



**THE INTERNATIONAL FLYING FIFTEEN CLASS  
49<sup>TH</sup> AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2011 to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

Organising Authority

**CANBERRA YACHT CLUB**

in conjunction with

**FLYING FIFTEEN INTERNATIONAL AUSTRALIA INC**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions of Yachting Australia (YA) will apply.
- 1.3 YA Special Regulations Part 2 will apply.
- 1.4 The Class Rules of Flying Fifteen International and the National Championship By-Laws of Flying Fifteen International Australia Inc (FFIA) will apply.
- 1.5 Racing rules and race signals changed for the regatta are detailed in relevant instructions.

**2 BOAT BOW NUMBERS AND REGATTA SPONSOR'S LOGOS**

- 2.1 Bow numbers and regatta sponsor's logos provided by the organising authority at registration are to be displayed on each side of the hull.
- 2.2 The foremost part of the adhesive bow number is to be affixed to the hull 20cm aft from the bow, with the top of the number no more than 5 cm below the gunwale. The regatta sponsor's logo is to be affixed immediately aft of the bow number, with the top of the adhesive logo no more than 5cm below the gunwale. The bow numbers and regatta sponsor's logos are to be affixed to the hull in a fair horizontal line below the gunwales.

**3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Canberra Yacht Club (CYC) regatta office.

**4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 90 minutes before the warning signal for the first race on the day that it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by the end of protest time or 1800 hrs, which ever is the later, on the day before it will take effect.

**5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagmast on the CYC race control tower on the lake shore adjacent to the club.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signals.

## **6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- 6.1 A competitors' meeting will be conducted at CYC on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2011 at 1100 hrs.
- 6.2 An invitation race and eight championship races are planned to be conducted. The dates and times of racing are as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time of First Warning Signal</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2011	1400 hrs	Invitation Race
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2011	1400 hrs	Championship Racing Session
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2011	1400 hrs	Championship Racing Session
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2011	1400 hrs	Championship Racing Session
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2011	1200 hrs	Championship Racing Session

- 6.3 Up to three races may be sailed in each Championship Racing Session, sailed back-to-back with a short delay between them.
- 6.4 Races will be sailed sequentially. The conduct of any race that has been postponed, or the resail of any race that is abandoned, will be the next race conducted.
- 6.5 The display of flag L at the finish of any race shall indicate that further racing is planned in the session, and that the next race is planned to start as soon as practicable after the last boat finishes in the present race. Subsequent signals will be displayed 1 minute after removal of flag L, which may be accompanied by one sound signal.
- 6.6 To alert boats that another race will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed (with one sound signal) for at least 4 minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 6.7 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs.

## **7 CLASS FLAG**

The class flag will be the Flying Fifteen International Class flag (i.e. the class insignia in red on a white background).

## **8 RACING AREA**

Racing will be conducted on the West Lake portion of Lake Burley Griffin, adjacent to the CYC.

## **9 THE COURSES**

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment 1 show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

## **10 MARKS**

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 will be yellow vertical cylinders.
- 10.2 Marks 4S and 4P will be tapered vertical yellow cylinders.
- 10.3 Mark O will be an orange vertical cylinder.
- 10.4 The starting and finishing marks will be the race committee boat and orange vertical cylinders.
- 10.5 New marks, as provided in instruction 12, will be green vertical cylinders. Any numbers on these marks shall be ignored.

## **11 THE START**

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the starting mark at the port-end.
- 11.2 A red buoy will be fixed to the stern of the race committee boat hull. This buoy and its attaching line or structure form part of the race committee boat.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and A5.
- 11.4 When a black flag has been displayed at the preparatory signal and a general recall is signaled or the race is abandoned after the starting signal, the race committee may display the bow number of any boat identified as infringing rule 30.3 instead of her sail number. This alters rule 30.3.

## **12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark on the correct side for the course being sailed and the race committee boat on the opposite side. This changes rule 28.1.

## **13 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the finishing mark at the port end.

## **14 TIME LIMIT**

- 14.1 The time limit will be 100 minutes for all races.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 62.1(a), A4 and A5.

## **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the CYC regatta office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.3 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 time and place defined in the notice.
- 15.4 For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' shall be the measurer appointed by FFIA.
- 15.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.6 Breaches of instructions 17 and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

- 15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; or
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

- 15.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted.  
This changes rule 62.2.

## **16 SCORING**

- 16.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 16.2
- (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - (b) When from five to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - (c) When eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

This changes rule A.

- 16.3 Series scores for the 49th Australian National Championship shall be based on a fleet inclusive of all competing boats. The Silver and Classic Divisions will also be scored as separate fleets.
- 16.4 The Championship handicap results will be determined by back calculation using the TopYacht scoring program. Points will be awarded for handicap results in accordance with 16.2 above. A boat that finishes in the first three places in either the Open, Silver or Classic Divisions will be ineligible to win the handicap trophy.

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1 Boats intending to participate in the invitation race or a championship racing session shall 'sign on' on forms that will be available in the regatta office from 2 hours before the planned time of the first warning signal for the day. Championship racing session sign on sheets will remain available until the warning signal for the last race of that session. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in a boat being scored DNC without a hearing. This alters rule 63.1.
- 17.2 A boat that has signed on and either Did Not Start or retires from a race or a racing session shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17.3 Approved personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors at all times while afloat. Wet or dry suits do not constitute approved personal buoyancy. Flag Y will not be displayed. This alters the preamble to Part 4, rule 40 and race signal Y.

## **18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW**

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Substitute crew shall not helm the boat.
- 18.2 Written requests for crew substitution shall be made to the race committee and lodged at the regatta office. The application for substitution and the decision of the race committee will be displayed on the official notice board.

## **19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

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

## **20 OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will be identified by flying a CYC burgee.

## **21 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 21.1 Coaches and other support personnel shall not encroach within 50 metres of or communicate with any competing boat between the warning signal of any race and the finishing time of the last boat of that race, unless the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment.
- 21.2 Support boats shall be marked by displaying flag U.

## **22 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, 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.

## **23 PRIZES**

- 23.1 Perpetual and commemorative trophies will be awarded as detailed in the notice of race.
- 23.2 Sponsors Daily Prizes will be presented at the conclusion of racing each day at an informal barbeque held at the club for the benefit of competitors and their guests. Other prizes may also be awarded at the discretion of the organising committee on these occasions.

## **24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, '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**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$A5,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

## **ATTACHMENT**

1. International Flying Fifteen Class Australian National Championship, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> January 2011, Course Diagrams

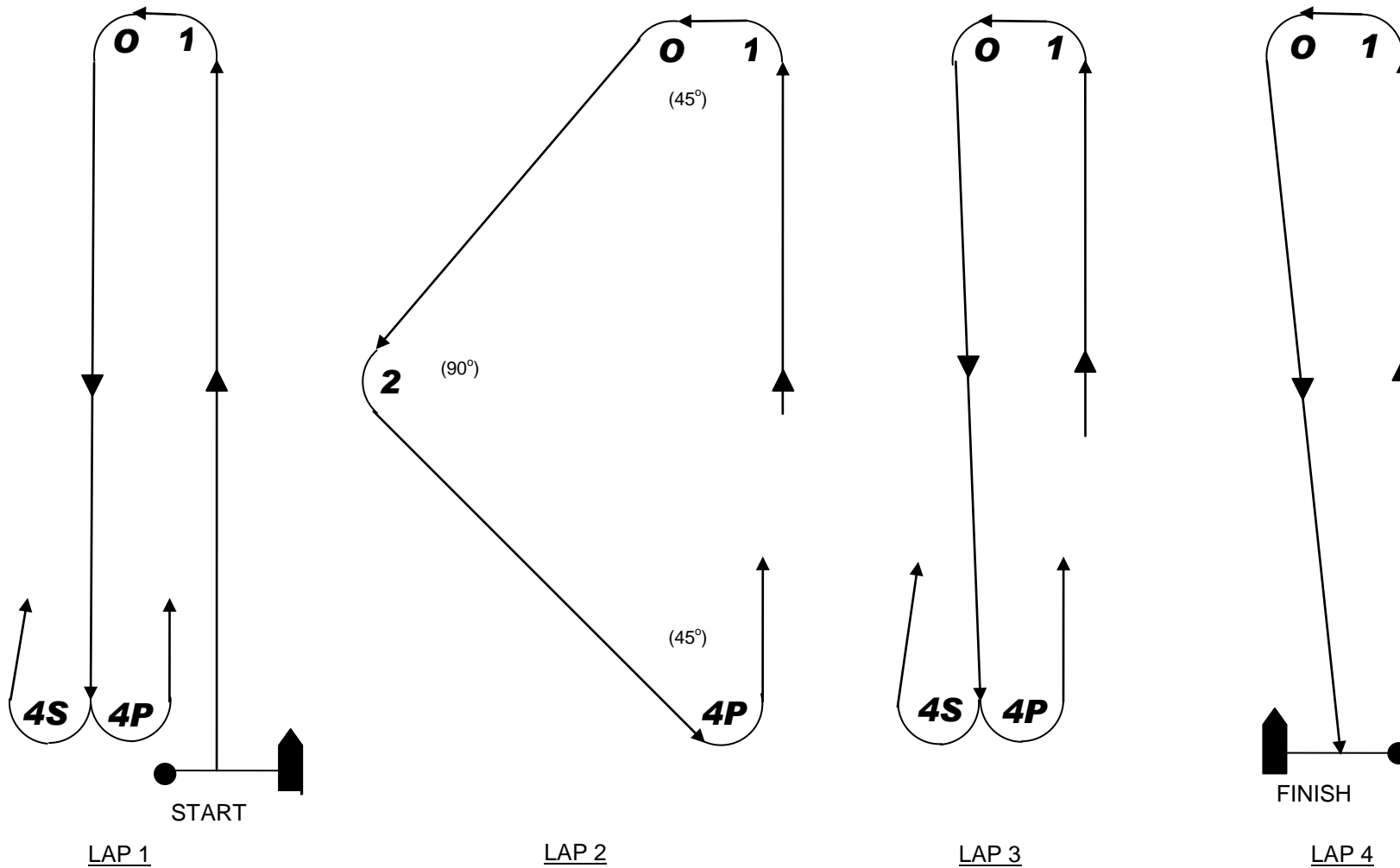
INTERNATIONAL FLYING FIFTEEN CLASS AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, 2<sup>ND</sup> TO 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2011, COURSE DIAGRAMS  
**COURSE 1**

This course will be indicated by the display of flag 1 at or before the warning signal.

The buoy rounding order is: Start – 1 – O – 4P/4S (gate) – 1 – O – 2 – 4P – 1 – O – 4P/4S (gate) – 1 – O – Finish

Notes:

4P = Port rounding mark and 4S = Starboard rounding mark.



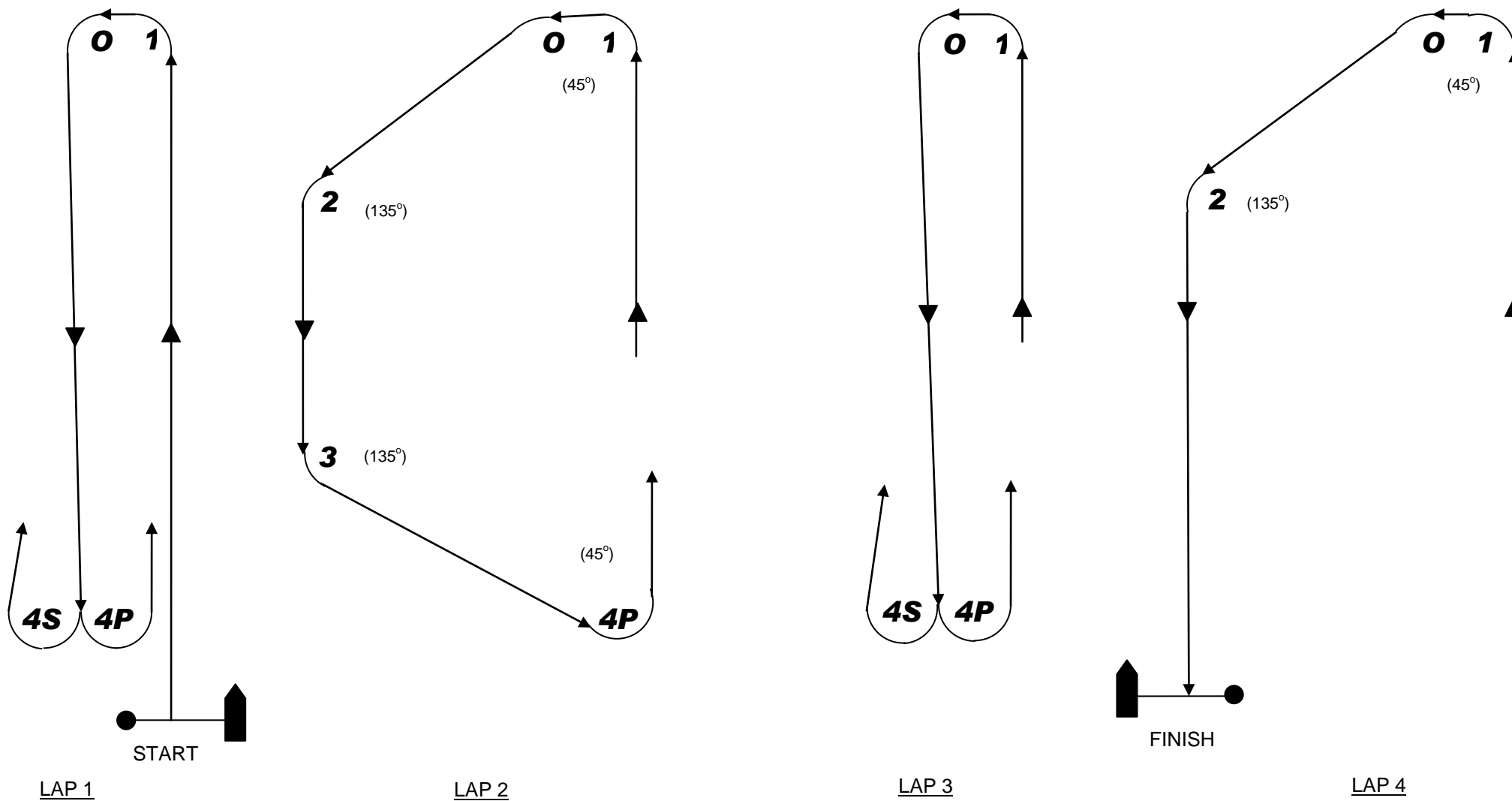
## COURSE 2

This course will be indicated by the display of flag 2 at or before the warning signal.

The buoy rounding order is: Start – 1 – O – 4P/4S (gate) – 1 – O – 2 – 3 – 4P – 1 – O – 4P/4S (gate) – 1 – O – 2 – Finish

Notes:

4P = Port rounding mark and 4S = Starboard rounding mark.



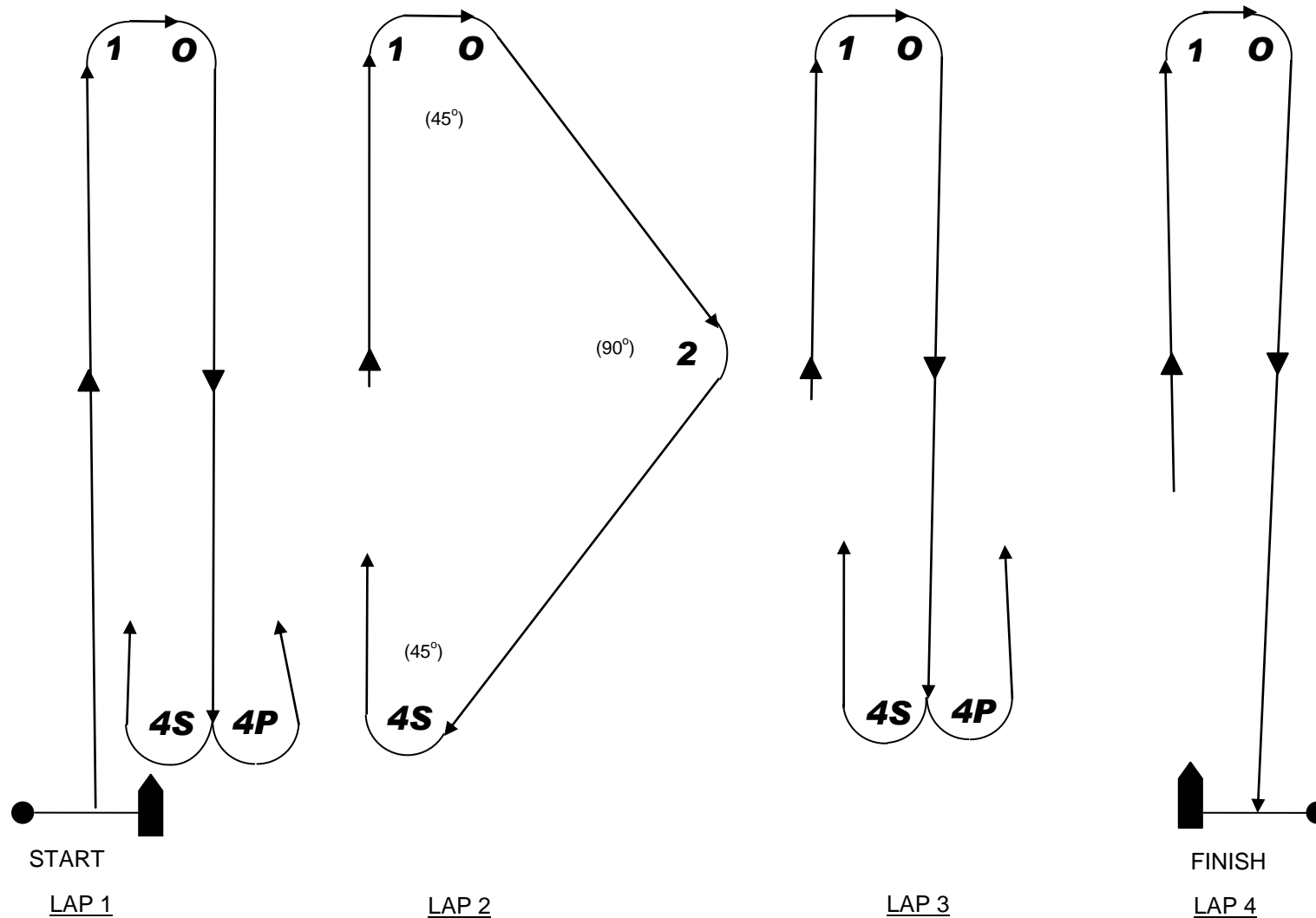
### COURSE 3

This course will be indicated by the display of flag 3 at or before the warning signal.

The buoy rounding order is: Start – 1 – O – 4P/4S (gate) – 1 – O – 2 – 4S – 1 – O – 4P/4S (gate) – 1 – O – Finish

Notes:

4P = Port rounding mark and 4S = Starboard rounding mark.



## COURSE 4

This course will be indicated by the display of flag 4 at or before the warning signal.

The buoy rounding order is: Start – 1 – O – 4P/4S (gate) – 1 – O – 2 – 3 – 4S – 1 – O – 4P/4S (gate) – 1 – O – 2 – Finish

Notes:

4P = Port rounding mark and 4S = Starboard rounding mark.

