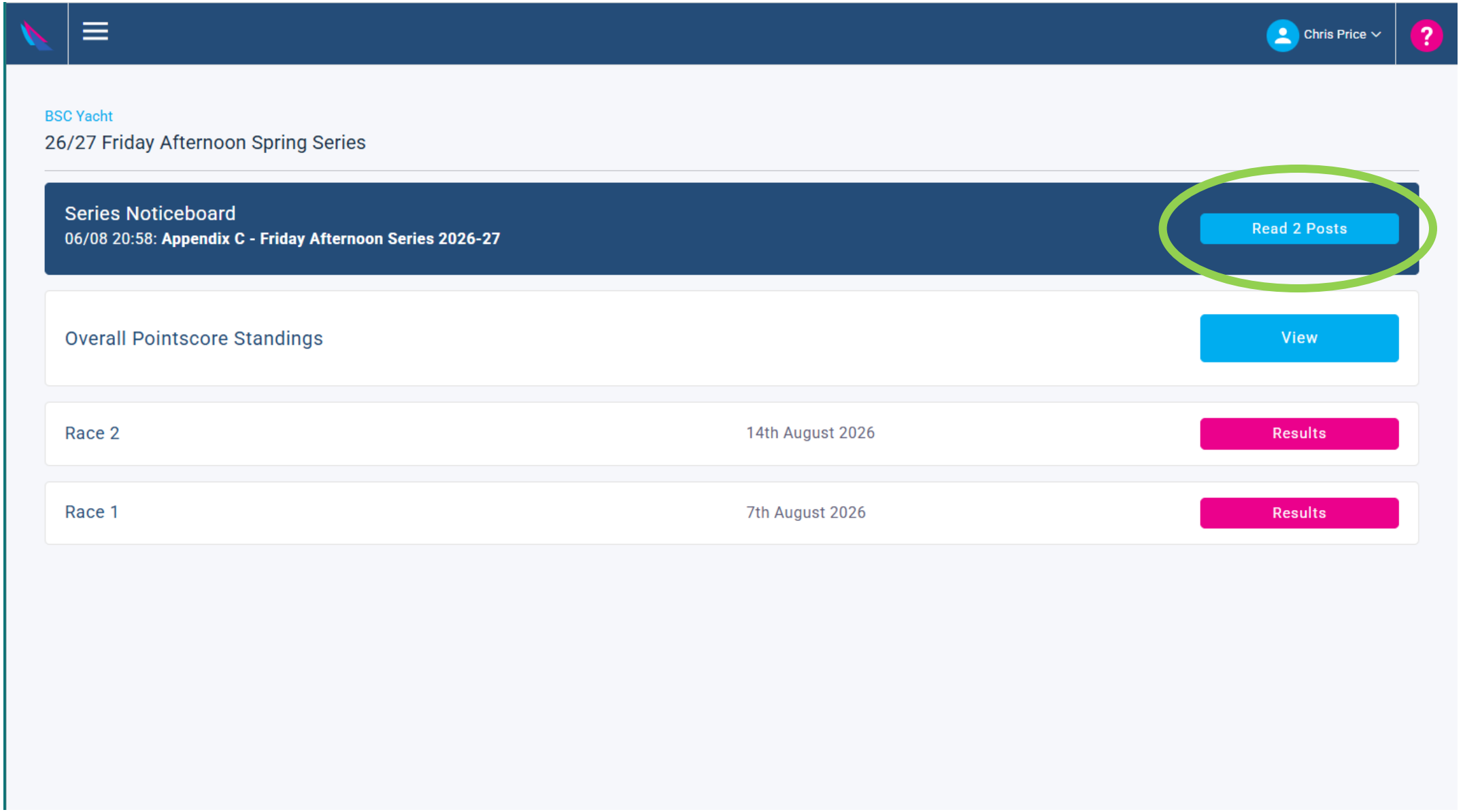


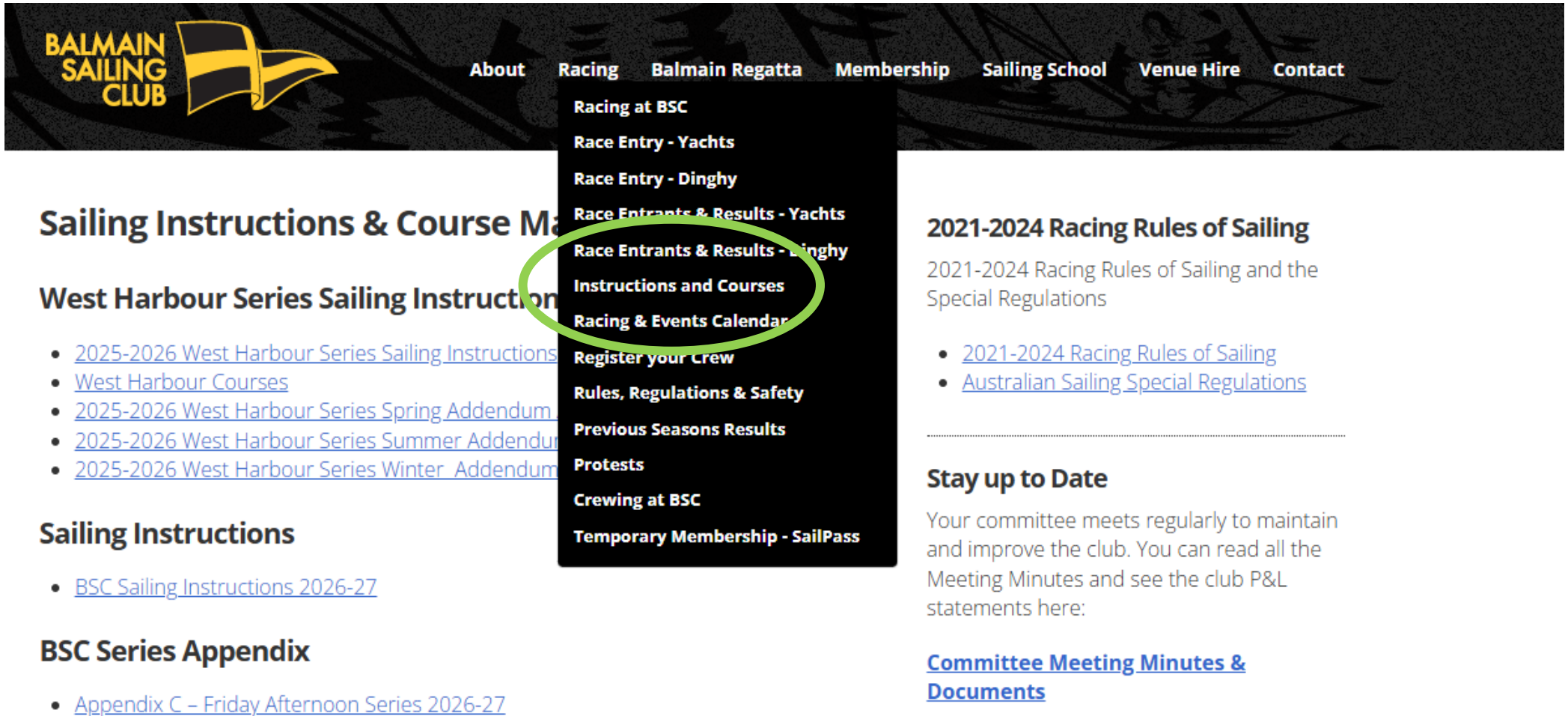
Entrants and Results

1	**Entrant Information**	Check your entry for Divisions and Start times in Sailsys under “Entrants and Results” before you race. Your division may change from entry.
2	**Series Noticeboard**	Review the ‘Series Noticeboard’ for current NOR, Sailing Instructions, Appendix, Course Maps or any additional documentation.
3	**Results**	Review current race and series results, posted as provisional until the protest window has closed, then moved to finalized.
4	**Past Results**	Past Results recorded through SailSys are under Past Results tab. Past results through Top Yacht are available through ‘Previous Seasons Results’ link under Racing on BSC website

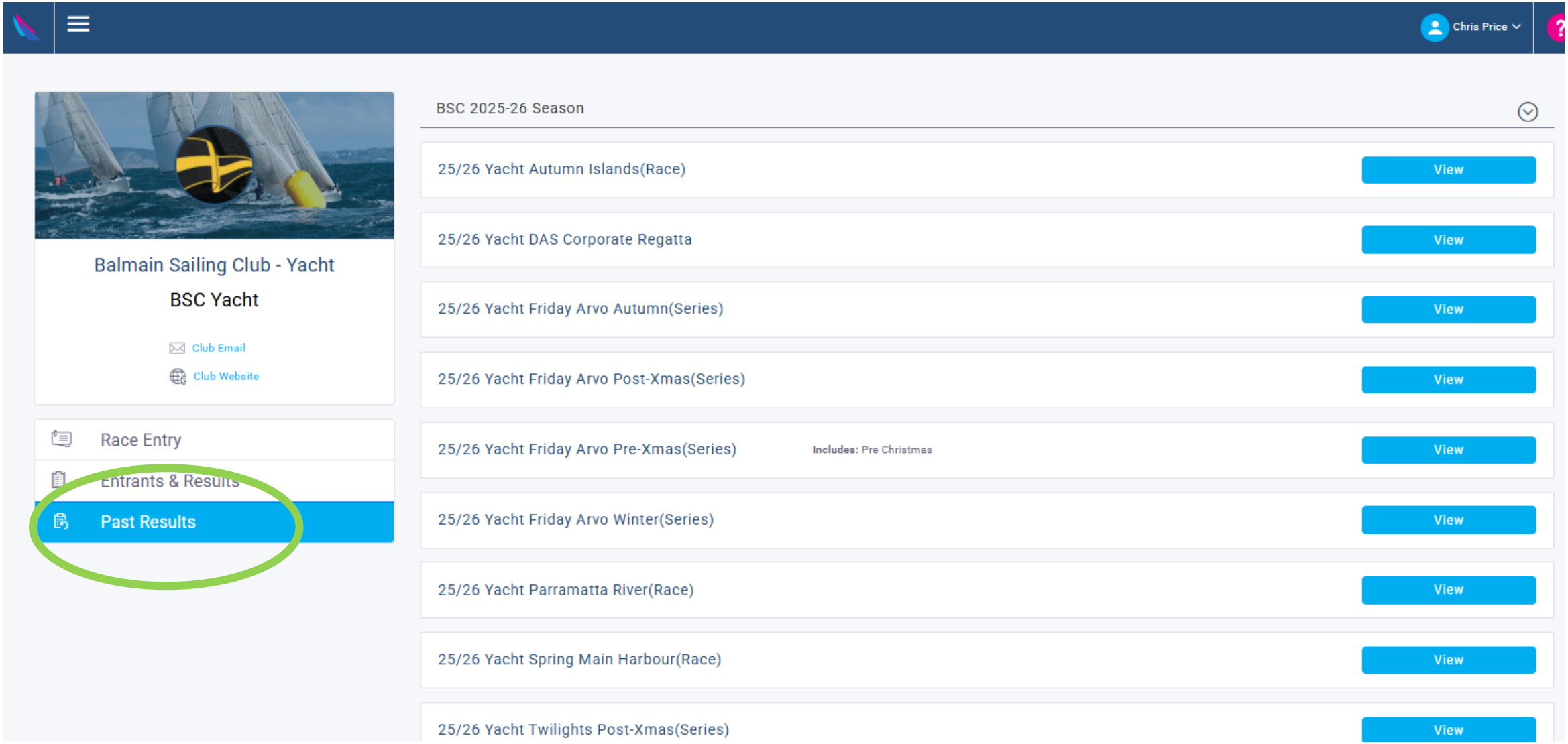
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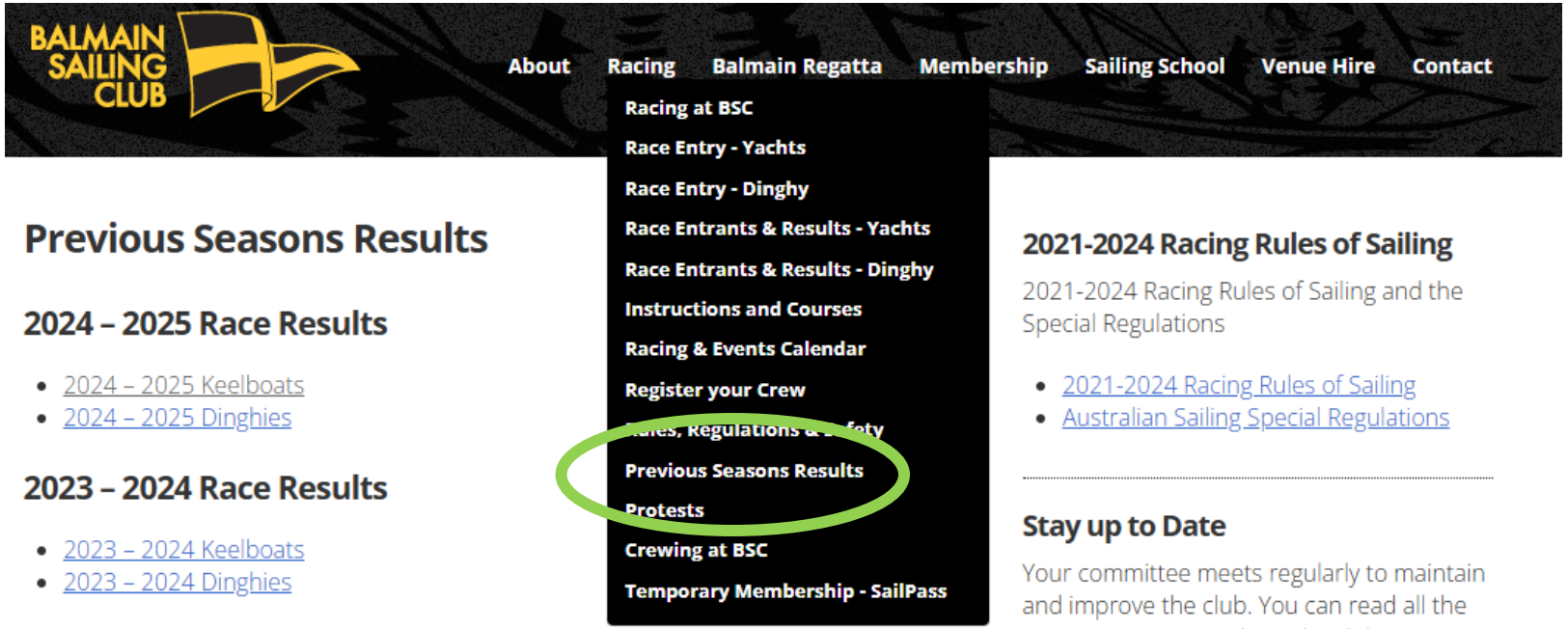
SERIES NOTICEBOARD WHERE TO FIND




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BSC Series Appendix
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2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing
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Australian Sailing Special Regulations
Stay up to Date
Your committee meets regularly to maintain and improve the club. You can read all the Meeting Minutes and see the club P&L statements here:
Committee Meeting Minutes & Documents

LAST SEASON'S RESULTS – SAILSYS – WHERE TO FIND





Previous Seasons Results

2024 – 2025 Race Results

- 2024 – 2025 Keelboats
- 2024 – 2025 Dinghies

2023 – 2024 Race Results

- 2023 – 2024 Keelboats
- 2023 – 2024 Dinghies

2022 – 2023 Race Results

- 2022 – 2023 Keelboats
- 2021 – 2022 Dinghies

2021 – 2022 Race Results

- 2021 – 2022 Keelboats
- 2021 – 2022 Dinghies

2020 – 2021 Race Results

- 2020 – 2021 Keelboats
- 2020 – 2021 Dinghies

2019 – 2020 Race Results

2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing

2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing and the Special Regulations

- 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing
- Australian Sailing Special Regulations

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Upcoming Races & Events

21 AUG **Friday Afternoon Series 1 Race 3**
Fri 21 Aug, 2026 – start: 1400

23 AUG **West Harbour Winter Series Race No.7**
Sun 23 Aug, 2026 – start: 1130

23 AUG **Winter Series Dinghies Race 7**
Sun 23 Aug, 2026 – start: 0900

Full Calendar

Block Pricing Changes Yachts vs Last Year

- Sailsys cannot accommodate Series being linked to multiple ‘Block’ discounts
- Reduce block options for yachts, no change for dinghies
- No change for Series or Race pricing from last year
- Non-Member pricing 15% premium

Yachts 25-26	Fee
Block	
BLOCK 1 - Friday Afternoon Series Spring, Autumn , Winter	$300
BLOCK 2 - Friday Afternoon Series Pre & Post-Christmas	$300
BLOCK 3 - Friday Twilight Pre & Post-Christmas	$350
BLOCK 4 - All Races excluding the Friday Afternoons	$650
BLOCK 5 - All Races	$900

Yachts 26-27	Fee	YoY	Disc
Block			
BLOCK Friday Afternoon 5x Series	$500	-$100	-$205
BLOCK All Races Ex Friday Afternoon Series	$600	-$50	-$260

Season Pricing 26-27 Yachts

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BLOCK 5 - All Races	$900
Series	
Friday Afternoon Spring	$135
Friday Afternoon Summer	$120
Friday Afternoon Winter	$120
Friday Afternoon Pre-Christmas	$165
Friday Afternoon Post-Christmas	$165
Pre-Christmas Twilight	$220
Post-Christmas Twilight	$220
West Harbour Spring	$140
West Harbour Summer	$140
West Harbour Winter	$140
Races	
Standalone Races	$33
Casual Race Entry	$33

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Block			
BLOCK Friday Afternoon 5x Series	$500	-$100	-$205
BLOCK All Races Ex Friday Afternoon Series	$600	-$50	-$260
Series			
Friday Afternoon Spring	$135	$0	
Friday Afternoon Summer	$120	$0	
Friday Afternoon Winter	$120	$0	
Friday Afternoon Pre-Christmas	$165	$0	
Friday Afternoon Post-Christmas	$165	$0	
Pre-Christmas Twilight	$220	$0	
Post-Christmas Twilight	$220	$0	
West Harbour Spring	$140	$0	
West Harbour Summer	$140	$0	
West Harbour Winter	$140	$0	
Races			
Standalone Races	$33	$0	
Casual Race Entry	$33	$0	

Season Pricing 26-27 Dinghies

Dinghys

25-26	Fee
Block	
BLOCK 1- All Races	$650
Series	
Pre-Christmas Twilight	$220
Post-Christmas Twilight	$220
Sunday Spring	$140
Sunday Summer	$140
Sunday Winter	$140
Races	
Standalone Races	$33
Casual Race Entry	$33

Dinghys

26-27	Fee	YoY	Disc
Block			
BLOCK -All Races	$650	$0	-$210
Series			
Pre-Christmas Twilight	$220	$0	
Post-Christmas Twilight	$220	$0	
Sunday Spring	$140	$0	
Sunday Summer	$140	$0	
Sunday Winter	$140	$0	
Races			
Standalone Races	$33	$0	
Casual Race Entry	$33	$0	

Sailing Instructions, Appendix, Courses

Sailing Instructions

- The SI's are mandatory and modify / support the RRS
- The SI's & supporting Appendix/Maps include key racing information :
  - Risk warnings, indemnities and safety requirements
  - Specific variations from the RRS
  - Courses, racing area and obstructions
  - Racing divisions, start sequences, signals, handicaps, scoring
  - Protest and redress procedures

Amendments to Sailing Instructions are posted to the Series Noticeboard

Sailing Instructions, Appendix, Courses

Sailing Instructions for 2026/2027 season

- For this season we have consolidated from 4x separate Sailing instructions to a single BSC Sailing Instructions for the season.
- Supported by series- or race-specific Appendix and Course Maps, all released with the season on 26th August 2026

2025-26 FOUR SEPARATE DOCUMENTS	2026-27 – ONE DOCUMENT TO RULE THEM ALL
1 Balmain Regatta SI	**BSC Sailing Instructions 2026-27** Supported by series- and race-specific Appendices and Course Maps
2 West Harbour SI	
3 Non-Point Score SI	
4 Twilight Sailing SI	

Treat the Sailing Instructions as a document that should not be changed unless absolutely necessary

Sailing Instructions, Appendix, Courses

Sailing Instructions	Series & Race Appendix		Maps
BSC Sailing Instructions	Appendix A	West Harbour Series	West Harbour Course Maps
	Appendix B	Friday Twilight Series	Friday Twilight Course Maps
	Appendix C	Friday Afternoon Series	
	Appendix D	Spring Main Harbour Race	
	Appendix E	Balmain Regatta	
	Appendix F	Autumn Islands Race	
	Appendix F	Parramatta River Race	

Changes

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RESULTS

Divisions, handicaps and scoring

Divisions	Set out in the Sailing Instruction Appendix for each series. Divisions are formed on entry numbers and boat type.
Handicaps	Managed through SailSys and adjusted through the season on performance (PHS)
Scoring	The scoring system, the number of races that constitute a series and the number of discards are all stated in the Sailing Instructions
Results	Posted to SailSys and the Club website after each race. Results are provisional until after the protest window has closed without issue, then finalized.
Queries	Scoring and handicap queries go to racing@balmainsailingclub.com in writing.

RESULTS

2026-27 BSC Core Scoring

SCORE	RESULT	POINTS
DNC	Boat not at start area	No. of series entries +1
DNS RET DNF	Boat at start area but • Did not start • Did not sail the course • Retired	No. of starters +1
OCS	Over the start line and does not restart (On Course Side)	**Time penalty +3 minutes**
DSQ	Disqualified	No. of series entries +1
TLE	Time Limit Expired	No. of finishers +1
ABD	Race Abandoned	No score

Abandonment and the decision to race

RRS 3

The decision to go racing, and the decision to keep racing, is yours. It cannot be delegated to the Race Committee.

When the Club will not abandon

Not for a strong wind warning on its own. Boats entered in Club racing are expected to be able to sail and race in strong winds, and for BSC that is up to 25 knots in the racing area.

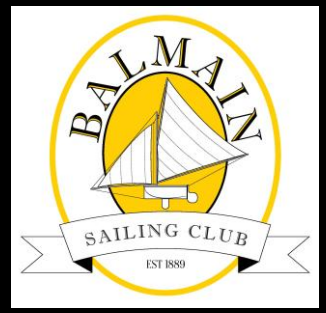
When the Club will abandon

For a gale warning in the racing area. Gale force begins at 33 knots. Also, where strong winds combine with other seriously adverse conditions, such as gust strength or unforecast strong conditions.

How much notice you get

Race officers monitor the forecast and the actual conditions. The aim is to call it early enough that you do not leave home, and failing that, early enough that you do not rig the boat.

- Get a current forecast yourself before every race. A weather app on your phone
- Make the go- or no-go decision before you leave home.
- If you get to the boat and decide it is more than you want, come back to the Club instead.



BALMAIN SAILING CLUB

Safety

Safety Briefing – Aquatic License

Maritime Safety Regulation 2016

- Exempts most sailing events from requiring an **Aquatic license** with conditions.

Exemption Conditions

- Not cause an unreasonable impact on waterways or navigation
- Provide notification and obtain any required permissions
- Exempt RMS from all liability
- Appropriately manage risk associating with the activity

Managing Risk

- One of the key risk management requirements is to provide an adequate safety briefing to sailing participants prior to events.

How does BSC Manage Risk?

BSC Risk & Incident Management Plans

- Address risk mitigation of all club activities
- Includes sailing on & off water activities, infrastructure & environment, and club options
- Risk Management Plan
  - https://www.balmainsailingclub.com/downloads/BSC_2024_Risk_Management_Plan_Final_Updated_Mar_2024.pdf
- Incident Management Plan
  - https://www.balmainsailingclub.com/downloads/BSC_2024_Incident_Management_Plan_Final.pdf

Sailing on-water risk mitigation

- Assess weather risks, abandoning racing if prudent.
- Course selection, location of marks, Sailing Instructions
- Tender support for dinghies
- Allowance for other sailing events
- Sailing School
- Skippers briefing

Key Responsibilities of Skippers

Comply with BSC Sailing Instructions

- Read, understand and comply with the **BSC Sailing Instructions** before participating in any Race at BSC.

Your vessel

- Meet Safety equipment audit obligations and maintain for all BSC races (Cat 7)
- Ensure 3rd Party & Personal Insurances are adequate for racing
- Know the capabilities of your boat and crew for the forecasted weather conditions

Your crew

- Understand and inform your crew of the risks involved in sailing races
- Have and communicate an Emergency Plan for the boat
- Responsible use of lifejackets
- Notify BSC (Sailsys app) of you race crew before each race

Crew responsibility

- Take responsibility for mitigating their own risks.

Emergency Plan for Boat – fill out, print, laminate

BSC Emergency Safety Card

Boat Name ..... Design ..... Sail Number ..... Owner/Skipper.....

Hull Colour ..... Length ..... Displacement (tonnes) ..... RMS Registration No .....

Emergency Contact Numbers Skipper.....Alternate Number .....

Shore Contact Name ..... Number ..... Alternate Contact Name .....Number .....

Emergency Pick-up Locations

1. Northwood Wharf, Northwood Road Northwood (nearest cross street Point Road)

2. Greenwich Flying Squadron, Bay Street, Greenwich (nearest cross street Carlotta Street)

3. Valentia Street Wharf, Valentia Street Woolwich (nearest cross street The Point Road)

4. Woolwich Marina Public Wharf
Margaret Street Woolwich (nearest cross street Alfred Street)

5. Drummoyne Wharf, Lower Georges Crescent Drummoyne (nearest cross street Wolseley St)

6. Birkenhead Point Marina, **(02-9819 6949)** Roseby Street, Drummoyne (nearest cross street Renwick Street) (8.30am-5pm 7 days)

7. Balmain Sailing Club, Water Street, Birchgrove (nearest cross street River St) (public wharf at club)

8. Greenwich Point Wharf, Mitchell Street Greenwich (nearest cross street Richard Street)

9. Noakes – McMahons Point (02-9925 0306),
6 John Street McMahons Point (nearest cross street Dumbarton Street) (Mon-Sat – business hours)

10. Balmain Wharf, (Mort Bay), Thames Street Balmain East (nearest cross street Mort Street)

11. Milsons Point Wharf (Luna Park), Olympic Drive Milsons Point (nearest cross street Alfred Street)

12. RSYS (02-9955 7171), 33 Peel Street Kirribilli (nearest cross street Elamang Street)



These locations are places where ambulance services may pick up a person requiring urgent medical treatment for a serious injury or illness. There are other suitable safe areas, **don't just rely on this list.**

Familiarise yourself with these and other possible places.

You must give specific details to Emergency Services.

Emergency Contacts

Emergency Services 000 or VHF Ch16
BSC Race Control VHF Ch 77 or 0411 206 347
Water Police (Balmain) (02) 9320 7499
Royal North Shore Hospital (02) 9926 7111
Balmain Police (02) 9955 0624
Marine Rescue Middle Harbour (02) 9969 3270
NSW Roads & Maritime 13 12 36
Royal Prince Alfred Hospital (02) 9515 6111

https://www.balmainsailingclub.com/downloads/BSC_Safety_Card_2017-2018.pdf

Safety Equipment Audits

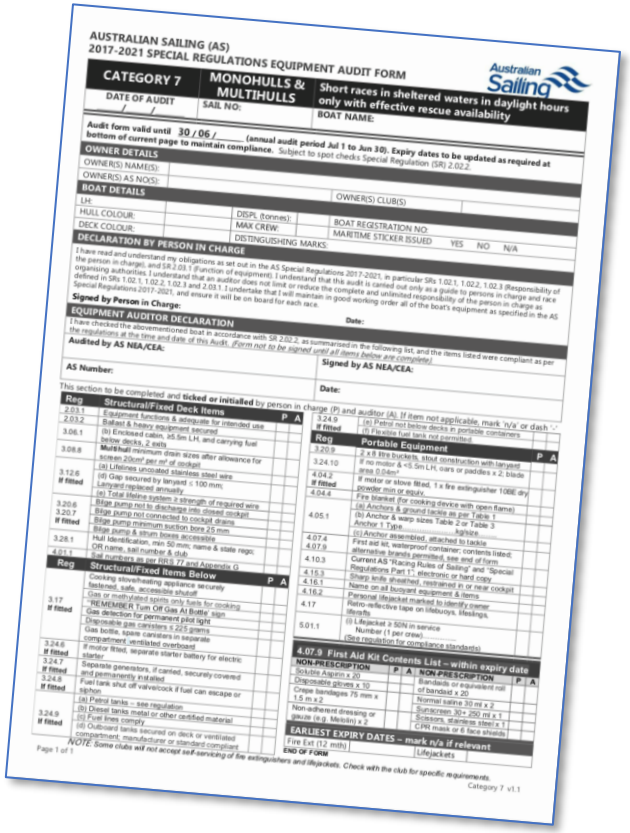
Cat7 Required

- AS Category 7 equipment requirements are the minimum safety requirements
- Owner's responsibility to ensure that all equipment is kept up to date and in good condition throughout the season
- Yachts must have a Cat 7 or higher audit form to race at BSC
- Forms available

  http://www.balmainsailingclub.com/downloads/2021Cat7.pdf
  http://www.balmainsailingclub.com/downloads/prepareforCat7.pdf

Cat7 Auditors

- Denis Speyer
- Neil Hamilton
- Jeff Glen
- Kathy Meyers
- Chris Durman



AUSTRALIAN SAILING (AS)
2017-2021 SPECIAL REGULATIONS EQUIPMENT AUDIT FORM

CATEGORY 7 | MONOHULLS & MULTIHULLS | Short races in sheltered waters in daylight hours only with effective rescue availability

DATE OF AUDIT / / | SAIL NO: | BOAT NAME:

Audit form valid until 30 / 06 / ____ (annual audit period Jul 1 to Jun 30). Expiry dates to be updated as required at bottom of current page to maintain compliance. Subject to spot checks Special Regulation (SR) 2.02.2.

OWNER DETAILS
OWNER(S) NAME(S):
OWNER(S) AS NO(S):

BOAT DETAILS
LH: | OWNER(S) CLUB(S)
HULL COLOUR: | DISPL (tonnes): | BOAT REGISTRATION NO:
DECK COLOUR: | MAX CREW: | MARITIME STICKER ISSUED YES NO N/A
DISTINGUISHING MARKS:

DECLARATION BY PERSON IN CHARGE
I have read and understand my obligations as set out in the AS Special Regulations 2017-2021, in particular SRs 1.02.1, 1.02.2, 1.02.3 (Responsibility of the person in charge), and SR 2.03.1 (Function of equipment). I understand that this audit is carried out only as a guide to persons in charge and race organising authorities. I understand that an auditor does not limit or reduce the complete and unlimited responsibility of the person in charge as defined in SRs 1.02.1, 1.02.2, 1.02.3 and 2.03.1. I undertake that I will maintain in good working order all of the boat's equipment as specified in the AS Special Regulations 2017-2021, and ensure it will be on board for each race.
Signed by Person in Charge: Date:

EQUIPMENT AUDITOR DECLARATION
I have checked the abovementioned boat in accordance with SR 2.02.2, as summarised in the following list, and the items listed were compliant as per the regulations at the time and date of this Audit. *(Form not to be signed until all items below are complete)*
Audited by AS NEA/CEA: | Signed by AS NEA/CEA:
AS Number: | Date:

This section to be completed and **ticked or initialled** by person in charge (P) and auditor (A). If item not applicable, mark 'n/a' or dash '-'

Reg	Structural/Fixed Deck Items	P	A
2.03.1	Equipment functions & adequate for intended use		
2.03.2	Ballast & heavy equipment secured		
3.06.1	(b) Enclosed cabin, ≥5.5m LH, and carrying fuel below decks, 2 exits		
3.08.8	**Multihull** minimum drain sizes after allowance for screen 200cm² per m² of cockpit		
3.12.6 If fitted	(a) Lifelines uncoated stainless steel wire		
	(d) Gap secured by lanyard ≤ 100 mm		
	Lanyard replaced annually		
	(e) Total lifeline system ≥ strength of required wire		
3.20.6	Bilge pump not to discharge into closed cockpit		
3.20.7 If fitted	Bilge pump not connected to cockpit drains		
	Bilge pump minimum suction bore 25 mm		
	Bilge pump & strum boxes accessible		
3.28.1	Hull identification, min 50 mm; name & state rego; OR name, sail number & club		
4.01.1	Sail numbers as per RRS 77 and Appendix G		

Reg	Structural/Fixed Items Below	P	A
3.17 If fitted	Cooking stove/heating appliance securely fastened, safe, accessible shutoff		
	Gas or methylated spirits only fuels for cooking		
	'REMEMBER To Turn Off Gas At Bottle' sign		
	Gas detection for permanent pilot light		
	Disposable gas canisters ≤ 225 grams		
	Gas bottle, spare canisters in separate compartment, ventilated overboard		
3.24.6 If fitted	If motor fitted, separate starter battery for electric starter		
3.24.7 If fitted	Separate generators, if carried, securely covered and permanently installed		
3.24.8 If fitted	Fuel tank shut off valve/cock if fuel can escape or siphon		
	(a) Petrol tanks – see regulation		
3.24.9 If fitted	(b) Diesel tanks metal or other certified material		
	(c) Fuel lines comply		
	(d) Outboard tanks secured on deck or ventilated compartment, manufacturer or standard compliant		

NOTE: Some clubs will not accept self-servicing of fire extinguishers and lifejackets. Check with the club for specific requirements.

3.24.9 If fitted	(e) Petrol not below decks in portable containers		
	(f) Flexible fuel tank not permitted		

Reg	Portable Equipment	P	A
3.20.9	2 x 8 litre buckets, stout construction with lanyard		
3.24.10	If no motor & <8.5m LH, oars or paddles x 2, blade area 0.04m²		
4.04.2 If fitted	Fire blanket (for cooking device with open flame)		
4.04.4	If motor or stove fitted, 1 x fire extinguisher 10BE dry powder min or equiv.		
4.05.1	(a) Anchors & ground tackle as per Table 1		
	(b) Anchor & warp sizes Table 2 or Table 3		
	Anchor 1 Type: Kg/size:		
	(c) Anchor assembled, attached to tackle		
4.07.4	First aid kit, waterproof container; contents listed; alternative brands permitted, see end of form		
4.07.9	Current AS "Racing Rules of Sailing" and "Special Regulations Part 1", electronic or hard copy		
4.10.3	Sharp knife sheathed, restrained in or near cockpit		
4.15.1	Name on all buoyant equipment & items		
4.16.1	Personal lifejacket marked to identify owner		
4.16.2	Retro-reflective tape on lifebuoys, lifesligs, liferafts		
4.17	(i) Lifejacket ≥ SDN in service. Number (1 per crew):		
5.01.1	(Seq regulation for compliance standards)		

4.07.9 First Aid Kit Contents List – within expiry date			
NON-PRESCRIPTION	P	A	NON-PRESCRIPTION P A
Soluble Aspirin x 20			Bandaids or equivalent roll of bandaid x 20
Disposable gloves x 10			Normal saline 30 ml x 2
Crepe bandages 75 mm x 1.5 m x 2			Sunscreen 30+ 200 ml x 1
Non-adherent dressing or gauze (e.g. Melolin) x 2			Scissors, stainless steel x 1
			CPR mask or 6 face shields
EARLIEST EXPIRY DATES – mark n/a if relevant			
Fire Ext (12 mth)			Lifejackets

END OF FORM

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Lifejackets

1-Vessels < 4.8m – A lifejacket must be worn (by all persons on board) when

- The vessel is being operated between sunset and sunrise (i.e darkness)
- The vessel is being operated on open waters
- The operator is alone (not accompanied by a person >11 year of age)



2-Children <12 years must always wear a lifejacket

3-Lifejackets must be worn according to manufacturers specifications

4-Lifejackets must be in good condition

5-Lifejackets must be worn in dinghy classes, also AS Special Regulations 2 – OTB Boats

6-Anyone on board must wear a lifejacket when the skipper directs it.

7-Inflatable lifejackets must be serviced either by an accredited organisation, or by yourself according to the manufacturer's instructions, with service records kept.

Ships, ferries and other vessels

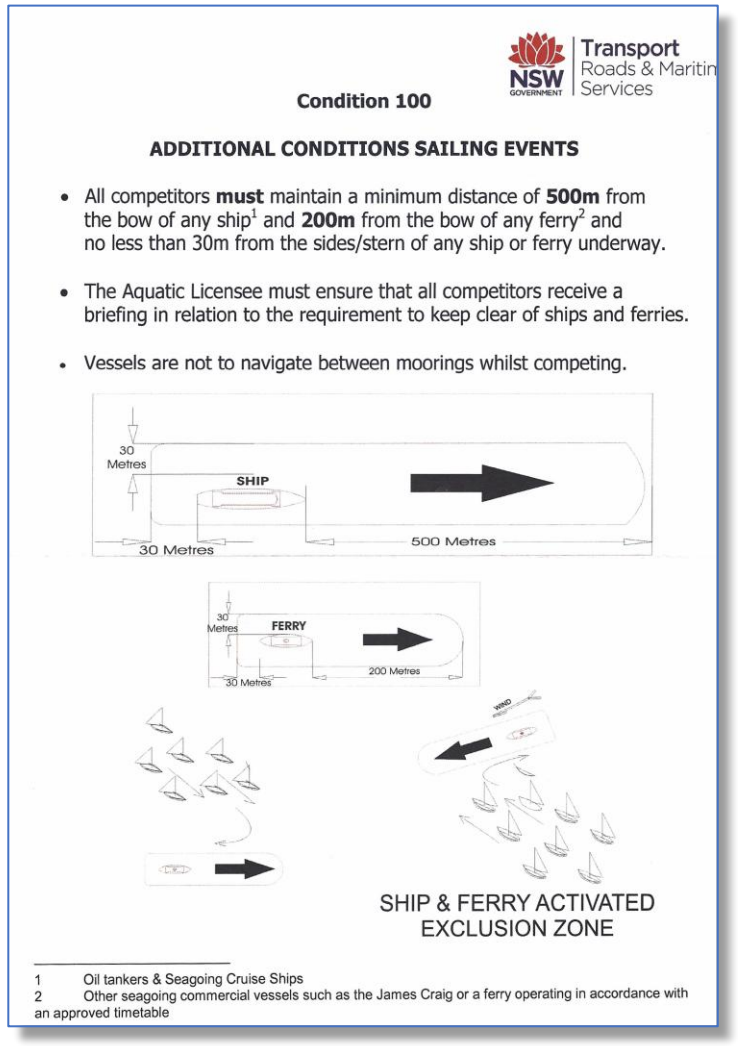
- Keep the distance from seagoing ships and ferries required by the Sailing Instructions. This is a requirement, not a suggestion.
- Never pass between an escorting pilot vessel and the ship it is escorting.
- If you are the overtaking vessel, you are the give way vessel, even when the vessel ahead is under power.
- Do not force right of way when a collision is imminent. If the give way vessel is not keeping clear, you must act to avoid the collision.
- COLREGS, not the RRS, apply if there is a risk of collision between a race participant and a non-participant vessel.

Dash cams

Every Sydney ferry records continuously, and Sydney Ferries will share the footage with the Club.

Orange diamonds

Now carried only by the First Fleet and Freshwater class. Give way to all ferries where you can.



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ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS SAILING EVENTS

- All competitors **must** maintain a minimum distance of **500m** from the bow of any ship[1] and **200m** from the bow of any ferry[2] and no less than 30m from the sides/stern of any ship or ferry underway.
- The Aquatic Licensee must ensure that all competitors receive a briefing in relation to the requirement to keep clear of ships and ferries.
- Vessels are not to navigate between moorings whilst competing.

SHIP & FERRY ACTIVATED EXCLUSION ZONE

1 Oil tankers & Seagoing Cruise Ships
2 Other seagoing commercial vessels such as the James Craig or a ferry operating in accordance with an approved timetable

Accidents and Casualty

Serious casualty, boat cannot proceed

Water Police direct line, or a full Mayday on VHF 16.

Serious casualty, boat can proceed

Choose the nearest suitable shore point, dial 000, and tell the operator where you will land.

Boat disabled, nobody hurt

Ask nearby boats first. Then Marine Rescue on 16, or VTS on 13.

CHOOSING WHERE TO LAND A CASUALTY

- A floating pontoon, every time. Lifting a casualty up a six-foot rise onto a fixed pier is very difficult and very slow.
- Yacht club marinas are the best option. Ferry wharves are second best
- Closest and quickest usually beats better appointed. Speed is what matters.
- Know your position and be able to say it. Load a locator app such as Emergency Plus or the Marine Rescue NSW app, which sends your GPS position with a request for assistance.

Which channel, which number

Call	Who answers	When to use it	What to expect
VHF 16	Distress, safety and calling	Mayday and urgency traffic	Monitored, but propagation in the harbour in the evening is unreliable, and the Water Police can be hard to raise on it.
VHF 13	Sydney VTS, port control	The fastest and most reliable contact on the harbour	Professional operators listening full time, with radar and AIS across the harbour. All vessels in Sydney Harbour must keep a listening watch on 13.
000	Emergency services	A casualty you can land at a shore point	Tell the operator the shore point where you will land, not where you are now.
(02) 9320 7499	Sydney Water Police, direct	A serious incident where the boat cannot proceed	Either an experienced duty sergeant, or a junior constable with the procedure laminated in front of him. Either way, the right response.

Incidents and reporting

- An in-house incident between two boats racing is dealt with by the Club under the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- Significant damage, or any injury to a person, takes it outside the Club.
- A Vessel Incident Report goes to Transport for NSW and they follow it up.
- These obligations apply whether or not anyone protests and whether fault is in dispute.

When	Who	What must happen
Immediately	Competitor	Report to the Race Officer any collision or grounding involving a **fatality, serious injury or significant damage.**
Immediately	The Club	Notify the nearest NSW Water Police.
Within 48 hours	The Club	Report the incident in writing to Transport for NSW using a Vessel Incident Report.
Within 28 days	The Club	Report the findings of the Club's inquiry in writing to Transport for NSW.
At any time	Transport for NSW	May investigate any marine incident independently of the Club's inquiry.

Race Management Requests

VHF	Use VHF appropriately. Keep your VHF on while racing to hear announcements. Contact the RC if retiring or involved in an incident, not a protest.
Tender	Courtesy when using the tender service. Single trip only to the same boat; the boat picks up remaining crew at the dock.
Assistance	The tenders support the dinghies; they are not for towing or recovering yachts in trouble. If you need assistance, hail another competitor or suitable vessel. Competitors are obliged to assist if asked, and can seek redress from the RC
Results	Announced results are provisional until the protest window has closed. An email to racing@balmainsailingclub.com is the best way to question results.
Keep Clear	Start- Keep minimum 100m clear of the start line prior to your Division starting sequence. Finish- After finishing keep clear of the area between the finish line and the clubhouse.

Protests and requests for redress

On the water

Hail "Protest" at the first reasonable opportunity and display a red flag if your boat is required to.

If you have broken a rule, take the Two-Turns Penalty.

At the finish

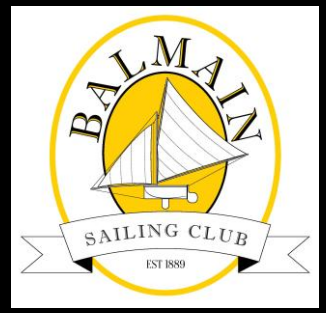
Tell a Race Officer that you intend to protest, and which boat. Lodge it on the correct form within the time limit in the Sailing Instructions.

Late protests are not heard.

Racing at another club

Where the incident happened in a race run by another club, lodge the protest with that club.

- Protests are a part of sailing.
- If a protest hearing has been held which relates to a maritime incident, RMS may request a copy.
- The onus of proof is often on the protesting yacht, so it is good to have a witness from a nearby yacht
- Protest Committee
  - Chaired by Erica Kirby
  - one expert panel member
  - One volunteer panel member from another division.



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Thanks for Attending.