

Sabre Sailing Association.
32nd Australian Championships
28 December 2009 – 3 January 2010
Hosted by Bellerive Yacht Club



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 - RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the ISAF 2009 – 2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The specific regulations of Yachting Australia and the class rules of the Sabre Sailing Association of Australia Inc. (except any altered by these sailing instructions) will apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will prevail.
- 1.4 The regatta is classified as a Category A event in accordance with RRS 79 and Appendix 1 Regulation 20 of the RRS.

2 - ALTERATIONS OF RACING RULES

In addition to various alterations as described in these Sailing Instructions, the racing rules will also 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 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."*

3 - NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the glass window adjacent the BBQ area on the ground floor of the Bellerive Yacht Club.

4 - CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board no later than 60 minutes prior to the race sessions it will affect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the race day before it will take effect or 90 minutes after the last boat has finished racing for the day – whichever is later.

5 - SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Bellerive Yacht Club signal mast in front of the club adjacent Cambridge Road.
- 5.2 When flag Answering Pennant AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' this amends race signal AP.

6 - CLASS FLAGS

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

7 - RACING AREA

Racing will be on the Derwent River in the vicinity of Kangaroo Bluff.

8 - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & RACES

8.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

Date	Event / Race	Proposed Type of Race	Time of Event, or warning signal
28 December	Registration Information Session Invitation Race Session Welcome dinner	2 x short	0900 – 1200 hours 1230 hours 1400 hours Evening
29 December	Late arrival Registration Race Session 1	2 x short	1030 – 1100 hours 1400 hours
30 December	Resail * Race Session 2	Reserve 2 x short	1030 hours 1400 hours
31 December	Resail * Race Session 3	Reserve 2 x short	1030 hours 1400 hours
1 January	No racing		
2 January	Resail * Race Session 5 Brett Young Night	Reserve 2 x short	1030 hours 1400 hours
3 January	Resail * Race Session 6 Presentation night	Reserve 1 x long	1000 hours 1300 hours 1900 hours

- 8.2 The series will comprise a maximum of nine heats, which may comprise both long and short courses
- 8.3 When more than one race will be held in a session, the warning signal for the succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable after the completion of the previous race at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 8.4 Resail reserve race sessions marked with a * above are intended to be used at the discretion of the race committee 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 the use of these sessions and limit the series to less than the full nine races at its discretion.
- 8.5 If a resail reserve race session is to be used, then it will notified to competitors by the race committee no later than 1800 hours; or 90 minutes after the finishing time of the last boat to finish (whichever is the later) on the race day prior to the commencement of the reserve race session
- 8.6 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. The race committee however will not conduct 2 x short races in a session shown above as intended to have a single long race unless there has been a shortfall in races completed up to that point, or forecast conditions present a significant risk of loss of future race sessions. Competitors will be informed of such an intention no later than 1800 hours; or 90 minutes after the finishing time of the last boat to finish (whichever is the later) on the race day prior to the commencement of the race session
- 8.7 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1430 hours
- 8.8 No more than two races will be held in any race session, with the exception of 2 or 3 January where a maximum of three could be scheduled if needed at the discretion of the race committee to ensure completion of a series.

9 - THE COURSE

- 9.1 The diagram in Attachment A1 shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs and the order in which marks are to be passed.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the start boat will fly a green flag indicating that a starboard hand course will be sailed, or a red flag indicating that a port hand course will be sailed.
- 9.3 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 on a board.
- 9.4 The duration of the race for Course 1 is intended to be 90 minutes, and 65 minutes for Course 2.

10 - MARKS

- 10.1 Marks A, B and C will be yellow drums, with a fluorescent orange band.
- 10.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be a fisherman's buoy flying a pink fluorescent flag.
- 10.3 The starting mark will be a fisherman's buoy flying a yellow flag.
- 10.4 The finishing mark will be a fisherman's buoy flying a yellow flag.

11 - THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given five minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The Race Committee will not start any race unless a minimum of 10 competing boats are in the start area.
- 11.3 The starting line will be between the orange mast or flag on the Race Committee Vessel on the starboard side and the fisherman's buoy flying a yellow flag at the port end. The starting line may be to leeward of mark C.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. **This changes rule A4.1.**

12 - CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

- 12.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee may lay a new mark (or move the original mark or the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signalled via display of code flag "C" before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2 Rule 33 is changed so that, instead of displaying a compass bearing, the race committee will display a green flag if the direction is changed to starboard or a red flag if the direction is changed to port of the original marks location.

13 - THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between the orange mast or flag on the Race Committee Vessel on the starboard side and the fisherman's buoy flying a yellow flag at the port end.
- 13.2 A Blue flag flown from the mast of the Race Committee Vessel will signify that the vessel is on station at the finish.
- 13.3 The distance of the finish line from mark C may vary as designated by the race committee.

14 - TIME LIMITS & SHORTEN COURSE PROCEDURES

- 14.1 The time limit for **Course One** shall be one hundred and twenty (120) minutes. Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat completes the course will be scored Did Not Finish. **This changes rules 35 and A4.1.**
The time limit for **Course Two** shall be ninety (90) minutes. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat completes the course will be scored Did Not Finish. **This changes rules 35 and A4.1.**
- 14.2 If no boat has rounded Mark A within 60 minutes of the starting signal, then the race will be abandoned.
- 14.3 Allocation of Score Points. After one or more boats have finished the race, and prior to the time limits indicated in SI 14.1 - the Race Committee may at its discretion allocate score points to boats that have not yet completed the

course and direct them to go directly to the next start or return to the shore as the case may be. Score points in this situation would be based upon the recorded position at their most recent mark rounding or latest position. The race committee may only use this discretion once at least 80% of boats still racing have finished the race.

- 14.4 In addition, the race committee may shorten a race in accordance with Rule 32.2 at a mark at which the leading boat(s) have already rounded, whereby the boats that have rounded shall be allocated score points in order of their rounding position prior to shortening the course and will be advised to go directly to the next start or return to the shore as the case may be. **This changes Rules 28, 32, 35, A4.1 and A4.3**

15 - PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available from the race office located on the ground floor next to the main stairway. Protests shall be delivered to the race office within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and protest committee and to requests for redress. **This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.**
- 15.3 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 Bellerive Yacht Club beginning at the time specified by the head of the protest committee and the notice of protest.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.5 For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the organizing authority.
- 15.6 Breaches of instructions 17, 18 and 21 will 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.

16 - SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A4.1 will apply.
- 16.2 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- (a) When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When five, six or seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

17 - SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Sign on and Sign off sheets will be provided on the ground floor of the Bellerive Yacht Club, opposite the race office. All boats shall enter for each race or race session by their helmsperson signing on, prior to the warning signal of the race or race session. Similarly, at the completion of each race or race session, the boats helmsperson shall sign off before the conclusion of protest time indicating that they have returned to shore from the sessions racing. Failure to sign on and sign off for each race or race session will result in immediate disqualification for that race or race session without protest. **This changes RRS 63.1.** All boats must have signed off before the conclusion of protest time.
- 17.2 Boats intending to start in a race session are also required to notify the start boat when it is on station. Boats shall do this by sailing past the stern of the start boat on starboard tack, and hail their sail number.
- 17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify a patrol boat on the water (if nearby) and the race committee as soon as practicable, as well as completing the sign off sheet as described in instruction 17.1.

18 - REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

Damaged equipment may be replaced on written request to and approval by the race committee.

19 - EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

20 - OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be identified by displaying the Bellerive Yacht Club or Lindisfarne Sailing Club burgee.

21 - 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. Failure to comply may result in the disqualification of all competitors associated with the infringement.

22 - RADIO COMMUNICATION

While racing, a boat shall not make radio transmissions, make or receive mobile phone calls, 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. GPS tracking devices will be permitted as per the class rules.

23 - PRIZES

CATEGORY	PRIZE
Open	1 st to 5 th place
Ladies Champion	1 st to 3 rd place
Junior 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+ years)	1 st to 3 rd place
B, C & D Divisions (where applicable)	1 st and 2 nd place
Over 85 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 Tasmania and is dependent on the number of entries. Ages are as at the first day of the regatta.

24 - DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. Refer rule 4, Decision to Race.

The organizing authority, the Sabre Sailing Association of Tasmania, the Sabre Sailing Association of Australia Inc and the Bellerive Yacht Club and their agents will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

The Sabre Sailing Association of Tasmania, the Sabre Sailing Association of Australia Inc and Bellerive Yacht Club and its agents are not responsible for the seaworthiness, or adequacy of a yacht's equipment whose entry is accepted. In accordance with RRS 76, Bellerive Yacht Club and the Sabre Sailing Association of Tasmania reserve the right to refuse any entry.

25 - INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$5,000,000 (recommended AUD \$10,000,000).

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Attachment A1 - The Course

Course 1 – (International Numeral Pennant One)

Start – A – B – C – A – C – A – B – C – Finish

Course 2 – (International Numeral Pennant Two)

Start – A – B – C – A – C – Finish

Note 1. - Either a port hand (red flag) or a starboard hand (green flag) course may be sailed.

Note 2. - Finish line may be any point upwind of Mark C.

Note 3. - Diagram below shows Course 2

