



Sabre Sailing Association of Victoria Inc'

39th Victorian Championship (the Championships)

22nd February 2014 – 23rd February 2014

Organising Authority: Somers Yacht Club Inc. (SsYC) on behalf of Sabre Sailing Association of Victoria Inc. (SSAV)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016 (RRS)*, except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The RRS will be modified in accordance with rule 86 as follows:
Rule 41, Outside Help, will be altered by adding: “(e) A boat may receive outside help as provided for in rule 1 and also where the Race Committee deems that the vessel and its crew require assistance in order to right a capsized vessel and/or return its crew to the vessel in order to continue racing.”
- 1.3 RRS 61.1 “Informing the Protestee” is amended so that boats intending to protest shall also inform the race committee at the finishing line.
- 1.4 Appendix P will apply, changed as follows: P2.3 is deleted and the words ‘or subsequent’ are added after the word ‘second’ in P2.2.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board on the lower deck of the club. The Regatta office can be accessed from the balcony.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 2 hours before the scheduled time for 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 or 90 minutes after the last boat has finished racing for the day on the day before it will take effect – whichever is later.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm located on the tower of SsYC.
- 4.2 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 AP.



5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1

Date	Event / Race	Time of Event, or warning signal	Proposed Type of Race and Course
22 nd Feb 2014	Registration	0815 hrs – 0945 hrs	
22 nd Feb 2014	Information Session	1000 hrs	
22 nd Feb 2014	Race Session 1	No earlier than 1100 hrs	1 x short
22 nd Feb 2014	Race Session 2		2 x short
23 rd Feb 2014	Race Session 3	No earlier than 1030 hrs	2 x short
23 rd Feb 2014	Provision for resail (only if less than 3 races were completed in sessions 1, 2 and 3.	No earlier than 1400 hrs	Short
23 rd Feb 2014	Presentation	As soon as practical after completion of race sessions.	
2 nd March 2014	Provision for resail (only if less than 3 races were completed from 22 nd to 23 rd February 2013	No earlier than 1100 hrs	

- 5.2 The Championships will comprise a minimum of three races and a maximum of five races, all of which will be short courses as indicated in clause 5.1. The target number of races for a particular session indicated above is a guide only, and will only be followed at the Race Committee's discretion.
- 5.3 At its discretion, and subject to clause 3.1 the Race Committee may schedule racing at times other than as indicated above in the event that there has been a shortfall in the number of races sailed in preceding days due to cancelled or abandoned races, or when weather forecasts indicate the potential for a loss of racing in future sessions. The Race Committee may waive its discretion to conduct such additional racing and limit the series to less than the full five races at its absolute discretion. A competitor may not request redress because of action or no action by the Race Committee under this instruction. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 5.4 It is intended that, on the last scheduled day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1600 hours.
- 5.5 It is intended that no more than two races be held in any race session, except that a maximum of three races may be scheduled if required, at the discretion of the Race Committee.

6. COMPETITION FORMAT

- 6.1 Racing will be conducted for the Sabre Class and Age Divisions within the Class and is an 'open' championship.
- 6.2 Eligibility for Age Divisions shall be based upon the competitor's age on 22 Feb 2014.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The Class Flag will be a red Sabre class logo on a white background



8. RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area will be on the waters of Western Port off SsYC.

Racing Area is defined as:

Before the warning signal, the racing area is within 100 metres of the starting line or its extensions.

After the warning signal, the racing area is 100 metres from any point where a boat might sail during normal racing and includes the area bounded by the marks of the course at all times when any boat is racing.

9. COURSES

9.1 The diagram in Attachment A shows the course including the approximate angles between the legs and the order in which marks are to be passed.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat will indicate the course to be sailed by displaying the relevant International Numeral Pennant and may additionally display the compass bearing of the direction to the first mark.

10. MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be Orange inflatable buoys with yellow ends.

10.2 The Starting Mark will be either a staff mark flying an orange flag or a Race Committee vessel displaying an orange flag at the port end.

10.3 New or replacement marks, including those referred to in instruction 12.1, will be orange inflatable buoys with yellow ends.

10.4 The Finish Mark will be either a staff mark flying an orange flag or a Race Committee vessel displaying an orange flag at the port end

11. THE START

11.1 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag shall be displayed with a long sound signal at least four minutes before a warning signal is made.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the Starting Mark at the port end.

11.3 A clearance buoy may be laid near the Race Committee Vessel and the buoy together with its mooring line shall be considered as a part of the Race Committee Vessel.

11.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4.

11.5 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26 Starting Races. When flag U is used as the preparatory signal rule 29.1 Individual recall does not apply. The scoring abbreviation for a flag U penalty is UFD. This changes A11 Scoring Abbreviations.

11.6 Except when starting, no boat shall cross the starting line in either direction. A boat breaching this instruction will be scored DSQ in that race without a hearing (refer also SI 17.6 below). This changes rule 63.1.

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.



13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the port-end Finish Mark. The distance of the finish line from mark C may vary at the discretion of the Race Committee
- 13.2 Except when finishing, no boat shall cross the finishing line in either direction A boat breaching this instruction will be scored DSQ in that race without a hearing (refer also SI 17.6 below). This changes rule 63.1.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired according to rule 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the protest time limit.
- 14.2 Appendix P will apply, changed as follows: P2.3 is deleted and the words 'or subsequent' are added after the word 'second' in P2.2.

15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1 The time limits and target times are as follows:

Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit	Target Time
90 minutes	40 minutes	65 minutes

- 15.2 If no boat has rounded Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes rule 35 and A4 and A5.
- 15.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for protest or redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)
- 15.5 After more than 75% of the number of boats entered in the series have finished any race, and prior to the time limits indicated in SI 15.1 above - the Race Committee may, at its discretion, allocate score points for that race to boats that have not yet finished, and direct those boats to go directly to the next start or return to the shore as the case may be.
- 15.6 Score points allocated to competitors under clause 15.5 will be based upon their relative position in the fleet at that time. This changes rule 28. The decisions of the Race Committee in relation to this instruction will be final and shall not be grounds for protest or redress under rule 62.1a.

16. ABANDONING A RACE AT RACE COMMITTEE'S DISCRETION

- 16.1. Under rule 32.1, the Race Committee may abandon the race in the event of certain occurrences including because of a major wind shift or irregular winds or when the wind speed drops below 4 knots across the course as measured by the Race Committee. A competitor may not request redress because of action or no action by the Race Committee under this instruction. This changes rule 62.1(a).

17. PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS AND MEDIATION

- 17.1 Protest forms will be available from the Regatta Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.2 The protest time limit will be 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 about incidents they see in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted within 60 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the SsYC Clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.
- 17.4 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 17.6 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 11.6, 13.2, 14.1, 19, 22, 23 and 24 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Other than for breaches of 11.6, 13.2 and 19.5, penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.



- 17.7 Requests to reopen a hearing shall be in writing and lodged at the Regatta Office no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision. This changes rule 66.
- 17.8 A mediation hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with rule 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or 4. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.
- 17.8 (a) The time and place of the mediation hearing will be decided by the mediator and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat shall attend the mediation hearing and no witnesses shall be allowed. The mediator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.
- 17.8 (b) After taking testimony at a mediation hearing the mediator shall make one of the following conclusions:
- (i) The protest does not comply with rule 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
 - (ii) The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. (This may be because rules other than Part 2 or 4 are or may be involved, or because evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason decided by the mediator.)
 - (iii) No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
 - (iv) A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, in which case the infringing boat(s) may accept scoring points equal to its race score increased by 25% of the difference between the boat's finishing score and the score for the DSQ rounded up to the nearest whole number, and if so accepted the protestor shall withdraw the protest. This is a change to RRS 44.1. All other boat scores will remain the same.
- 17.8 (c) A mediation hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of a mediator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.
- 17.8 (d) Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the mediator may be a member of the Protest Committee. Any evidence given by a mediator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.

18. SCORING

The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A. will apply, amended as follows:

- 18.1 A maximum of 5 races are scheduled, of which 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.3 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.4 Scoring for determination of results in Age Divisions will be determined on the basis of the competitor's position in the results of the overall fleet

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS, SIGNING ON AND SIGNING OFF

- 19.1 All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specification issued or approved by a national authority affiliated to the International Sailing Federation, or a standards organisation, or certification authority, recognised for the purpose by its respective government. This changes rule 40. Attention is drawn to rule 1.2.
- 19.2 All competitors must personally "sign on" prior to the scheduled warning signal of the first race of the relevant session and "sign off" within 30 minutes of returning to shore at the completion of the session's racing, or after retiring from or failing to start or finish in any race by completing the declaration "DNF" or "DNS" on the sheet provided, as the case may be.
- 19.3 Competitors who do not intend to race in the first race of any session but do intend to race in any subsequent races in that session must advise the Regatta Office that they wish to sign on for the subsequent race/s of that session only.
- 19.4 The Sign Off period will close 60 minutes after the last boat has completed the last race of the session.
- 19.5 Failure to Sign On or Sign Off in accordance with this clause 19 will result in that boat being scored DSQ in the first race of the relevant race session without a hearing. This changes Rule 63.1, A4 and A5.



19.6 Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from a Race Committee official

20. EQUIPMENT MEASUREMENT AND REPLACEMENT

20.1 In the event of damage or breakage to a sail or foil, such equipment may only be substituted after a written request to the Race Committee is approved. Equipment substitution forms will be available in the Regatta Office. Request for approval shall be made at the first available opportunity.

20.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected by the Race Committee at any time for compliance with the class rules.

21. RACE COMMITTEE BOATS

21.1 Race Committee boats and patrol boats may display the SsYC Burgee.

22 ADVERTISING

22.1 The Organising Authority may require boats to display event sponsors' advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20. If required, all boats shall affix any such advertising material as may be instructed and provided at registration.

23. SUPPORT BOATS

23.1. All support boats shall keep to leeward and outside the Race Area after the preparatory signal for any race and prior to the expiration of the relevant race time, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee. Failure to comply may result in protest of boats associated with the infringing support boat.

23.2 Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and support boats (registered or otherwise) shall not interfere with boats that are racing.

24. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

24.1 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.

24.2 No electronic device which could be used to increase boat speed or gain a tactical advantage shall be attached to a boat or carried by a crew member, other than (a) time keeping devices, (b) digital compasses and (c) tracking devices such as Tack Trackers, provided these devices cannot calculate speed or location information for use while racing.

25. PRIZES

CATEGORY	PRIZE
Open	1 st to 10 th place
Ladies Champion	1 st to 3 rd place
Youth Champion (Under 18 years)	1 st to 3 rd place
Seniors Champion (18 – 39 years)	1 st to 3 rd place
Masters Champion (40 - 49 years)	1 st to 3 rd place
Grand Masters Champion (50 - 59 years)	1 st to 3 rd place
Veterans Champion (60 - 69 years)	1 st to 3 rd place
Grand Veterans (70+ Years)	1 st to 3 rd place
All Timber boat	1st
Over 90 kg's	1 st place
Under 60 kg's	1 st place

Allocation of prizes in all categories will be made at the discretion of the Sabre Sailing Association of Victoria Inc. Eligibility for age divisions shall be based upon the competitor's age on 22 February 2014.

The championship is an 'open' championship and therefore prizes will be awarded in order of scoring irrespective of a competitor's state of origin.

26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY



- 26.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and responsibility. See rule 4, *Decision to Race*.
- 26.2 None of the Organising Authority, the regatta officials, volunteers and sponsors will accept any liability for material damage, or personal injury, or death sustained prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 27. INSURANCE**
- 27.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD\$5,000,000 (or equivalent) - AUD\$10,000,000 recommended.



Attachment A

Course Diagram and Courses

This diagram is indicative only, and shows the relative positions of the marks of the course, but the distances between them are not necessarily to scale. Course 2 is shown for illustrative purposes only.

Refer to SI 11.6 and 13.2 for restrictions on crossing the start / finish line.

Course 1 – (International Numeral Pennant One)

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish

Course 2 – (International Numeral Pennant Two)

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish

Course 3 – (International Numeral Pennant Three)

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish

