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## Introduction

The 2019-20 Sabre Sailing Association of Western Australia (SSAWA) Boating Hardware WA State Championships will be held over the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020. The regatta will be conducted by the Perth Dinghy Sailing Club (PDSC) in the waters of Matilda Bay, Perth, Western Australia. The organising authority for this regatta is the Sabre Sailing Association of Western Australia Inc.

### 1 Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Class Rules of the Sabre Sailing Association of Australia Inc and the prescriptive sections (Sections 1 to 5) of the Australian Sailing “2017-2020 Blue e-Book Special Regulations - Part 2 for Off The Beach Boats”.
- 1.2 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 authority 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 PDSC notice board(s) located on the southern side of the clubhouse (on the balcony area, close to the club’s shop).





### 3 Changes To Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00am on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 6:00pm on the day before it will take effect.

### 4 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the PDSC balcony area flagstaff.
- 4.2 If a black flag is hoisted from the PDSC balcony area flagstaff due to severe weather conditions, no boat shall leave the beach (penalty may be disqualification/exclusion from future races as directed by the Race Committee).
- 4.3 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:

Event	Date	Location
<b>Session 1 11:00 to 13:00</b> Race 1: 11:00	14 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	PDSC, Matilda Bay
<b>Session 2 14:15 to 17:00</b> Race 2: 14:15 Race 3: As soon as practical after completion of Race 2	14 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	PDSC, Matilda Bay
<b>Session 3 11:00 to 14:00</b> Race 4: 11:00 Race 5: As soon as practical after completion of Race 4	15 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	PDSC, Matilda Bay

- 5.1 The stated time in the above schedule for the races indicates the earliest time of a warning signal for the commencement of a race. Races will be nominally targeted within the sessions as stated, however racing may vary from this session allocation at the discretion of the Race Officer. Races 3 and 5 will be sailed as soon as practical after completion of the previous race.
- 5.2 There will be no provision for resailing of any scheduled race not able to be sailed within the allocated time for the regatta.
- 5.3 On the last scheduled day of racing, no Warning Signal will be made after 13:00 hours.

### 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 racing area will be on the waters of Matilda Bay in front of the Perth Dinghy Sailing Club.

### 8 Courses

- 8.1 The diagram in Attachment A shows the courses including the approximate angles between the legs and the order in which marks are to be passed.
- 8.2 All rounding marks are to be rounded to port.
- 8.3 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.



## 9 Marks

- 9.1 Marks A, B and C will be inflatable buoys.
- 9.2 The Starting Mark will be a buoy displaying an orange flag (At the port end of the starting line).
- 9.3 The Finish Mark will be a buoy displaying an orange flag (At the port end of the finish line).

## 10 Not Used

## 11 The Start

- 11.1 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag shall be displayed on the Race Committee Vessel with a long sound signal at least four minutes before a Warning Signal is made.
- 11.2 The starting line will be an imaginary line between the flag mast on the Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and the Starting Mark (a buoy flying an orange flag).
- 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 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.5 Races will be started with a modified RRS Rule 26 with the start sequence as follows:

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
3	Class flag	One	Warning Signal
2	P, I, Z, Z with I, U, or black flag	One	Preparatory Signal
1	P, I, Z, Z with I, U, or black flag removed	One Long	One Minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting Signal

- 11.6 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 Rule A11 Scoring Abbreviations.
- 11.7 Where starts are made within a sequence of classes starting, the warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.
- 11.8 If flag "First Substitute - General Recall Signal" is displayed on a Race Committee Vessel in multiple fleet starts this shall mean "The class is recalled for a new start following the start of the last class scheduled to start".
- 11.9 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4.

## 12 Change Of The Next Leg Of The Course

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee shall display Code Flag "S" Shortened Course at a rounding mark, and a Race Committee vessel shall give two audible signals as each boat rounds this mark. This shall mean: "course is shortened - after rounding



this mark, proceed directly to the finishing line and finish in the prescribed direction."

### **13 The Finish**

- 13.1 The finish line will be an imaginary line between the flag mast on the Race Committee Vessel displaying a blue flag and the Finishing Mark (a buoy flying an orange flag).
- 13.2 After starting correctly, boats shall not pass through a Start or Finish line in use in either direction except when finishing. A line in use will be identified by a Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag (start line in use) or a blue flag (finish line in use).

### **14 Penalty System**

- 14.1 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 apply.
- 14.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired according to Rule 44.1 shall inform the Race Committee at the first opportunity.

### **15 Time Limit and Target Times**

- 15.1 The time limit for each race shall be 75 minutes.
- 15.2 The target time for each race is 45 minutes. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for protest or redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).
- 15.3 If no boat has rounded Mark A within 30 minutes from the start of the race, the race may be abandoned.
- 15.4 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.
- 15.5 After more than 75% of the number of boats entered in the series have finished any race, and prior to the time limits indicated 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 Under Rule 32.1, the Race Committee may abandon a race in the event of unsafe or erratic weather conditions. 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).

### **16 Protests, Requests For Redress And Mediation**

- 16.1 Protest forms will be available from the Regatta Office (PDSC admin office). Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 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.
- 16.3 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 PDSC Clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 13.2, 14.2 and 19 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes Rule 60.1(a). Other than for breaches of 13.2, penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 16.6 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.

- 16.7 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.
- 16.8 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.
- 16.9 After taking testimony at a mediation hearing the mediator shall make one of the following conclusions:
- The protest does not comply with Rule 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
  - 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.)
  - No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
  - 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.
- 16.10 A mediation hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of a mediator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.
- 16.11 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.

## 17 Scoring

- 17.1 The Low Points Scoring System specified in RRS Appendix A will apply, as modified by the following:
- When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - When 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

## 18 Advertising and Sponsorship

- 18.1 Advertising will be as defined by ISAF regulation 20.
- 18.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 18.3 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.



## 19 Safety Regulations

- 19.1 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.
- 19.2 All competitors must personally “sign on” prior to the scheduled warning signal of the first race of the relevant session, at a sign-on sheet situated near the Notice Board adjacent to the PDSC shop.
- 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 Start Boat that they wish to sign on for the subsequent race/s of that session only.
- 19.4 Failure to Sign on 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.
- 19.5 All competitors who fail to start or finish and return to the club, must personally “sign off” at a sign-off sheet situated near the Notice Board adjacent to the PDSC shop. Competitors who complete all races in a session, at the Race Committee vessel, do not need to sign-off once ashore.
- 19.6 Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from a Race Committee official.

## 20 Support Boats

- 20.1 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 lead to any penalty to the assisted competitor/boat.
- 20.2 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.

## 21 Radio Communication & GPS

- 21.1 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.
- 21.2 GPS units may be carried on board for purpose of storing tracks, however position or distance information derived from a GPS unit may not be accessed, nor be visually accessible, whilst racing.

## 22 Prizes

- 22.1 Prizes will be awarded for
  - a. Open: 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Prize winners will be presented with a pennant, a Boating Hardware voucher and a cash prize, as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$75 and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$50.
  - b. Women: 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Prize winners will be presented with a pennant, a Boating Hardware voucher and a cash prize, as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$75 and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$50.
  - c. Mystery Prize.
- 22.2 In both the Open and Women’s competitions, a minimum of 2 competitors are required to award 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 3 competitors to award 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and 4 competitors to award 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.



- 22.3 The Mystery Prize will be selected by a draw, to be held at the completion of the series and announced at the presentation for the series. The Mystery Prize will be awarded to the competitor, where the drawn number corresponds to competitor's finishing position in the series. The Open and Women's prize winners will be excluded from the Mystery Prize draw.

### **23 Disclaimer of Liability**

- 23.1 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.

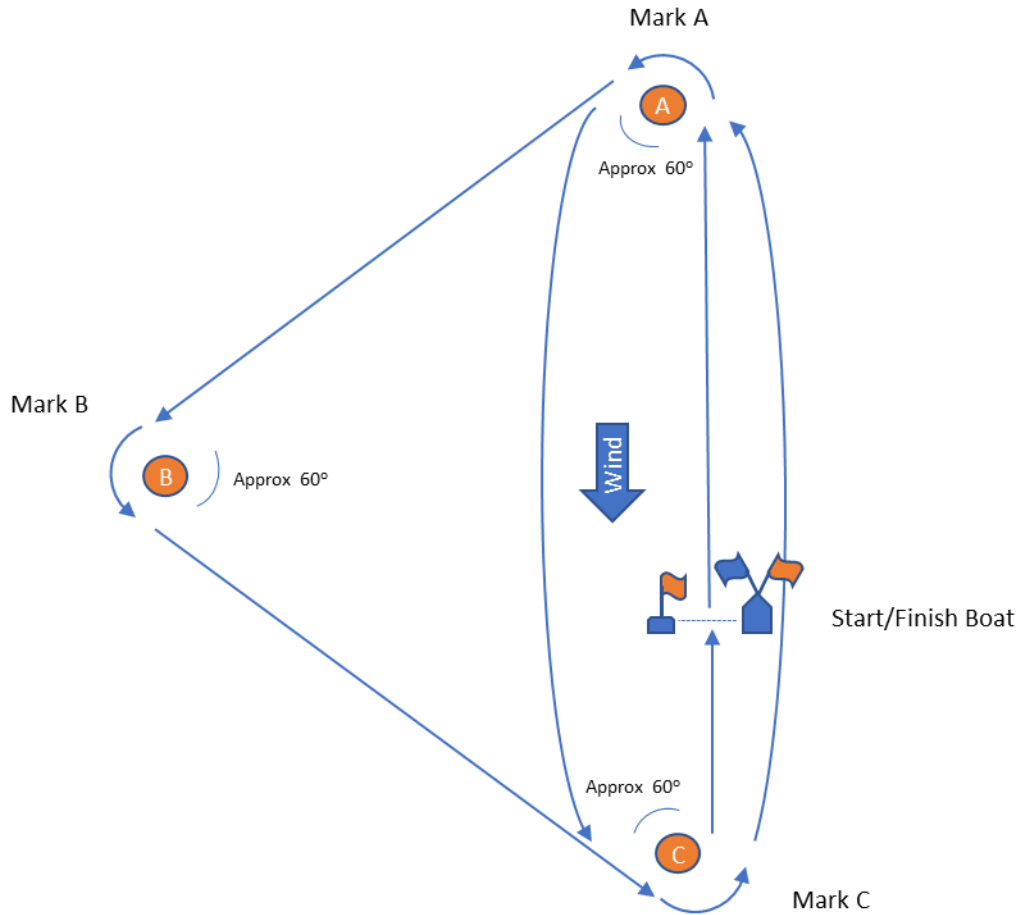
### **24 Insurance**

- 24.1 Competitors shall ensure and confirm as part of registration for the event, that the boat sailed in the series has third party insurance cover of not less than \$AUD5,000,000 for the duration of the regatta. Competitors whose boats are not insured, race at their own risk and acknowledge that the owner/competitors are personally liable for any claim for damages caused by them or their boat. Competitors whose boats are found to not be insured, may be disqualified by the organising authority from all races of the regatta.





## ATTACHMENT A COURSE DIAGRAM



Course 1 (International Numeral Pennant #1): Start - A - B - C - Finish	
Course 2 (International Numeral Pennant #2): Start - A - B - C - A - C - Finish	
Course 3 (International Numeral Pennant #3): Start - A - B - C - A - C - A - B - C - Finish	
All marks to be rounded to Port.	