



45TH AUSTRALIAN SABRE CHAMPIONSHIP

Thursday 28th December 2023 to Wednesday 3rd January
2024

NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority: McCrae Yacht Club on behalf of
Sabre Sailing Association of Victoria

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1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Prescriptions of Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 – Off The Beach Boats.
- 1.2 Appendix T Arbitration will apply to this regatta amended so that in Appendix T1 (b) 30% Scoring Penalty will be 20% Scoring Penalty.
- 1.3 The notation [DP] in a rule in the Notice of Race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

- 1.4 The notation [NP] means that the rule is not subject to protest by a competitor.
- 1.5 [NP] A boat may receive outside help where the Race Committee deems that the vessel and its crew require assistance in order to right a capsized vessel in order to continue racing. This changes Rule 41, RRS.

2. Advertising [DP] [NP]

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with WS Regulation 20 (Appendix 1 – Advertising).
- 2.2 The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by any boat if it is considered offensive to public taste or if it contravenes the laws of the governments of Victoria or Australia.
- 2.3 Competitors may be required to display event sponsor's names(s)/logo(s). If required, the Organising Authority will supply these items and they shall be affixed as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The regatta is open to Sabre Class boats that comply with the class rules of measurement and construction of the SSAA and whose helms are current financial members of a State Sabre Association.
- 3.2 Helms shall be members of a Club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing an on-line entry by 16:00 on Tuesday 24 December 2023.
- 3.4 Eligibility for various divisional prizes will be governed by the competitor's age on 28 December 2023.
- 3.5 On-line entry system: <https://www.trybooking.com/1094895>

4. Fees

- 4.1 Required fees are as follows:

Adults (18 and over as at 28 December 2023):	\$310.00
Youth (under 18 as at 28 December 2023):	\$290.00
Combined family adult and youth entry discount:	\$40.00
- 4.2 Family adult youth entry discount can be claimed by contacting Barry Eastgate at barry.eastgate@bigpond.com.
- 4.3 Entries lodged after 24 December 2023 may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority but may not receive a regatta shirt.

5. Schedule

Day/Date	Action	Time
Thursday 28 December	Registration	0900-1100
Thursday 28 December	Invitation Race Briefing	1200
Thursday 28 December	Invitation Race	1330
Thursday 28 December	Welcome Function	1800
Friday 29 December	Back-to-Back Championship Races	1000
Saturday 30 December	Back-to-Back Championship Races	1000
Sunday 31 December	Back-to-Back Championship Races	1000
Monday 1 January	Lay Day – provision for re-sail	
Tuesday 2 January	Back-to-Back Championship Races	1000
Wednesday 3 January	Back-to-Back Championship Races	1000
Wednesday 3 January	Presentation	1800
Wednesday 3 January	Presentation Dinner	1900

- 5.1 There will be no Warning Signal made after 1530 on Wednesday 3 January 2024.
- 5.2 There will be a maximum of 10 races in the regatta with no more than four races on any one day.

6. Measurements [DP]

- 6.1 Each boat is required to hold a measurement certificate as issued by the Sabre Sailing Association of Australia Inc and, except in circumstances prescribed by 6.4, shall use a maximum of two sails, one centreboard and one rudder during the regatta which show evidence of measurement by their State Measurer at some time.
- 6.2 Competitors may be required to present the sails and foils to be used in the regatta at registration. Any measuring of sails or foils undertaken during the regatta may incur a measuring fee per boat, unless undertaken as per 6.3 below.
- 6.3 The measurer may spot check boats at any time during the Regatta. A boat notified of inspection shall follow the instructions of the Race Committee. The penalty for a boat failing to measure in accordance with the rules will be to be scored DSQ in all her completed races prior to the protest committee's decision. This changes RRS 64.1(a).
- 6.4 Damaged equipment may be replaced on written request to and approval by the Race Committee. If damage occurs during the first race of the day, equipment may be replaced between races provided a written request is lodged before the end of protest time for that day.

7. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the McCrae Yacht Club website www.mcraeyc.com.au no later than 1700 on 24 December 2023.

8. Venue

Regatta headquarters will be at the McCrae Yacht Club -690 Point Nepean Road, McCrae, Victoria. 3938.

For Racing Area see Attachment A.

9. The Courses

The courses will consist of triangular and windward/leeward laps as set out in the Sailing Instructions.

10. Scoring

10.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- (a) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When six 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 two worst scores.

10.2 Scoring for the determination of results within a prize category shall be determined from the results of the overall fleet.

11. Radio Communication

A boat shall neither make radio or data transmissions while racing nor receive radio or data communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

12. Support Boats

12.1 Support Boats shall keep at least 100m clear of the course area and all competing boats during racing, except when asked to assist by an official from the Race Committee.

12.2 Support boat drivers shall hold a current Power Boat License at the time of the event, have the applicable Safety Gear and VHF Radio on board their vessel and comply with the laws of the State of Victoria.

12.3 Support personnel and boats shall make themselves available at all times while afloat to assist the race committee in the case of an emergency or rescue, as directed in person by a race officer or via VHF Radio. RRS 37.

12.4 d) The penalty for failing to comply with these requirements may, after protest, be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel.

13. Prizes

Category	Awarded to
Open	1 st to 10 th
Women's Champion	1 st to 3 rd
Youth Champion (Under 18 years)	1 st to 3 rd
Seniors Champion (18-39 years)	1 st to 3 rd
Masters Champion (40-49 years)	1 st to 3 rd
Grand Masters Champion (50-59 years)	1 st to 3 rd
Veterans Champion (60-69 years)	1 st to 3 rd
Grand Veterans Champion (70+ years)	1 st to 3 rd
Over 90 kgs	1 st
Under 60 kgs	1 st
All Timber Boat	1 st
Female Mid-fleet	1 st
Male Mid-fleet	1 st

Number of Entrants in Category	1 to 3	4 to 5	6 or more
Prizes	1 st only	1 st & 2 nd	1 st to 3 rd

14. Disclaimer of Liability

All those participating in the 2023 Australian Sabre Championship regatta races do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility. ATTENTION is drawn to RRS 3 Decision to Race.

McCrae Yacht Club, the Sabre Sailing Association of Australia, the Sabre Sailing Association of Victoria, their executives, boards, employees, volunteers, sponsors and agents and all other parties involved with the conduct and organisation of the event disclaim any and every responsibility for loss, damage, injury, death or inconvenience that might occur to persons or property, both ashore or afloat, as a consequence of participation in the race covered by this notice of race and by the sailing instructions.

15. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000.

16. Further Information

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17. Additional Information Not Forming Part of the Notice of Race

The entry fee includes one ticket to each of the welcome barbecue and the prize presentation dinner at McCrae Yacht Club. Additional tickets can be purchased through the online entry system.

The Entry Fee also includes:

- Event shirt (subject to availability per NOR Rule 4.3)
- Welcome night dinner for the competitor
- Presentation night dinner for the competitor

Additional tickets will be available for purchase at time of entry.

18. Berthing

18.1 Boats are left at the club and surrounding beach area at the owner's risk.

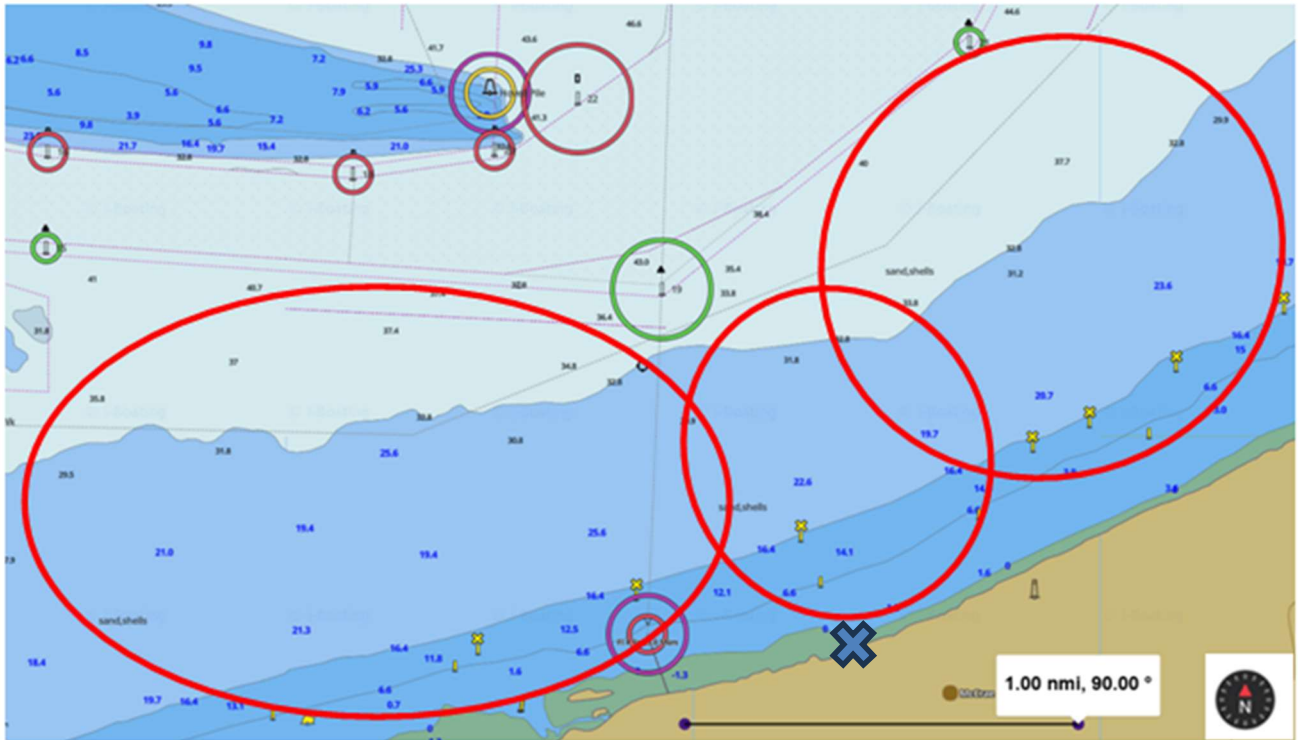
18.2 Trailers shall not be left within the dinghy park during the regatta. All trailers may be stored in the areas provided by the organising authority at the owner's risk.

18.3 Boats may be dropped off at the club prior to the event on:

- Wednesday 27th December 2023 from 1000 hrs to 1830 hrs;
- Thursday 28th December 2023 from 0800 hours.
- Earlier by arrangement. Call the Club on 5986 1361 or email admin@mccraeyc.com.au






Refer Appendix B.

Attachment A – Course Area



Attachment B – Club diagram



-  FIRST AID (upper level)
-  INFORMATION (upper level)
-  NOTICE BOARD (upper level)
-  MALE CHANGE ROOMS (ground level)
-  FEMALE CHANGE ROOMS (ground level)



M'cRAE YACHT CLUB
VISITOR MAP

