



Sabre Sailing Association of Victoria

37th Victorian Championship

11 February 2012 – 12 February 2012

The Organising Authority is Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC) on behalf of Sabre Sailing Association of Victoria Inc.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The racing rules will be modified in accordance with rule 86 as follows:
Outside Help, will be altered by: "A boat may receive outside help as provided for in rule 1 and also where the organising body 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." This changes rule 41.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board- window of the SYC auditorium (registration office).

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 1800 on the day before it will take effect or 90 minutes after the last boat has finished racing for the day – which ever is later.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm located on the lawn at SYC.
- 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

5.1

Date	Event / Race	Time of Event, or warning signal	Proposed Type of Race and Course
11 February 2012	Registration	0830hrs – 0945hrs	
11 February 2012	Information Session	1000hrs	
11 February 2012	Race Session 1	Not before 1100hrs	1 x short
11 February 2012	Race Session 2		2 x short
12 February 2012	Race Session 3	Not before 1030hrs	2 x short
12 February 2012	Presentation	As soon as practical after completion of race session 3.	
18 February 2012	Provision for resail (only if less than 3 races were completed the previous week).	Not before 1100hrs	Short
18 February 2012	Presentation (if resail was necessary).	As soon as practical after completion of resail session.	

5.2 The series will comprise a maximum of five heats, which will be short courses as indicated in clause 5.1. The target number and type of races for a particular session indicated above is a guide only, and will only be followed should weather conditions allow, 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 on days indicated in clause 5.1 only 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 discretion.

5.4 It is intended that, on the last 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, to ensure completion of the series.

6. COMPETITION FORMAT

6.1 Racing will be conducted for the Sabre Class and Categories within the Class.

6.2 Eligibility for age Categories shall be based upon the competitor's age on 11 February 2012.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The Class flag will be the Sabre Class Flag approved by the Sabre Sailing Association of Australia Inc.



8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area will be on the waters of Port Phillip off SYC.

Racing Area is defined as:

Before the warning signal, the racing area is within 50 metres of the starting line or its extensions.

After the warning signal, the racing area is 50 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 International Numeral Pennant One for Course One or International Numeral Pennant Two for Course Two and may display the compass bearing of the direction of the first mark.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 Marks A, B and C will be orange inflatable buoys.
- 10.2 The starting mark will be a yellow inflatable buoy at the port end.
- 10.3 New or replacement marks, including those referred to in instruction 12.1, will be yellow inflatable buoys.
- 10.4 The Finish Mark will be a yellow inflatable buoy.

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 four minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 11.2 Races shall be started by using rule 26.
- 11.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the Start Mark at the port end. 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. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 11.5 The Race Committee may elect not to start any race unless a minimum of 10 competing boats are in the start area.
- 11.6 Except when starting, no boat shall cross the starting line in either direction when racing. This changes rule 63.1. Penalty is DSQ in that race (refer also SI 17.6 below).

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. It may also be positioned either to port or to starboard of the rhumb line between marks A&C if required.
- 13.2 Except when finishing, no boat shall cross the finishing line in either direction when racing. This changes rule 63.1. Penalty is DSQ in that race (refer also SI 17.6 below).

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired in accordance with rule 31 (*Touching a Mark*) or 44.1 (*Taking a Penalty*) shall record that fact in the column provided for that purpose on the Sign Off Sheet before the end of the protest time limit for the relevant race.

15. TIME LIMIT

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

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

- 15.2 If no boat has rounded Mark A within the Mark A Time Limits noted above, then 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 Times 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 - 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 Scored points allocated to competitors under clause 15.5 would be based upon their position in the fleet at that time. This changes rule 28. The decisions of the Race Committee in relation to this instruction shall be final and shall not be grounds for 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 because of a major wind shift or irregular winds or when the wind speed drops below 4 knots 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 60.1 (b).

17. PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS AND ARBITRATION

- 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 45 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 SYC 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). 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 At the discretion of the Race Committee, an arbitration hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing involving an alleged breach of a rule of RRS part 2 or rule 31 (affecting Rule 63). After a written protest form is properly lodged, each skipper shall meet with the arbitrator and no witnesses will be allowed. A boat that accepts fault at an arbitration hearing will be penalised by having 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. All other boat scores will remain the same. Once accepted this decision is not subject to reopening or appeal. This alters RRS 63, 64.1(a), 66 and Appendix A. Protests not resolved by arbitration will be heard by the Protest Committee. This changes RRS Rule 63.3(a).

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 Categories will be determined on the basis of aggregating the results based on 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 RRS 40. Attention is drawn to Rule 1.2.
- 19.2 All boats must "sign on" prior to the scheduled warning signal of the first race of the relevant session and "sign off" as soon as practicable (but no later than 30 minutes) after 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 indicating "DNF" or "DNS" on the sign off sheets, 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.
- 19.3 Subject to clause 17.6, 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 session of the omission without a hearing. This changes Rule 63.1, A4 and A5.

20. EQUIPMENT MEASUREMENT AND REPLACEMENT

- 20.1 In the event of damage or breakage to a sail or foil, equipment may only be substituted after a written request to the Race Committee is approved.
- 20.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules.

21. RACE COMMITTEE BOATS

- 21.1 Race committee boats and patrol boats may display the SYC 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 5 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
Super Veterans (70+ Years)	1 st to 3 rd place
B, C,D & E Divisions (where applicable)	1 st place
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 11 February 2012.

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 1 is shown for illustrative purposes only.

Refer to SI 11.6 for restrictions on crossing the starting line.

Course 1 – (International Numeral Pennant One)

Start – A – B – C – A – C – Finish

Course 2 – (International Numeral Pennant Two)

Start – A – B – C – A – Finish

