



## 2024 – 2025 NSW SABRE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

### NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority: Sabre Sailing Association of NSW (SSANSW)

Hosted by Kogarah Bay Sailing Club Inc (KBSC)

#### 1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2025 – 2028 Racing Rules of Sailing and the Prescriptions of Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 – Off the Beach Boats - <https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/site/tde3yzdsue2uqzaq.pdf> Entrants will also need to comply with NSW Government safe boating rules - <https://www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/waterways-safety-and-rules/lifejackets-and-safety-equipment/equipment-checklist>
- 1.2 The notation [DP] in a rule in the Notice of Race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.3 The notation [NP] means that the rule is not subject to protest by a competitor.
- 1.4 [NP] A boat may receive outside help where the Race Committee deems that the vessel and its crew require assistance to right a capsized vessel to continue racing. This changes Rule 41, RRS.

#### 2. Advertising [DP] [NP]

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with WS Regulation 20 (Appendix 1 – Advertising).
- 2.2 The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by any boat if it is considered offensive to public taste or if it contravenes the laws of the governments of NSW or Australia.
- 2.3 Competitors may be required to display an event sponsor's name(s)/logo(s). If required, the Organising Authority will supply these items, and they shall be affixed as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions.

#### 3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The regatta is open to Sabre Class boats that comply with the class rules of measurement and construction of the SSAA and whose skippers are current financial members of a State Sabre Association. To join the SSANSW, use this link - <https://www.trybooking.com/CULHR>

- 3.2 Skippers shall be members of a Club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing an on-line entry by 1600h on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Late entries may be made up to 1000h on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025 at Kogarah Bay Sailing Club.
- 3.4 On-line adult entry - <https://www.trybooking.com/CXDEA>  
Youth entry – please contact Geoff Comfort, [geoff@geoffcomfort.com](mailto:geoff@geoffcomfort.com)

#### 4. Fees

- 4.1 Entry fees are as follows: Adults (18 and over on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025) - \$70.  
Youth (under 18 on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025): \$40.00
- 4.2 Entries lodged after 1600 on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025 will be subject to an additional late entry fee of \$30.00

#### 5. Schedule of events

- 5.1 A Competitors' Briefing will be upstairs in KBSC, on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025 at 1130 hrs.
- 5.2 Racing will be as follows:

| Day      | Date                     | Sessions  | Time of First Warning Signal |
|----------|--------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|
| Saturday | 1 <sup>st</sup> February | Session 1 | Not before 1300 hours        |
| Sunday   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> February | Session 2 | Not before 1000 hours        |

- 5.3 Seven races are scheduled.
- 5.4 The number of races sailed on any day will be at the discretion of the Race Committee to enable the series to conclude on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025. A maximum of four races will be sailed per racing session with the intention to sail up to and no more than seven races.
- 5.5 When more than one race is conducted in a session, the warning signal for subsequent races will be made as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race, but not less than 5 minutes after the last boat has finished. To alert boats that a race sequence will soon begin, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least 5 minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.6 On the last day of the championship, no warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs.

#### 6. Measurement [DP]

- 6.1 Each boat is required to hold a measurement certificate as issued by the Sabre Sailing Association of Australia Inc and, except in circumstances prescribed by 6.2, shall use a maximum of two sails, one centreboard and one rudder during the regatta.
- 6.2 Damaged equipment may be replaced on written request to and approval by the Race Committee. If damage occurs during the first race of the day, equipment may be replaced between races provided a written request is lodged before the end of protest time for that day.

7. **Sailing Instructions** - The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Sabre Sailing Association website no later than 1700 on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Entrants will be advised when the Sailing Instructions are available.

**8. Venue - Regatta headquarters will be at Kogarah Bay Sailing Club, Dover Park, Blakehurst, NSW.**  
Racing will be held on the waters of Kogarah Bay, and the Georges River between Tom Ugly's Bridge and Captain Cook Bridge. For Racing Area see Appendix A. For access to Dover Park East see Appendix B.

**9. The Courses** The courses will consist of triangular and/or windward/leeward laps as set out in the Sailing Instructions.

**10. Scoring**

10.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.3 Scoring for the determination of results within a prize category shall be determined from the results of the overall fleet.

**11. Radio Communication** - A boat shall neither make radio or data transmissions while racing nor receive radio or data communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

**12. Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded for the following categories.

Open 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> including a Perpetual Trophy

Handicap 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>

Women's 1<sup>st</sup>

Youth 1<sup>st</sup>

Veterans (over 60) 1<sup>st</sup>

**13. Disclaimer of Liability** - All those participating in the 2024-2025 NSW Sabre Championship regatta races do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility. Attention is drawn to RRS 3 Decision to Race. Kogarah Bay Sailing Club, the Sabre Sailing Association of NSW, the Sabre Sailing Association of Australia, their executives, boards, employees, volunteers, sponsors and agents and all other parties involved with the conduct and organisation of the event disclaim any and every responsibility for loss, damage, injury, death or inconvenience that might occur to persons or property, both ashore or afloat, as a consequence of participation in the race covered by this notice of race and by the sailing instructions.

**14. Insurance** - Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000. The policy number and insurance company name will be required on the entry form.

**15. For further Information**, please contact:

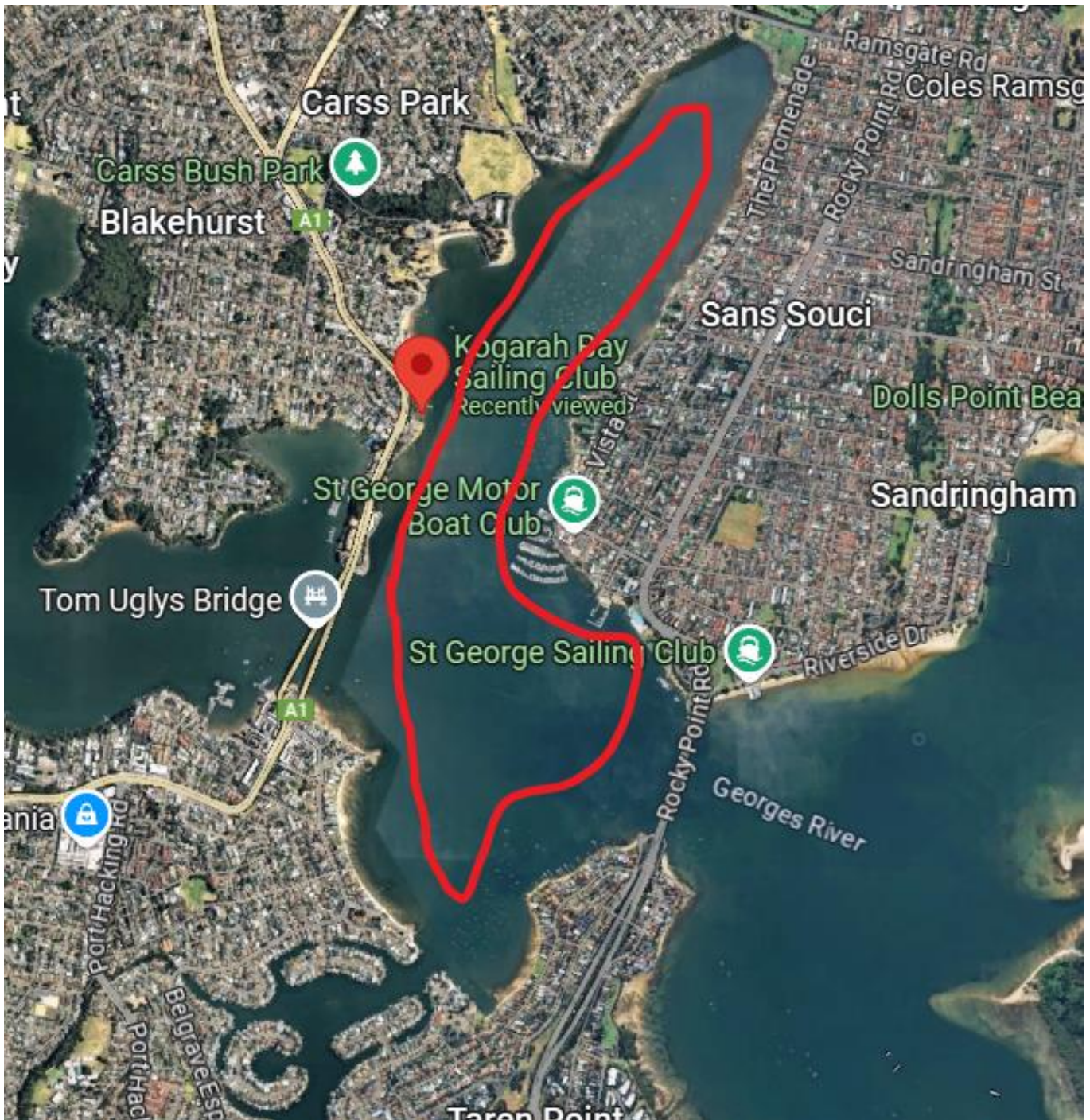
Geoff Comfort, SSANSW secretary/treasurer, [geoff@geoffcomfort.com](mailto:geoff@geoffcomfort.com) 0411 268 146 or

Craig Simpson, SSANSW president and KBSC member, [simpson6@tpg.com.au](mailto:simpson6@tpg.com.au) 0415 577 868

**16. Boat and trailer storage** - Boats and trailers left at the club and/or surrounding area at the owner's risk.



Appendix A – Approximate course area

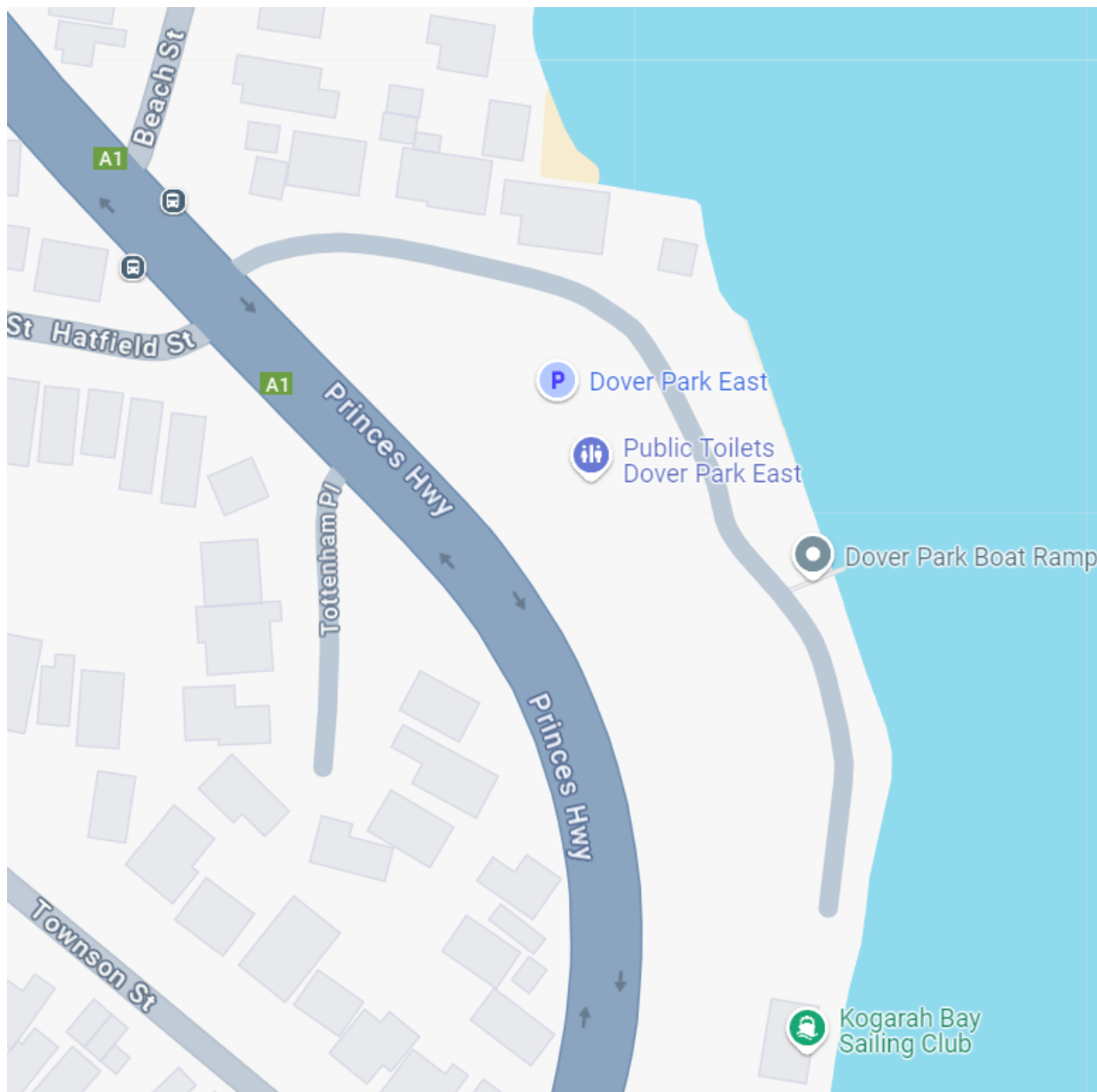


## Appendix B – General information – not part of Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions

Access to Dover Park East, Blakehurst

Entry is via the access road to Dover Park East from Princes Hwy, just south of Beach Street, in the southbound direction only. (top, left of the map below).

Exit is to south only on the Princes Hwy. To head north, there is underpass at the northern end of Tom Ugly's Bridge.



- Grassed rigging and concrete launching ramps are adjacent to the club with plenty of space for all. Boats and trailers will be able to be stored within the sailing club area. This area is not secured, and storage is at the owner's risk.
- There are many accommodation options within about 5 kms of KBSC. KBSC has also offered accommodation in the club for Friday and Saturday nights for those who would like that option. Camping in the club grounds is not permitted.
- Club facilities will be open from 1500 hrs Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025. There will be an opportunity to

have a familiarisation sail (non pointscore) in the general racing area from 1500 to 1700 hrs on the 31<sup>st</sup>. A rescue boat will be operating during this time.

- KBSC will be offering catering over the weekend. Details of meals and times will be made available closer to the championship weekend.
- For sailors staying at the club and others, there are good restaurant options just over Tom Uglys bridge, only a short walk away