



WALPOLE YACHT CLUB (Inc.)
IN THE TREES REGATTA

Labour Day Long Weekend
3rd and 4th of March 2018

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority is the Walpole Yacht Club Inc.

Major Sponsors:



1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Australian Sailing Special Regulations and the rules of the respective Classes except where changed as follows:-
 - 1.1.1. Rule 40 is added to with the following:- All crew sailing in "Off the Beach Boats" and crew below the age of 15 on keel/cruiser boats shall wear a Personal Flotation Device (PFD).
 - 1.1.2. Rule 41 is changed so that juniors may receive coaching, whilst racing, from Coaches appointed by the Organising Authority.
 - 1.1.3. Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.2. All competing yachts shall conform to the safety requirements of Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 (Cat. 7) or Part 2.
- 1.3. Arbitration shall apply as detailed in these Sailing Instructions (SI's).
- 1.4. Discretionary Penalties will apply to those SI's marked with a "DP". The penalty for a breach of those rules may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.5. Boats are required to have "Bow Numbers" affixed to both sides of the bow as shown in Attachment "G". A set of Numbers will be supplied by the Organising Authority and it is the competitor's responsibility to correctly apply the numbers as close to the bow as possible and ensure they remain affixed and clearly seen. "DP".

2. Notice to competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Regatta Desk at Coalmine Beach.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted 60 minutes before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff at West Coalmine Beach front launching area.
- 4.2. When flag "AP" is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 15 minutes' in race signal AP.

5. Schedule of Races & Events

Date	Time	Event
Saturday 3rd March	09:00 to 12:00	Registration – At Regatta Office
	11:00	Volunteer Briefing
	12:00	Welcome & Competitor Briefing
	13:45	First Warning Signal, subsequent races to follow.
Sunday 4th March	09:00	Volunteers Briefing
	09:15	Competitors Briefing
	10:45	First Warning Signal, subsequent races to follow with a lunch break.
	18:00	Regatta Presentation Dinner at the Walpole Sports and Recreation Centre (<i>Those without dinner tickets able to attend Presentations at approx. 19:30-20:00</i>)

- 5.1. The regatta will consist of up to 5 races, except Moths which may be up to 8 races if possible.

5.2. The intention is to run two races back to back Saturday afternoon, one race Sunday morning and two races back to back Sunday afternoon. Extra races for Moths will be held at Principal Race Officer's discretion.

6. Racing Area

6.1. East Nornalup Inlet in front of Coalmine Beach.

6.2. Small Pink buoys located in the inlet are an indication of water depth of two metres or less.

7. The Courses

7.1. The course maps (attachments A, B, C and D) show the courses, with approximate wind directions, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

7.2. Should the wind direction be different to the approximate direction shown in Attachments A, B, C and D, the course will be adjusted to best fit the breeze direction before the start.

7.3. The course number to be sailed will be indicated by a white number 2 on a blue flag on the Race Committee Start Boat, as shown in Attachment E, or a red number 1 on a white flag.

7.4. Boats will be allocated to Divisions by the Organising Authority and each Division will be allocated to sail either the Pink or Orange course. Boats shall sail in their allocated Division and complete the allocated course as shown in Clause 12.

7.5. No changes to the course will be made during a race but may be changed between races.

8. Marks

8.1. Rounding marks will be orange or pink inflatable buoys dependant on Course allocated to each particular Division.

8.2. Pin end buoy at the start line will be orange with black horizontal stripes.

8.3. Pin end buoys at the finish lines on either side of the finish boat will be orange with blue crosses for the Divisions sailing the Orange course, and pink with blue vertical stripes for the Divisions sailing the Pink course.

9. Divisions

9.1. All boats have been allocated to a Division based on either their class or type of boat and their relative speed.

9.2. The Division to which a boat has been allocated is listed on the SIGN-ON sheets at the Regatta Desk.

9.3. All boats are to be aware of the Division Colour they have been allocated and be aware of the course they will be sailing

9.4. Division 3, Trailer Sailors, is a jib and main only (no spinnakers) fleet.

10. Signing On and Off

10.1. All boats must SIGN ON and verify that their boat and crew details are correct prior to the start of the first race on day one, and again prior to the first race on day two.

10.2. All boats must correct any errors in the details, as well as notifying the registration desk or chief warden of corrections.

10.3. Crossing the finish line on the last race of each day will be a boat's SIGN-OFF for the day, however boats are required to retire if not starting in any subsequent race after the first race each day.

11. Retiring

11.1. A boat which retires from a race shall notify either a support boat or the Chief Warden ashore as soon as possible.

11.2. A boat returning to racing after retiring must notify the Chief Warden ashore that they are doing so.

12. Allocated Division and course colour

DIVISION	COURSE COLOUR	INDICATIVE BOAT CLASSES
1	PINK	MOTH
2	ORANGE	420'S, BIC, FLYING ANTS, REVA, OPTIMIST
3	PINK	TRAILER SAILERS
4	PINK	TASAR
5	PINK	WINDRUSH 14' CATAMARAN
6	ORANGE	MIRROR
7	PINK	SHARPIES, HOBIE 16'S, 470, JS 4.3
8	ORANGE	LASER
9	ORANGE	SABRE
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12.1 The Principal Race Officer may change the starting sequence of divisions as the regatta progresses.

13. The Start

13.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

13.2. The warning signal for each division is a white flag with a black division number hoisted on a mast on the Race Committee start boat (Attachment E).

13.3. Additional red flags to the starting sequence in RRS 26 are intended to assist with timing.

13.4. Start sequence signals:-

MINUTES BEFORE START	VISUAL SIGNAL	SOUND SIGNAL	MEANING
5	Division No. UP	One	Warning signal
4	Preparatory flag UP	One	Preparatory signal
3	3 Red flags shown		3 minutes to start
2	2 Red flags shown		2 minutes to start
1	1 Red flag shown		1 minutes to start
1	Preparatory flag	One	1 minute to start
0	Division No. & Red flag DOWN	One	START

13.5. To alert boats that a sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed on the Race Committee start boat with one sound at least four minutes before a warning signal will be displayed. Start Boat configuration is shown in Attachment E.

13.6. Boats who's Warning Signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area, and of boats who's Warning Signal has been made. **"DP"**.

13.7. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored as Did Not Start. This changes rule A4

13.8. In the event of a general recall, the warning signal for a re-start of the recalled Division shall be 5 minutes after their start. Succeeding divisions shall follow the new start. This changes rule 29.2.

13.9. A white buoy will be attached to the transom of the Race Committee Start Boat and boats shall not pass between this buoy and the Start boat. The buoy shall be considered part of the Start Boat.

14. The Finish

- 14.1. A Race Committee boat in position for a finish will be indicated by a Blue flag. Finish Boat configuration is shown in Attachment F.
- 14.2. The two finishing lines will be both sides of the finishing boat between staffs displaying Orange flags on the Race Committee boat and an orange buoy with blue crosses for the Divisions sailing the Orange course, and a Pink buoy with blue vertical stripes for the Divisions sailing the Pink course.
- 14.3. Red Buoys will be attached to the transom of the Race Committee Finish Boat and boats shall not pass between these buoys and the Finish boat. The buoys shall be considered part of the Finish Boat.
- 14.4. Except when finishing, boats shall not sail through the Finish Line in either direction whilst the Race Committee boat is displaying a Blue flag, unless completing a penalty under rule 44.2 or after correcting an error made at the finishing line under rule 28.1. **"DP"**.

15. Time Limit

- 15.1. All boats failing to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat in their division sails the course and finishes may be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes Rule A4.1
- 15.2. Boats sailing in Divisions with mixed fleets may have their finishing times extended at the discretion of the Race Committee.

16. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the Regatta Desk.
- 16.2. Protests, requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Chief Warden within one hour of the finishing time of the last boat in the last race of the day for its division, this changes rule 61.3.
- 16.3. 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 at a nominated protest area at the time posted.

17. Arbitration

- 17.1. Rule 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2, Part 4 or rule 31 to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. Her penalty shall be a scoring penalty equal to a finishing place mid-way between the boat's actual finishing place and the score for a disqualification. Half points shall be disregarded and the points of other boats shall not be adjusted.
- 17.2. An arbitration hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with rule 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2, Part 4 or rule 31. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.
- 17.3. The time and place of the arbitration hearing will be decided by the Arbitrator and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat will attend the arbitration hearing and no witnesses will be allowed. The Arbitrator will decide the manner in which testimony is given.
- 17.4. After taking testimony, the Arbitrator will make one of the following conclusions:
 - 17.4.1. The protest does not comply with rule 61 and the protest should withdraw the protest.
 - 17.4.2. The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. This may be because rules not suited to arbitration may be involved or because evidence is too complex or divergent or because injury, serious damage or a significant advantage may have occurred or because of the apparent severity of the alleged infringement or for any other reason decided by the arbitrator.
 - 17.4.3. No rule was broken and the protest should withdraw the protest.
 - 17.4.4. A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, the infringing boat(s) may accept a scoring penalty as detailed above and if so accepted, the protest should withdraw the protest.
 - 17.4.5. An arbitration hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of an Arbitrator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.
- 17.5. Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the Arbitrator may be a member of the Protest Committee. Any evidence given by an Arbitrator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.

18. Scoring

- 18.1. The low point scoring system Rule A 4.1 shall apply.
- 18.2. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 18.4. When four or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.5. For single class divisions scoring will be for both across the line placings and handicap placings.
- 18.6. For mixed class divisions scoring will be for handicap placings only.
- 18.7. A boat's starting handicap will be the back calculated yardstick, calculated after the first two races and recalculated after each subsequent race.

19. Change of sail number

- 19.1. If a boat changes its sail number then a "CHANGE OF SAIL NUMBER" form (available at Regatta Desk) is to be submitted to the Regatta Desk.

20. Equipment and Measurement Checks 'DP'.

- 20.1. Measurement and equipment checks and inspections may be carried out at any time to ensure boats meet Class Rules, clause 1.2 of these Sailing Instructions.

21. Support Boats 'DP'.

- 21.1. Coaches or other support personnel shall register their vessel with the Organising Authority. They shall remain outside the area where boats are racing from the time of the Warning Signal for the first start of the day until all boats have finished all races for that session (unless assisting a boat in distress or standing by a capsized boat).
- 21.2. Junior sailors **in Division 6** may receive on water coaching during racing from Coaches appointed by the Organising Authority.

22. Radio Communication "DP".

- 22.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.
- 22.2. Boats, including Trailer Sailors who have radios are encouraged to monitor the regatta radio Channel and 16 for safety reasons.

23. Prizes

- 23.1. Prizes will be awarded to each division for each heat for 1st on handicap, and pennants for 2nd, 3rd on handicap and fastest.
- 23.2. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the regatta for 1st, 2nd, 3rd overall on handicap plus in single class divisions for 1st, 2nd, 3rd overall on championship results.
- 23.3. Divisions with less than 5 boats will be awarded a prize for 1st on handicap and pennants for 2nd on handicap.
- 23.4. The following specific Class Perpetual Trophies will be awarded:-
 - 23.4.1. Sabre Perpetual Trophy awarded to the overall Sabre handicap winner.
 - 23.4.2. Sabre South Coast Championship Trophy awarded to the overall Sabre champion winner of boats which sail at a yacht club below latitude 33° south.
 - 23.4.3. Windrush Southern Zone Championship Trophy awarded to the overall Windrush Catamaran champion winner based on yardstick.
 - 23.4.4. Moth Southern Zone Championship trophy awarded to the overall Moth champion winner.

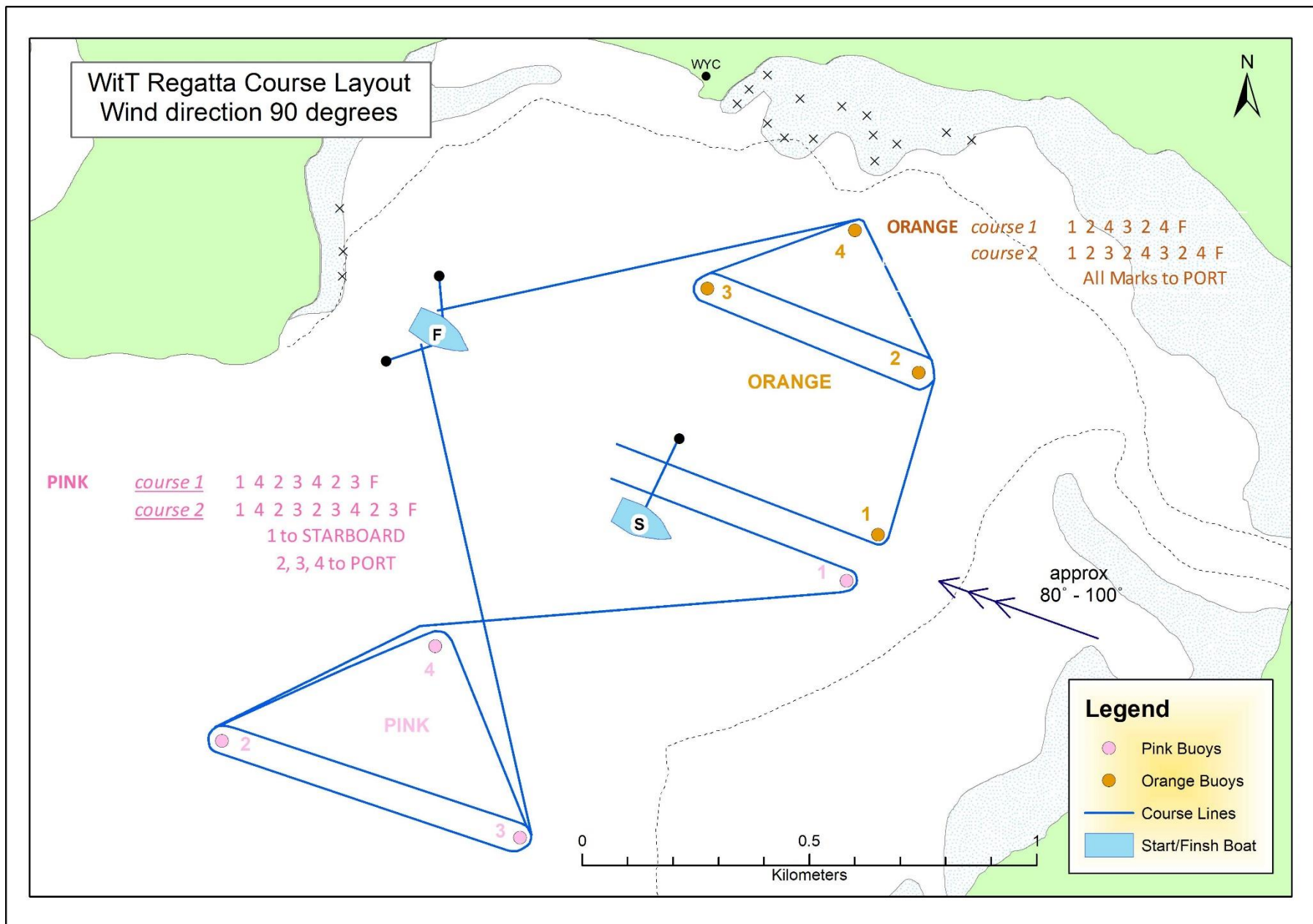
24. Disclaimer of Liability

24.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Racing Rules of Sailing, Rule 4, and Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

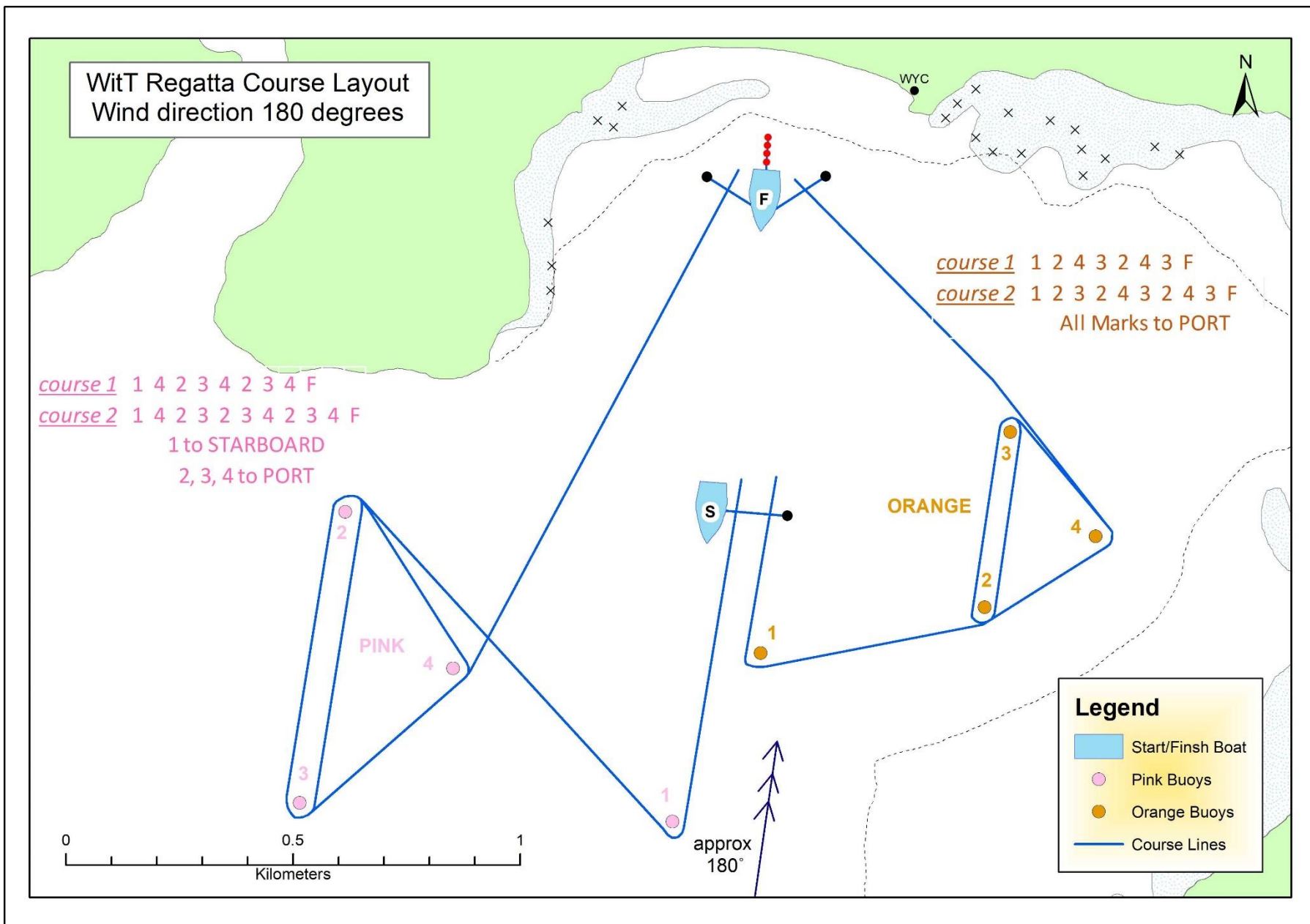
25. Insurance

25.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of not less than AUD\$5million (recommended \$10million) for any one incident or the equivalent, for the duration of this regatta. By signing the Entry Form, competitors have made a declaration that they have such cover.

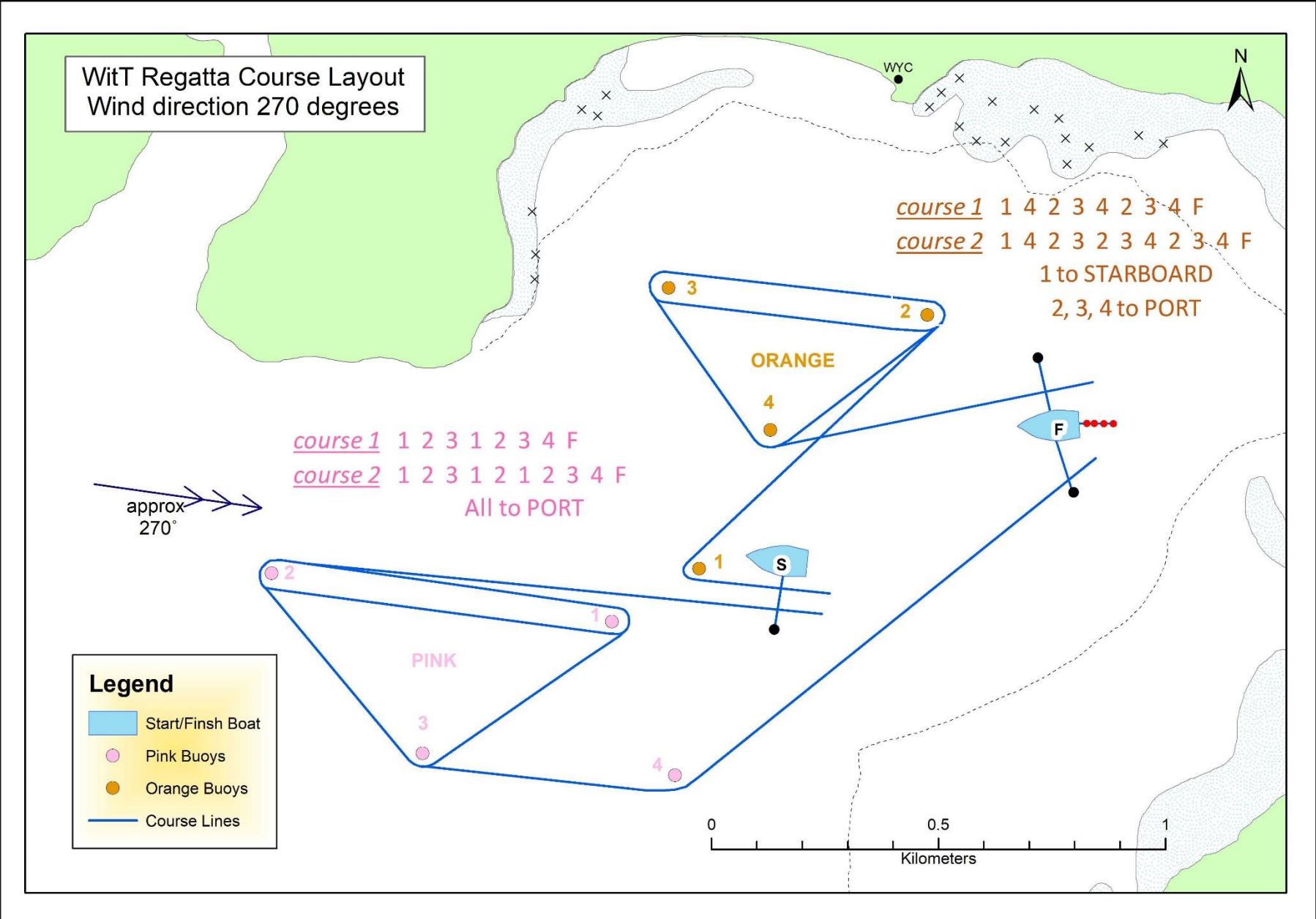
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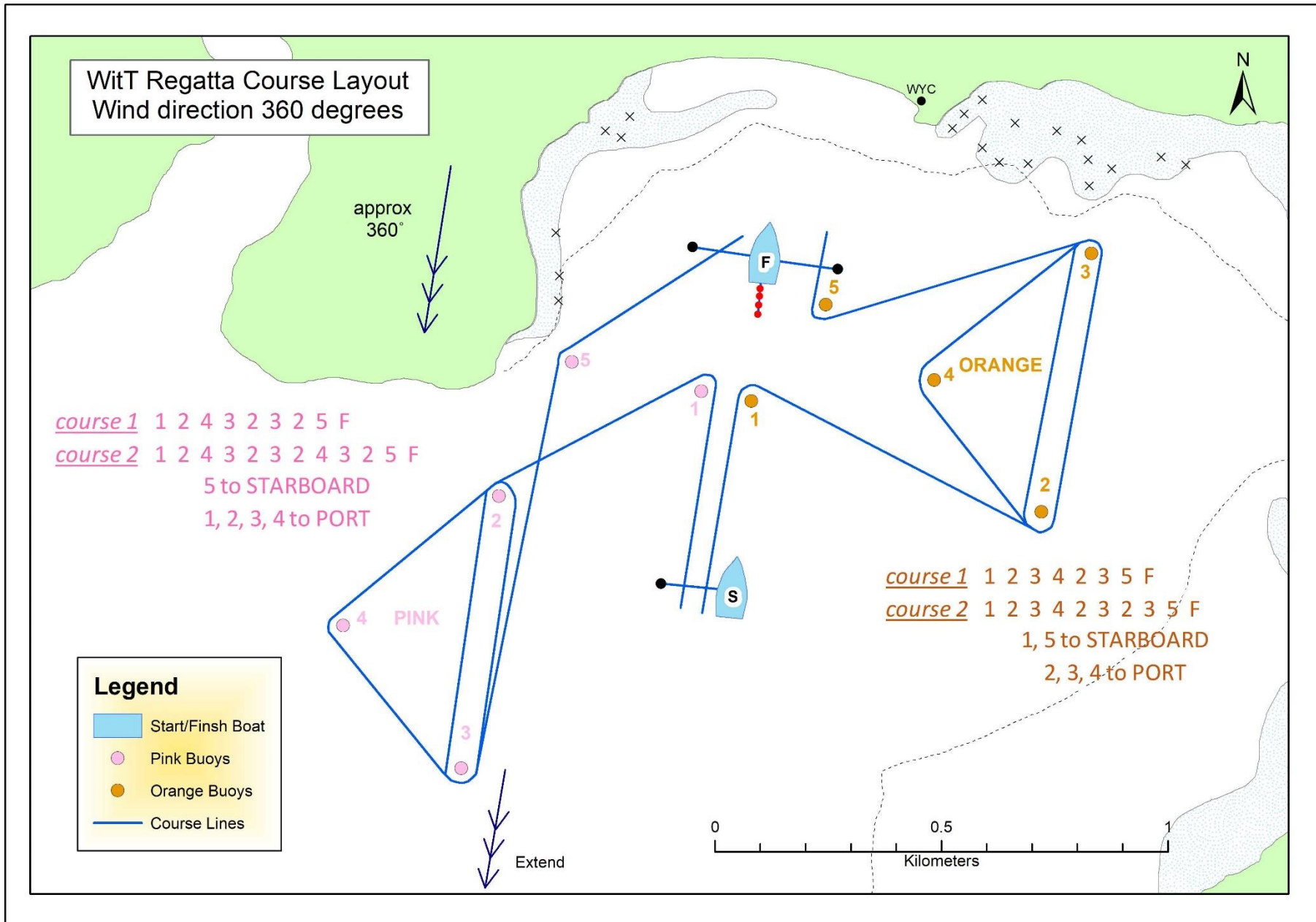
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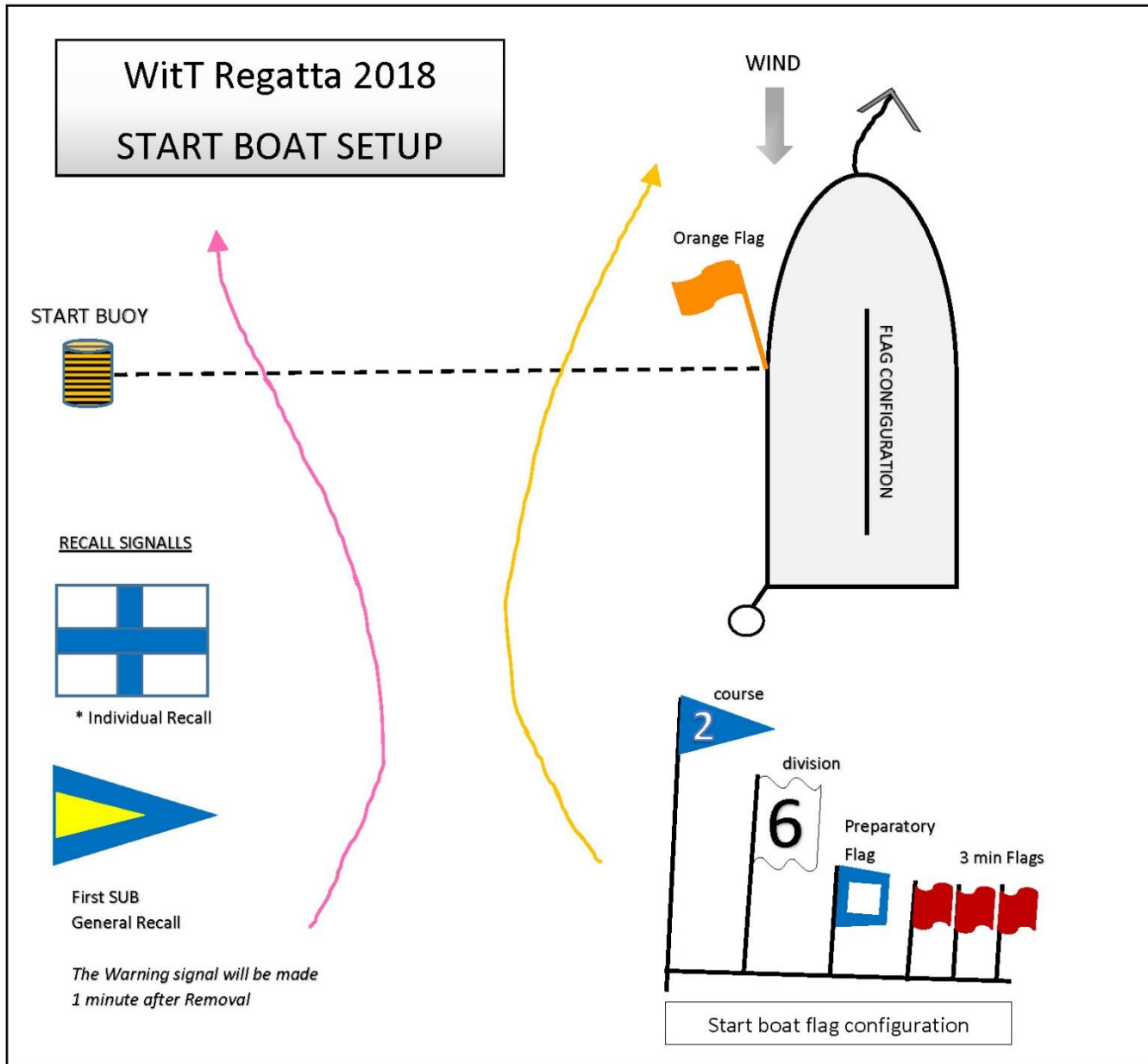
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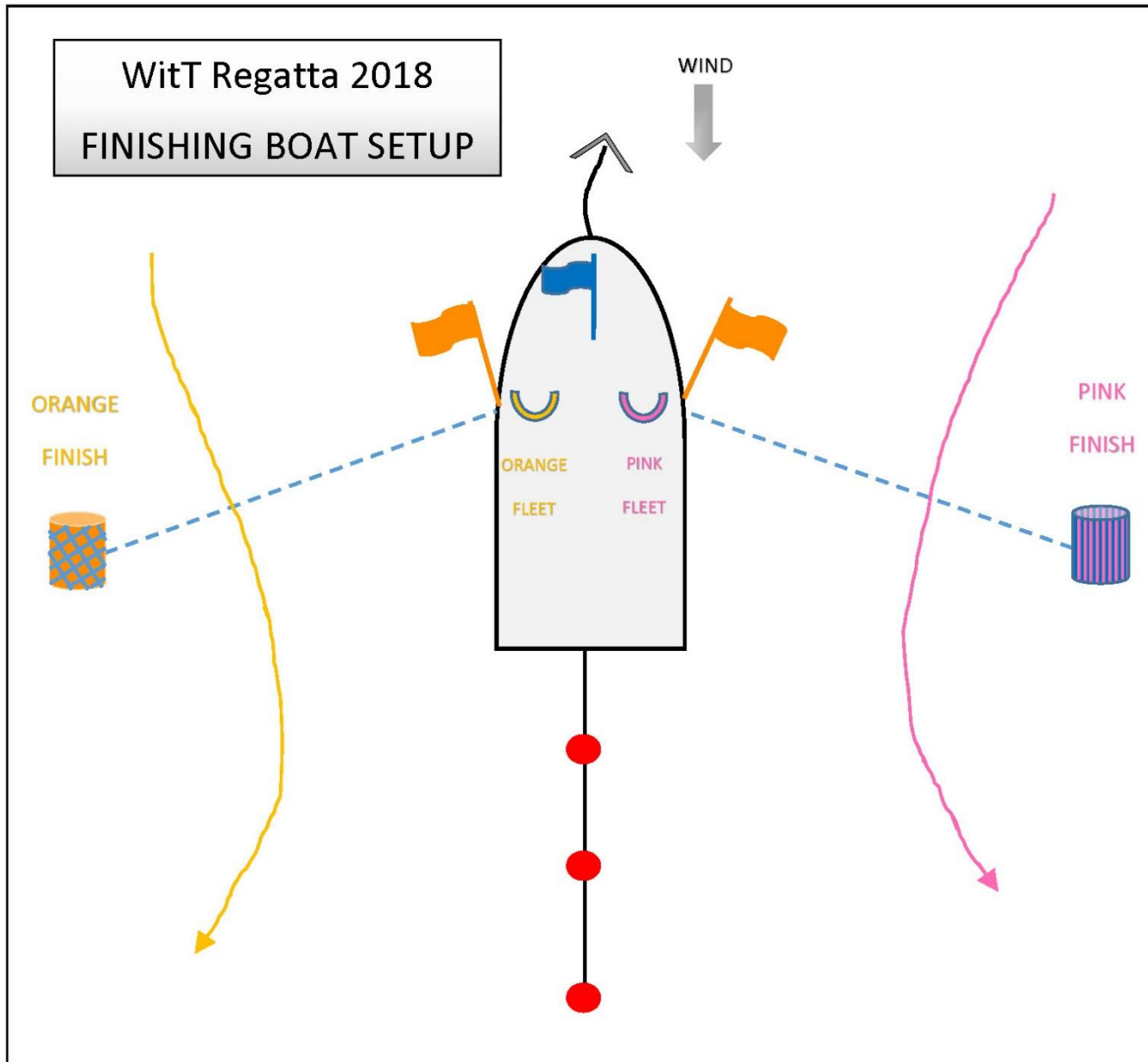
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Attachment E: START BOAT ARRANGEMENT



Attachment F: FINISH BOAT ARRANGEMENT

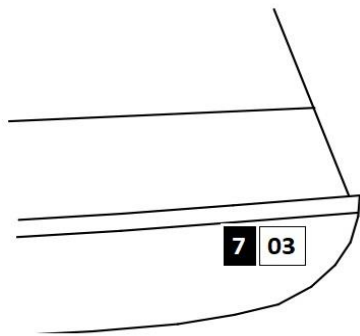


Attachment G: BOW NUMBERS

Example

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1st number (white number with black background) is Division
2nd and 3rd numbers (black numbers with white background) are boat number



4	09
7	21
6	12
5	18

