



The Sabre Sailing Association of Western Australia Incorporated

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SABRE SAILING ASSOCIATION WESTERN AUSTRALIA

BOATING HARDWARE

WA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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Organising Authority: Sabre Sailing Association of Western Australia Inc (SSAWA) in association with The Cruising Yacht Club (TCYC), Nedlands Yacht Club (NYC)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016 (RRS)*, except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The prescriptions and safety regulations of the Yachting Australia and the respective Class Measurement and Technical Rules (including the changes of sails, spars and hull) apply, except where they are altered by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 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."

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 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. Competitors must also be current financial members of a club affiliated with a State or National Yachting Association.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter via this link <https://reg.sportingpulse.com/v6/regoform.cgi?eventID=863&formID=51551> Or via the attached Entry Form which shall be lodged with Charlotte Coop Secretary Sabre Sailing Association of Western Australia Inc, charlotte@petecoop.com
- 2.3 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 the race, on the day of the heat if accompanied by the appropriate entry fee.

3. FEES

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 Boats submitting entries after the 16th November 2015 will incur an additional \$10.00 late fee.

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4. 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

- 4.1 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.

5. MEASUREMENT

- 5.1 Each boat shall hold an "A" class measurement certificate and except in circumstances prescribed by clause 5.4, shall use a maximum of 2 sails, one centreboard and one rudder during the regatta.
- 5.2 Prior to the competitor's first heat or as agreed with the State Measurer, each competitor must ensure that the 2 sails, centreboard and rudder to be used in the regatta has been measured and endorsed by the State Measurer for season 2015. 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 5.4 below).
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 Damaged equipment may be replaced on request to and approval by the race committee.

6. RACE COMMITTEE:

- 6.1 The Race Committee shall be the Sailing Committee of the Club (made up from the Flag Officer in charge of sailing and the appointed Class Captains from representative classes) and shall comprise the Officer of the Day, Chief Starter and such other officers as the Management Committee of the Club shall from time to time appoint.

7. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors of any changes will be posted on the day.

8. CLASS FLAGS

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

9. RACING AREA

The racing area will be

Heat 1 – 4 : Mangles Bay

Heats 5-8 Races will be conducted on the area of the Swan River known as Melville Water, In front of the Nedlands Yacht Club.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 Courses to be posted at the briefing. See appendix A for an example of a typical course.
- 10.2 No later than the warning signal, the race Committee 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 1st mark.

11. MARKS

- 11.1 Marks A, B and C will be inflatable buoys, positioned at existing club marks.
- 11.2 The Starting Mark will be a Race Committee vessel displaying an orange flag at the port end.
- 11.3 New or replacement marks, including those referred to in instruction SI 13, will be inflatable buoys.

12. THE START

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the Starting Mark at the port end.
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4.
- 12.5 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 A11 Scoring Abbreviations.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 The details of the finish will be at the briefing prior to the days racing.

- 14.2 Except when finishing, no boat shall cross the finishing line in either direction A boat breaching this instruction will be scored DSQ in that race without a hearing (refer also 18.6 below). This changes rule SI 63.1.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired according to rule 44.1 shall inform the Race Committee at first opportunity.

16. TIME LIMIT

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

Time Limit	Mark A Time Limit	Target Time
90 minutes	30 minutes	60 minutes

- 16.2 If no boat has rounded Mark A within the Mark A Time Limit, the race maybe abandoned.
- 16.3 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.
- 16.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for protest or redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)
- 16.5 After more than 75% of the number of boats entered in the series have finished any race, and prior to the time limits indicated in SI16.1 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.

17. SCORING AND PENALTY SYSTEM

- 17.1 RRS 44.1, 44.2 and 44.4 shall apply.
- 17.2 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 Scoring, the Low Points Scoring System specified in Appendix A of Yachting Australia Racing Rules Of Sailing 2013 – 2016 will apply as modified below.
- 17.4 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.

Discard system is as follows –

- Race 1 – no discards
- Race 2 – no discards
- Race 3 – no discards
- Race 4 – no discards
- Race 5 – 1 discard
- Race 6 – 1 discard
- Race 7 – 2 discards
- Race 8 – 2 discards

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- 17.5 Score points allocated to competitors under clause 16.5 will be based upon their relative position in the fleet at that time. This changes rule 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.

18. ABANDONING A RACE AT RACE COMMITTEE'S DISCRETION

Under rule 32.1, the Race Committee may abandon the race in the event of certain occurrences including because of a major wind shift or irregular winds or when the wind speed drops below 4 knots across the course as measured by the Race Committee. 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).

In the event of extreme weather (Too little or too much wind) resulting in the abandonment of the heat, a resail date will be announced.

19. PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS AND MEDIATION

- 19.1 Protest forms will be available from the Regatta Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 19.2 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.
- 19.3 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 host Clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.
- 19.4 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 19.5 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 14.2, 15.1 and 19 all not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Other than for breaches of 14.2 penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 19.6 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.
- 19.7 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.
- 19.8 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.
- 19.9 After taking testimony at a mediation hearing the mediator shall make one of the following conclusions:
- (i) The protest does not comply with rule 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.

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- (ii) 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.)
 - (iii) No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest. (iv) 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.
- 19.10 A mediation hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of a mediator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.
- 19.11 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.

20. SAFETY REGULATIONS, SIGNING ON AND SIGNING OFF

- 20.1 All competitors must personally "sign on" prior to the scheduled warning signal of the first race of the relevant session.
- 20.2 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 Start Boat that they wish to sign on for the subsequent race/s of that session only.
- 20.3 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.
- 20.4 Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from a Race Committee official.
- 20.5 All competitors must comply with the new Yachting WA Compliance Form.

21. RACE COMMITTEE BOATS

Race Committee boats and patrol boats may display the TCYC (Heats 1-4) , Nedlands (Heats 5-8) burgee.

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22. PRIZES

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

The Presidents Award will be awarded by the Race Committee and their decision is final.

- 2.2. 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 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 intend to be a regular, participant.”

23. ENTRY DISCLAIMER

- 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.
- 23.2 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.
- 23.3 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.

24. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information may be obtained from the Sabre Association website: <http://www.sabre.org.au>

Any amendment to this Sailing Instruction will be posted on the event web site at: www.sabre.org.au (WA sub page), sent out by e-mail, plus posted at the race venue.

Attachment A

Proposed 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.

Course 1 – (International Numeral Pennant One)

Start – A – B – C – Finish

Course 2 – (International Numeral Pennant Two)

Start – A – B – C – A – C – Finish

Course 3 – (International Numeral Pennant Three)

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

