

“First to win 2 from 8” Format

After 3 days of qualifying, the **top 8 boats** advance to the final day.

- **Boats ranked 1st and 2nd** start the final with **1 win each**
- **The first boat** in the top 8 to **reach 2 wins** is declared the overall **winner**
- All **8 boats** race together in **Race 1**:
 - The winner of the race earns **1 win**
 - The **bottom two boats** who have no wins, are **eliminated**
 - If either **boat 1 or 2 wins** this race, they reach 2 points and **win outright**, otherwise we continue
- In **Race 2**, (if neither 1 or 2 won race 1) **6 boats** remain:
 - Again, the winner earns **1 win**
 - If a boat reaches **2 total wins**, they are declared the **overall winner**
 - The **bottom two boats** who have no wins are **eliminated**
- If no boat has yet reached 2 points (meaning everyone from the top 4 has one point), a **final race may be required between the remaining 4** to determine the winner, which will be winner takes all.
- All the remaining places, are determined based on the **finishing rank** in the last race.

Key Features:

- **Merit-based reward**: Top 2 boats from qualifying carry a points advantage into finals
- **First-across-the-line** remains decisive
- **Elimination and progression keep racing exciting and dynamic**
- **The number of races is limited**, which helps with broadcast planning, but the **unpredictable duration** of the overall series still poses scheduling challenges.