



Sabre Sailing Association of Western Australia Inc 40th National Championships

28th of December 2017 – 4th of January 2018



This regatta is organised and hosted by Perth Dinghy Sailing Club (PDSC) on behalf of the Sabre Sailing Association of Western Australia Inc. Racing will be conducted on Matilda Bay in the vicinity of PDSC Crawley WA.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the sailing instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Arbitration will be conducted in accordance with Appendix T.
- 1.3 The racing rules will be modified in accordance with RRS 86 as follows: RRS 41, Outside Help, will be altered by: "A boat may receive outside help as provided for in RRS 1 and, in addition, 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."

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the deck of the Perth Dinghy Sailing Club near the canteen.

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 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 signal mast on the balcony of the PDSC clubhouse.
- 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 | Races |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Thursday 28 th December 2017 | Registration | 1000 - 1200 1400 - 1700 | |
| Friday 29 December 2017 | Registration Competitors Meeting First Invitation Race Warning Welcome Night | 0830 – 1100 1130 1300 1830 | 2 Invitation races |
| Saturday 30 December 2017 | First Race Warning | 1300 | Racing |
| Sunday 31 December 2017 | First Race Warning New Year's Eve Party | 1300 1900 | Racing |
| Monday 01 January 2018 | Lay day | | |
| Tuesday 02 January 2018 | Annual General Meeting First Race Warning | 0930 1300 | Racing |
| Wednesday 03 January 2018 | First Race Warning | 1300 | Racing |
| Thursday 04 January 2018 | First Race Warning Presentation Evening Buffet Dinner at PDSC | 1100 Evening | Racing |

5.2 A maximum of 9 races are scheduled for the series.

5.3 Under normal sailing and weather conditions it is not expected that more than 2 races will be sailed on any day.

5.4 On the last scheduled day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1530.

6. **CLASS FLAGS**

6.1 The Class Flag will be a red Sabre class logo on a white background.

7. **RACING AREA**

7.1 The regatta site will be the Perth Dinghy Sailing Club.

7.2 The racing area will be on the waters of Matilda Bay in the vicinity of PDSC Crawley WA.

8. **COURSES**

8.1 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.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the Signal Boat will display the approximate compass bearing to Mark 1.

8.3 No later than the warning signal, the Signal Boat will display the course number to be sailed on the board or display the numeral pennant as described in Attachment A.



9. **MARKS**

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be orange inflatable buoys.
- 9.2 The Starting Mark will be the Signal Boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and a pin end buoy or boat displaying an orange flag at the port end.
- 9.3 New marks, including those referred to in SI 11.1, will be orange with a black ring inflatable buoys.
- 9.4 The Finish Mark will be the Signal Boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and a pin end buoy or boat displaying an orange flag at the port end.

10. **THE START**

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat at the starboard end and the Starting Mark at the port end.
- 10.3 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11. **CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1 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.

12. **THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat at the starboard end and the port-end Finish Mark. The distance of the finish line from Mark 3 may vary at the discretion of the Race Committee.

13. **PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired according to RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the protest time limit.
- 13.2 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 13.3 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.

14. **TIME LIMIT**

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

| Time Limit | Target Time |
|------------|-------------|
| 90 minutes | 60 minutes |

- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 14.3 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for protest or redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)
- 14.4 After more than 75% of the number of boats entered in the regatta have finished each race, and prior to the time limits indicated in SI 14.1 the race committee may, at its discretion, allocate finishing positions 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.
- 14.5 The position allocated to competitors under SI 14.4 will be based upon their relative position in the fleet at that time. This changes RRS 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.



15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 A boat wishing to protest must notify the finish boat at the end of the race that the protest incident occurred in.
- 15.2 Protest forms will be available from the Regatta Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.3 The protest time limit will be 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. 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 RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.4 Notices will be posted within 30 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 PDSC Clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.
- 15.5 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.6 Breaches of Sailing Instructions, 14.5, 17, 21 and 22 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 15.7 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 RRS 66.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 Low Point scoring system, Appendix A.4.1 will apply.
- 16.2 Division results will be based on the overall regatta point scores.
- 16.3 Four races are required to complete a series.
- 16.4 When fewer than 6 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.5 When 6 to 7 races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.6 When 8 races or more have been completed a boats series score will be her total scores excluding her two worst scores.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS, SIGNING ON AND SIGNING OFF [DP]

- 17.1 All competitors must personally "sign on" by hanging their numbered competitor lanyard on the Sign On/Off Board matching their lanyard to the corresponding hook number prior to the scheduled warning signal of the first race of the relevant session and "sign off" by removing their Numbered Competitor Lanyard within 60 minutes of the finishing time of the last boat 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.
- 17.2 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.
- 17.3 Boats failing to comply with SI 17.1 will be subject to a scoring penalty of 5 points for each indiscretion to be applied to the race closest to each indiscretion without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 17.4 Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from a race management official.

18. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT [DP]

- 18.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Request for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Equipment substitution forms will be available in the Regatta Office.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected by the race committee at any time for compliance with the class rules.



20. OFFICIAL BOATS

20.1 Official boats may display the PDSC Burgee.

21. EVENT ADVERTISING [DP]

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

22. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

22.1 Team Leaders, Coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

23. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT (DP)

23.1 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 and any form of GPS devices.

23.2 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 provided these cannot calculate speed or location information for use while racing and (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 the race.

24. 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 |
| Over 90 kg's | 1 st place |
| Under 60 kg's | 1 st place |

Allocation of prizes in all categories remains at the discretion of the Sabre Sailing Association of Western Australia Inc. and is dependent on the number of entries.

25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

25.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority and the Sabre Sailing Association of Western Australia their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property sustained solely by reason of the competitor's participation or intended participation in this regatta or howsoever arising in connection with this regatta.

26. INSURANCE

26.1 All boats competing in this regatta shall have third party insurance cover of not less than \$10,000,000

26.2 All owners/competitors who enter online or sign the entry form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. The mandatory Competitor's Declaration contains a clause acknowledging current insurance cover.



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. All roundings shall be to port.

Course 1 – (International Numeral Pennant One)



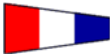
Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish

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

