



45TH AUSTRALIAN SABRE CHAMPIONSHIP

Thursday 28th December 2023 to Wednesday 3rd January
2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 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 “45th Australian Sabre 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 located on the upper deck opposite the race control tower.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board and the “45th Australian Sabre 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.
- 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

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 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 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1530hrs.
- 5.4 A maximum of 10 races shall be sailed with no more than four races on any one day.
- 5.5 The Race Committee, in consultation with the SSAV Organising Committee, may utilise the scheduled Lay Day on 1/1/2023 in order to make up a shortfall in races completed or to anticipate an inability to race after that day based on weather forecasts.

6. Class Flag

Sabre Class insignia on a white background.

7. Racing Area

- 7.1 The racing area shall be on the waters of Port Phillip in the vicinity of the McCrae Yacht Club.
- 7.2 [NP] Boats shall not enter the ‘No Boating Zone’ as shown in Appendix B during racing. Failure to comply may result in a boat being scored DSQ for the race or races without a hearing. This changes Rules 63.1 and A5.

8. Courses

- 8.1 The Course is shown in Appendix “A”, including 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.
- TW2 – Numeral Pennant 2
- TW3 – Numeral Pennant 3
- 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 TW2: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish
- 9.2 TW3: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish

10. Marks

Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be large pink inflatable buoys
Change of Course Marks will be large orange inflatable buoys
Mark A will be an orange stick mark with an orange flag
Mark B will be an orange stick mark with a blue flag

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 at the starboard end and Mark A.
- 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

The Race Committee may, at its discretion, change a leg or legs of the course in accordance with Rule 33.

13. The Finish

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a mast displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee Vessel and Mark B.
- 13.2 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 at the race office, located on the upper deck. 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 rear of the race control tower, 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 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.

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. A table will also be available in the Regatta Office for this purpose.
- 18.5 In respect to 18.2, a boat may approach the Race Committee Vessel, prior to the raising of the Warning Signal for first race of the Race Session, and "verbally" Sign-on". This dispensation shall only apply once to each entrant over the period of the

regatta.

- 18.6 Failure to Sign On in accordance with Sailing Instruction 18.1 will 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.
- 18.7 Failure to Sign Off in accordance with Sailing Instruction 18.1 will 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 McCrae 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 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.

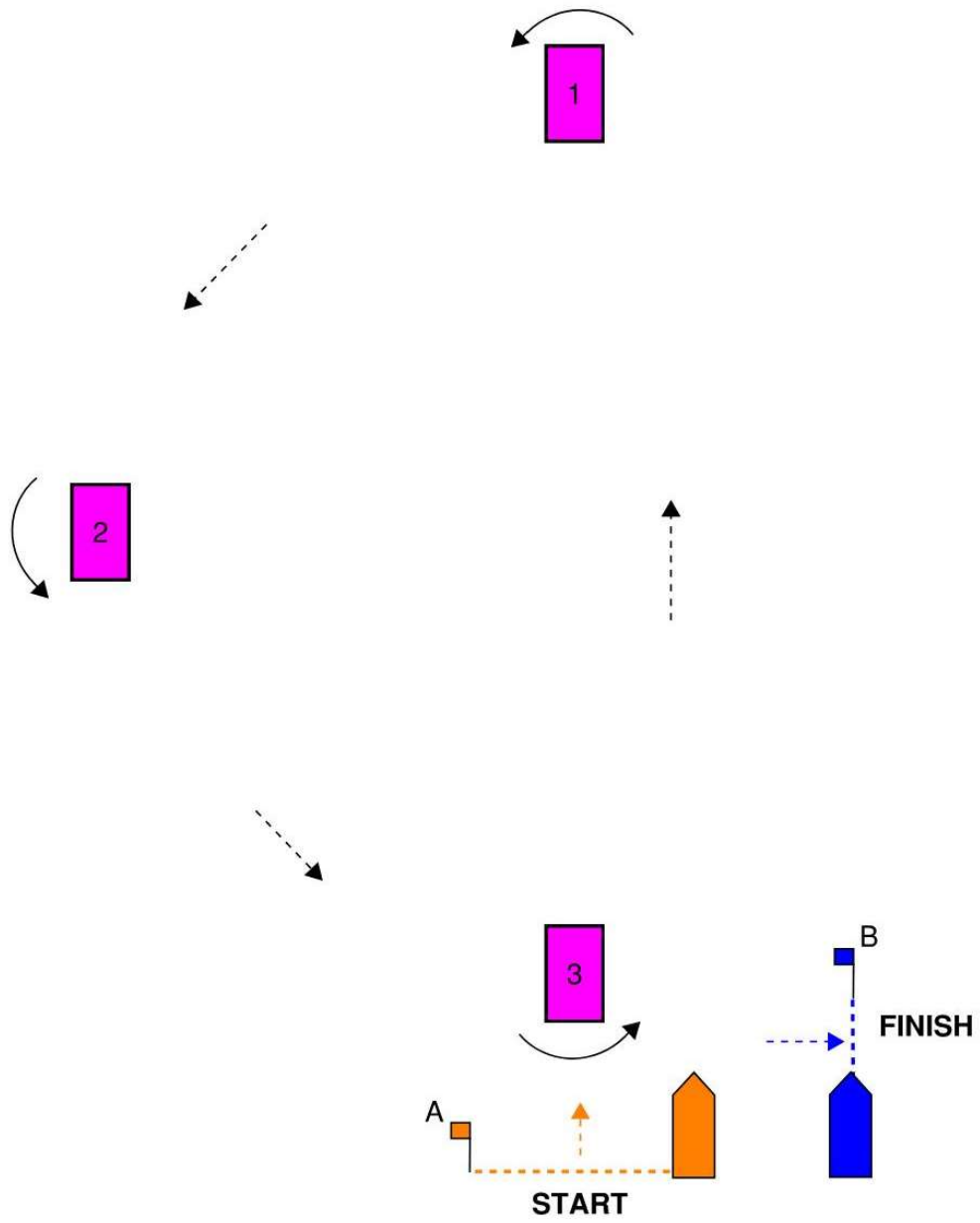
23. Insurance

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



Attachment B – Course Area

