

**Sabre Sailing Association Western Australia
Boating Hardware State Championships
22nd & 29th November 2015**



NOTICE OF RACE

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Organising Authority

Sabre Sailing Association of WA in Association with The Cruising Yacht Club (TCYC) and Nedlands Yacht Club (NYC)

Introduction

2015/16 Sabre Sailing Association Western Australia Boating Hardware WA State Championships will be held over 2 consecutive Sundays.

Sunday 22nd November 2015 at The Cruising Yacht Club (TCYC)

Sunday 29th November 2015 at Nedlands Yacht Club (NYC)

There will be 2 Heats raced concurrently each morning and afternoon.

Rules

1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Class Rules of the Sabre Sailing Association of Australia Inc and the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of the Yachting Australian (YA) Special Regulations, Part 2, Off The Beach Boats will apply.
2. The racing rules will be modified in accordance with rule 86 as follows: Rule 41, Outside Help, will be altered by: "A boat may receive outside help as provided for in rule 1 and, in addition, 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."

Advertising and Sponsorship

3. Advertising will be as defined by ISAF regulation 20.
4. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
5. The organising authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by a boat or competitor when it is in conflict with an event sponsor or the laws of the Western Australian or Australian Governments.

Eligibility and Entry

6. The regatta is open to boats of the Sabre class that comply with the class rules of the Sabre Sailing Association of Australia Inc and whose crew is a current financial member of any Sabre Sailing Association in Australia .

6.1 Competitors must also be current financial members of a club affiliated with a State or National Yachting Association.

6.2 To be eligible for a podium position in the Sabre States (1st, 2nd or 3rd) the sailor must satisfy that they are a regular, or an intend to be a regular, participant in the Sabre Class. The Sabre Association of WA has the final decision on what constitutes a “regular, or an intend to be a regular, participant.”

7. Eligible boats may enter via the following link:
<https://reg.sportingpulse.com/v6/regoform.cgi?eventID=863&formID=51551>

A paper entry form is available on request.

8. Entries close on 16th November 2015. Entries received after this date will incur a late fee. Entries will be accepted at Heat 1, 2, or 3 prior to race on the day of the heat if accompanied by the appropriate entry fee.

Fees

9. The entry fee of \$46.00 is payable to the Sabre Sailing Association of Western Australia Inc.
This includes a ticket for the presentation breakfast on Sunday 6th December 2015 at East Fremantle Yacht Club. Extra breakfast tickets are available at \$22.
10. Boats submitting entries after the 16th November 2015 will incur an additional \$10.00 late fee.

Schedule of Events:

Event	Date	Location
Heat 1 & 2	22 nd November 2015 10am	TCYC
Heat 3 & 4	22 nd November 2015 2pm	TCYC
Heat 5 & 6	29 th November 2015 10am	NYC
Heat 7 & 8	29 th November 2015 1.40pm	NYC

There will be a competitors briefing held at 9.00am on the 22nd November at TCYC and on the 29th November 2015 at NYC. Specific location of the briefing will be advised on the day.

Measurement

11. Each boat shall hold an "A" class measurement certificate and except in circumstances prescribed by clause 14, shall use a maximum of 2 sails, one centreboard and one rudder during the regatta.
12. Prior to the competitor's first heat or as agreed with the State Measurer, each competitor must ensure that the sails, centreboard and rudder to be used in the regatta has been measured and endorsed by the State Measurer for season 2015/2016. The State Measurer has indicated that any sail, centreboard and rudder measured in previous years which has both a signature and date legible will be accepted. Any measuring of sails or foils undertaken during the regatta will incur a late fee of \$10 per boat (unless undertaken as per clause 14 below).
13. The class measurer, or appropriate delegate, may conduct random measurement checks on boats and equipment before, during and after the regatta at the discretion of the Race Committee or the Sabre Sailing Association of Western Australia Inc.
14. Damaged equipment may be replaced on request to and approval by the race committee.

Sailing Instructions

15. Sailing Instructions will be available prior to Sunday 22nd November sent by email and published on the Sabre Website – WA page.

Courses

16. The format and courses to be sailed will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

Scoring and Penalty System

17. RRS 44.1, 44.2 and 44.4 shall apply.
18. Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
19. Scoring, the Low Points Scoring System specified in Appendix A of Yachting Australia Racing Rules Of Sailing 2013 – 2016 of will apply as modified below.
20. A maximum of 8 races are scheduled, of which 4 races shall be completed to constitute a series. A boat's series score will be the total of her 8 best race scores excluding her two worst scores.

Safety and Support Boats

21. Personal Flotation. All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications 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.
22. Attention is drawn to Rule 1.2 and Rule 4 Discretionary penalties will apply to Rule 41 – Outside Help. Actions of the Race Committee in retrieving crews from the water and returning them to their boats may not be penalised.
23. Support Boats Coaches and other support personnel shall not approach within 100 metres of any competitor that is racing without the prior approval of the Race Committee. A failure to comply may result in protest of boats associated with the infringing vessel.

Radio Communication

24. While racing, a boat shall not: make radio transmissions, make or receive mobile phone calls, nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. Mobile telephones may not be used at any time during racing, or carried on board by competitors during the competition. The use of GPS devices will be subject to provisions outlined in the Sailing Instructions.
25. No electronic device able to 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 provided there cannot calculate speed or location information for use while racing
 - c) Tack Tracker type devices that record data relating to the position of a boat but do not permit any visual display of that data to the skipper during racing.

Prizes

26. Prizes will be awarded for
 - Open 1st to 3rd place
 - 1st Timber Boat
 - Presidents Award.

Entry Disclaimer

27. It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority, and the host club, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in this Event or howsoever arising in connection with this Event.
28. Insurance All boats shall have third party insurance cover of not less than \$AUD5,000,000 for any accident. All owners/competitors who are not insured, race at their own risk and acknowledge that the owner/competitors is personal liable for any claim.
29. Rights to Use Name and Likeness In participating in the Regatta each competitor grants the Organising Authority, the Association and the sponsors of the Regatta the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television or other reproduction of him/her during the period of the competition for the Regatta and in all material related to the Regatta without compensation.

Further Information

30. Further information may be obtained from the Sabre Association website:
<http://www.sabre.org.au> (WA sub page)
Or contact Charlotte Coop charlotte@petecoop.com
31. Presentations will follow the breakfast at East Fremantle Yacht Club at 9am on 6th December 2015.
32. Any amendment to this Notice of Race will be posted on the event web site at:
www.sabre.org.au (WA sub page)