



# 49<sup>TH</sup> VICTORIAN STATE SABRE CHAMPIONSHIP

## Saturday 24 February 2024 to Sunday 25 February 2024

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority: Black Rock 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 2021-2024* (RRS) and the Prescriptions of Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 – Off The Beach Boats.
- 1.2 Appendix T Arbitration will apply to this regatta, with amendments so that in Appendix T1 (b) 30% Scoring Penalty will be a 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. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the “**2024 Sabre 49th Victorian Championship**” regatta page of the “Sailor” App.
- 2.2 Notices to competitors including changes to Sailing Instructions will also be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board on the Sailor App.

## 3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board i.e. the “2024 Sabre 49th Victorian Championship” regatta page in the Sailor App not less than 90 minutes prior to the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800hrs on the day before it will take effect.

## 4. Signals made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flagstaff on the rear balcony
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in the race signal AP.

## 5. Schedule of Races

Date	Event	Time
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024	Registration	0830 – 0945 hrs
	Competitors' Briefing	1000 hrs
	Race Session #1	1130 hrs
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024	Race Session #2	1030 hrs
	Presentation	After racing (unless re-sail required)
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar 2024	Provision for re-sail	1030 hrs

- 5.1 Code flag "L" will be flown on the finish boat to indicate that another race will be started following completion of the current race. If code flag "L" is not displayed on the finish boat at the finish of any race, that race session is concluded.
- 5.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.3 No warning signal will be made after 1600 hrs on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024. If a re-sail is deemed necessary, no warning signal will be made after 1600hrs on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024.
- 5.4 The series will comprise a maximum of five races.
- 5.5 The provision for a re-sail will only be invoked if 3 races have not been completed on the weekend of 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

## 6. Class Flag

Sabre Class insignia on a white background

## 7. Racing Area

- 7.1 The racing area is to the west of Black Rock Yacht Club on Port Phillip Bay.

## 8. Courses

- 8.1 The diagrams in SI Addendum A 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.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee will designate the course by displaying a Numeral Pennant.
  - Course 1 – Numeral Pennant 1
  - Course 2 – Numeral Pennant 2

8.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

## 9. Mark Roundings

9.1 Course 1: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish

9.2 Course 2: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish

## 10. Marks

Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be large Yellow inflatable buoys

Change of Course Mark will be large orange inflatable buoys

The Start Mark will be an orange staff mark with an orange flag

The Finishing Mark will be a staff displaying a blue flag on a pin finish boat set to the starboard side of the Race Committee boat or a black and white checkered cylindrical buoy.

## 11. The Start

11.1 Races will be started as follows:

Signal	Flag and sound	Minutes
Warning	Division Flag; 1 sound	3
Preparatory	Preparatory (P, U or Black) Flag; 1 sound	2
One-minute	Preparatory Flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Division Flag removed, 1 sound	0

This changes RRS 26.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Vessel and the Start Mark.

11.3 [DP] [NP] A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes Rules A4 and A5.

## 12. Change of Course after the Start

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position. 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 and Committee Vessel may display the change in direction by using the + or – flag to indicate which direction the change occurred right or left of the original mark.

## 13. The Finish

13.1 The finishing line will be between a mast displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee Vessel and the Finishing Mark .A boat having finished her race shall not interfere with boats that are still racing and shall keep clear of the course side of the finish line.

## 14. Penalty System

14.1 Appendix P will apply to this regatta, modified such that P2.2 will apply to the second and all subsequent penalties. P2.3 is deleted.

14.2 A schedule of boats penalized under Rule 42 and Appendix P will be posted on the noticeboard.

14.3 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

## **15. Time Limit**

15.1 The time limit for the first boat to reach Mark 1 is 30 minutes.

15.2 The time limit for the first boat to complete the course is 90 minutes.

15.3 [NP] Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in her division sails the course and finishes, shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15.4 The Race Committee may allocate a finish place for a boat or boats at their discretion to a timely re-start of subsequent fair racing.

15.5 [NP] The target time for a race will be 50 minutes.

## **16. Protests and Requests for Redress**

16.1 Protest forms are available from the Regatta Office building to the east of the decking of the main BRYC clubhouse.. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

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 in the protest room, located at the Regatta Office building, beginning at the time posted.

16.4 A competitor may not protest on a question of measurement or equipment control later than the normal protest time applying to the first race session except on the grounds that there has been a subsequent alteration to the boat or its equipment.

16.5 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; and/or
- b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes Rule 66.

16.6 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.

16.7 In the case of requests for redress relating to Rule 29.1 Individual Recall and Rule 30 Starting Penalties, the requesting party shall hear the race officers' recordings of the starts prior to requesting redress. The recordings will be available at the race office before the end of Protest Time.

16.8 Protest mediation may be used as a preliminary step prior to a full protest hearing for protests under the rules of Part 2 and 4. If a boat accepts a penalty during a mediation hearing, the penalty shall be half the points the boat would have lost had the boat been disqualified in a full protest hearing.

## 17. Scoring

- 17.1 The “Low- Point” scoring system, Appendix A of the RRS will apply.
- 17.2 Five races are scheduled of which 3 are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - b) When four races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 18. [NP] Safety Regulations

- 18.1 Sign On and Sign Off: All boats must “sign on” before leaving the shore and “sign off” no later than the end of protest time for the racing session.
- 18.2 The Sign On period will close at the scheduled warning signal time of the first race for that session on that day. Competitors who wish to sign on for subsequent races in that session must advise the Regatta Office.
- 18.3 The Sign Off period will close 60 minutes after the last boat has completed the last race of the session, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 18.4 Each skipper shall Sign On and Sign Off using the relevant function within the Sailor App. If someone is unable to use the Sailor App for Sign on or Sign off a paper sign on sign off sheet will also be available in the Regatta Office for this purpose.
- 18.5 Failure to Sign On in accordance with Sailing Instruction 18.1 shall result in that boat being scored DSQ the first race of the relevant session without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 18.6 Failure to Sign Off in accordance with Sailing Instruction 18.1 shall result in that boat being scored DSQ the last race of the relevant session without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5.

## 19. [NP] Official Boats

Official boats will be marked by the Black Rock Yacht Club burgee or name.

## 20. [DP] [NP] Support Boats

- 20.1 Support Boats shall keep at least 100m clear of the course area and all competing boats during racing.
- 20.2 Support boat drivers shall hold a current Power Boat Licence at the time of the event, have the applicable Safety Gear and VHF Radio on board their vessel and comply with the laws and regulations of the State of Victoria.
- 20.3 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.

20.4 The penalty for failing to comply with Sailing Instruction 20 may, after protest, be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel.

## **21. [DP] 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.

## **22. Disclaimer of Liability**

All those participating in the **49th VICTORIAN STATE SABRE CHAMPIONSHIP 2024** regatta races do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility. ATTENTION is drawn to RRS 3 Decision to Race.

Black Rock Yacht Club, 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.

## **23. Insurance**

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

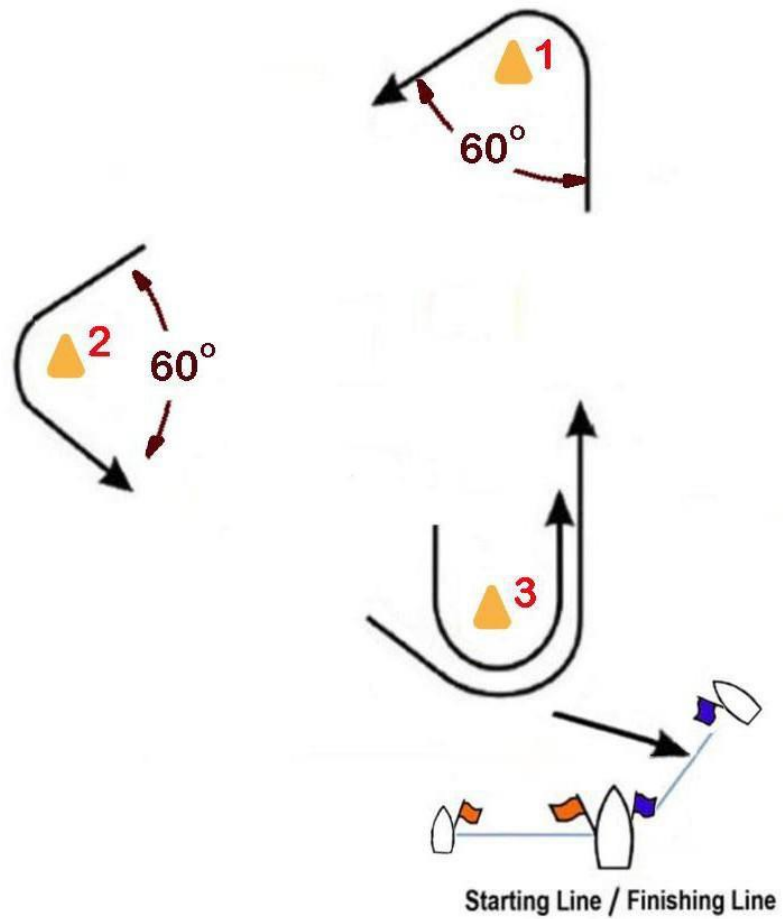
## **24. Further Information**

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## Attachment A – Courses

### COURSES:

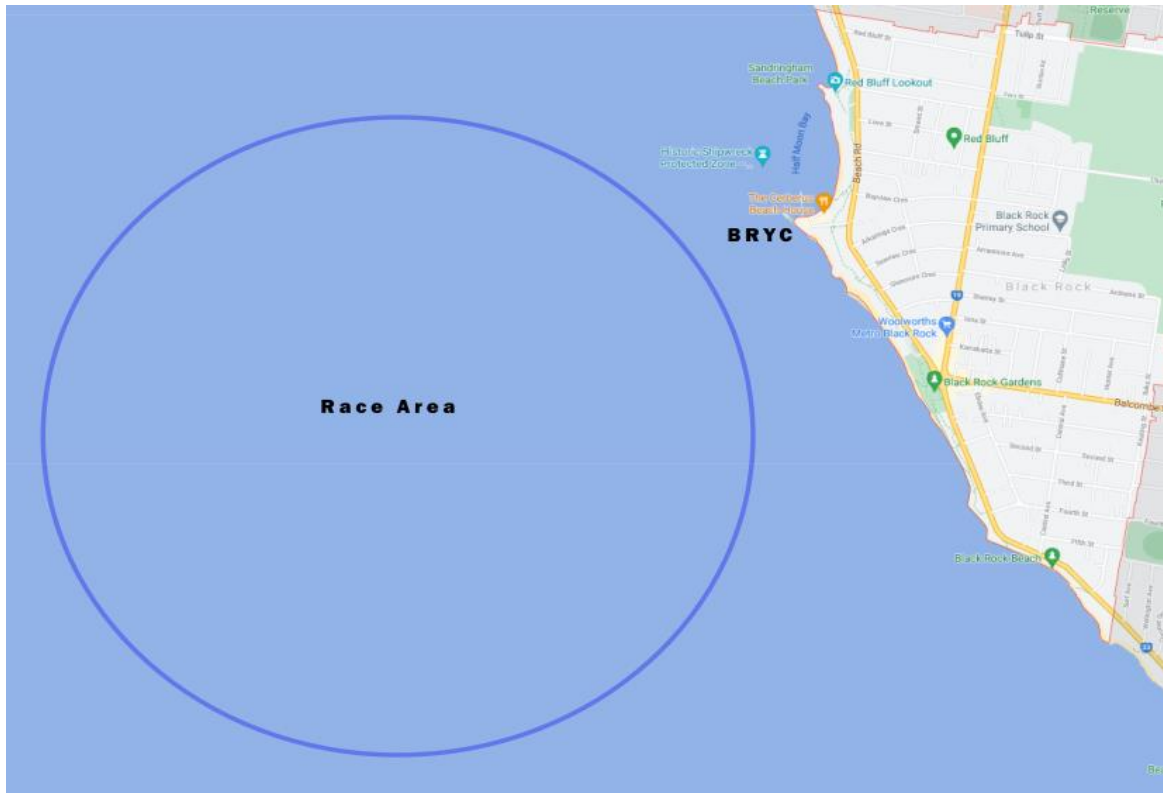
COURSE	MARK ROUNDING ORDER
1	START-1-2-3-1-3-FINISH
2	START-1-2-3-1-3-1-2-3-FINISH



All Marks to PORT



## Attachment B – RACING AREA



## LAUNCHING AREA

