



Sabre Sailing Association of South Australia

August 2011

Rule Changes

The Committee has been busy arranging the program for the coming season and the full program has been included later in this newsletter. The Committee has also been considering several proposed changes to the Rules of the Association and appreciated the comments they got from members on the proposal by the Victorian Association to delete the requirement to measure foils and sails every year (Rule 1.7.5). **The overall consensus by members was that the rule should remain and the delegates to the National Association voted accordingly.** The Committee, at a later date, was also asked to consider further minor rule changes concerning sail measurement as proposed by the National Measurer. These proposed changes related to the positioning of sail numbers (rule 8.1(c)). This rule in part says that the numbers must be “*in the middle*” of a certain area of the sail. As there is no definitive way for a measurer to determine this, it has not been enforced by measurers. The proposal will mean the rule will only determine the color, size and the “area” in which the numbers are to be affixed. The second proposal related to rule 8.2(b) by deleting the words “*battens shall be parallel to each other and square to the line of the leech measurement.*” Very few classes do more than control the number, length and basic position of sail battens and the Sabre Class sail measuring technique has for the past 20 years only been concerned with the basic dimensions. The third proposal was to delete rule 8.2(h) as the modern sail making techniques put a hollow in the leech between batten pockets to control flutter which makes most sails currently in use illegal because the batten pocket ends will always fall outside the area as

determined by the rule. The Committee supported these proposals and the delegates **voted in favor** of the changes suggested by the National Measurer.

The results of the voting by all State Associations are as follows:-

Deletion of rule 1.7.5	For 14	Against 2 (SA Assoc)	passed
Change to rule 8.1(c)	For 16	Against 0	passed
Change to rule 8.2(b)	For 16	Against 0	passed
Deletion of rule 8.2(h)	for 16	Against 0	passed

With the deletion of rule 1.7.5 it means that having sails and foils measured will be governed by the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for respective events. Therefore only skippers who are entering the National Championships and/or State Championships or skippers who have new or refurbished sails or foils will be required to have them measured each year.

Proposal to allow 2 sails for State Championships

Members were also asked for their thoughts on a suggestion to allow the use of two sails for the State Championships. A number of responses were received from members with varying views ranging from total agreement to rejection. Most common comments were that it could open the door for some skippers to specifically have sails made to suit various conditions. That would disadvantage skippers who either did not have a suitable second sail or were new boat owners with only one sail. The majority of responses were against the proposal so the proposal was rejected by the Committee. Other comments included class is reasonably cheap to get into and this would increase costs, one sail means everyone is equal, keep one sail format or drop it completely, it would be hard to police and it would challenge the one design concept. The Committee appreciates the comments received as they give an indication of the member's thoughts and broader views to consider when making decisions.

Vale John Macpherson

The Sabre Association is saddened with the news of the passing of long time Sabre skipper John Macpherson. John commenced sailing Sabres in 1983-84 sailing his boat 1094 Dart. John then went on to sail for a total of some 17 seasons until the end of 2007-08 during which time he owned another two Sabres, Koluna (still sailing at BSYC) and Zip (now at Adelaide SC). When he stopped sailing he joined the crew of the Committee boat and every Saturday kept an eye on the Sabre fleet. In the bar afterwards John would let you know where you went wrong. John was a very fair and competitive skipper and he will be missed at BSYC.

2011/12 Program

Foil and Sail measuring (7.30 pm to 9pm)

Friday 23rd September 2011 Largs Bay Sailing Club

Friday 30th September 2011 Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club

State Championships (Note:- where 2 heats are scheduled they are back to back)

Saturday 5 November 2011 Port River Sailing Club Heat 1 1400 hrs

Sunday 6 November 2011 Somerton Yacht Club Heats 2 & 3 1300 hrs

Saturday 19 November 2011 Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club **Resail** 1400 hrs

Saturday 3 December 2011 Adelaide Sailing Club Heat 4 1400 hrs

Sunday 4 December 2011 Adelaide Sailing Club Heats 5 & 6 1300 hrs

Saturday 10 December 2011 Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club **Resail** 1400 hrs

Saturday 4 February 2012 Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club Heat 7 1400 hrs

Sunday 5 February 2012 Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club Heats 8 & 9 1300 hrs

Saturday 18 February 2012 Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club **Resail** 1400 hrs

Saturday 17 March 2012 Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club **Resail** 1400 hrs

Fleet Races

Saturday 28 January 2012 Victor Harbor Yacht Club 1400 hrs

Sunday 29 January 2012 Normanville Sailing Club 1400 hrs

Boats for Sale

No 1047 Patricia, Ply, \$1700, trailer, Two (each),C/B's, masts, rudders, 4 sails, 4th State Champs 2011, Contact Lesley Roberts on 83563159

No 977 Contact Paul Harding e-mail paulharding3@bigpond.com

No 1296 Bullet, Ply Contact Chris Hart on 82961270

Safe Sabre Sailing Suggestions

The Management Committee considers the safety of members to be of paramount importance and recommends that all skippers carry out the following checks for their own safety.

1. Is my personal floatation device in accordance with AYF Regulations and in sound condition? (Australian Standards AS1512, AS2260, or AS1499.)
2. If a rope has been fitted to bow and chain plates to assist in righting boat, have I checked the condition of the rope?
3. Is the tow ring present, in sound condition and firmly attached to boat. **NOTE:-** It is NOT recommended to attach your forestay via the towing ring. Several skippers have recently had masts fall down when the towing ring failed due to the prolonged stress put on the towing ring over several seasons.
4. Do buoyancy inspection hatches and bungs operate correctly to form a watertight seal?
5. Is a restraint cord present and attached to tiller and rudder to prevent loss of rudder blade? Check condition of cord.
6. Is a restraint cord present and attached to boat and centreboard to prevent loss of centreboard? Check condition of cord.
7. Is a bailer attached to the boat?
8. Is the standing rigging in sound condition?
9. **Is the boat seaworthy?**

Recommended Maximum Wind Strength

The South Australian Association recommends that, when the wind strength on the course area is constantly in excess of 22 knots prior to the start of a race, no race for the Sabre Class should be started. However, the decision to start a race will be at the sole discretion of the Race Officer, who should take into account the above recommendation and any other relevant factors when making a decision to start a race.

REMEMBER THAT SAILORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDITION OF THEIR EQUIPMENT AND BOAT.

Sabre Sailing Association of SA Inc
Notice of Race 2011– 2012 State Championships

1 Race program

Note:- **Where two heats are scheduled they will be back to back**

Saturday 5 November 2011	Port River Sailing Club	Heat 1	1400 hrs
Sunday 6 November 2011	Somerton Yacht Club	Heats 2 & 3	1300 hrs
Saturday 19 November 2011	Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club	Resail	1400 hrs
Saturday 3 December 2011	Adelaide Sailing Club	Heat 4	1400 hrs
Sunday 4 December 2011	Adelaide Sailing Club	Heats 5 & 6	1300 hrs
Saturday 10 December 2011	Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club	Resail	1400 hrs
Saturday 4 February 2012	Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club	Heat 7	1400 hrs
Sunday 5 February 2012	Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club	Heats 8 & 9	1300 hrs
Saturday 18 February 2012	Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club	Resail	1400 hrs
Saturday 17 March 2012	Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club	Resail	1400 hrs

2. Eligibility

All competitors must be financial members of the Sabre Sailing Association of SA Inc. Boats shall have a current grade A measurement certificate affixed. Sail, centreboard and rudder blade shall be measured and signed for the 2011/12 season prior to the date of the first heat. Competitors shall use only one (1) boat and only one (1) sail for the series.

3. Nomination

Nomination for the series shall be made by 29/10/2011 by completing the Entry Form (see Application for Membership form) and forwarding it, together with the entry fee to the Treasurer, Rob Gale, 243 O'Sullivan Beach Rd, Morphett Vale SA 5162. The entry fee is set at \$20.00 for all categories. **A late entry fee of \$10 will apply to entries received after 29/10/2011 and before 3/11/2011. NOTE :- NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 3/11/2011.** Competitors will be required to lodge club race nomination slips prior to each heat and pay the relevant safety fee.

4. Rules & Sailing Instructions

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the rules of the Sabre Sailing Association of Australia except where varied by the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race. The Sailing Instructions shall be the YSA standard Sailing Instructions for Class Boat events and programmed Regattas. The event will be a category A event in accordance with appendix G G3.1

5. Scoring

The Series provides for 9 races. A minimum of 4 races is required to constitute a series. Where more than four races and less than 7 races have been completed one (1) race will be dropped and when more than 7 races have been completed two (2) races will be dropped. If only four races have been completed all races shall count. Points will be allocated and ties resolved in accordance with the Low Point Scoring System (ISAF Appendix A2) with the following modifications;

A Yacht whose entry has been accepted and which;

- (a) Does not appear at the venue for a particular Heat will score points for the place equal to ten (10) more than the number of yachts entered in the series.
- (b) Appears at the venue but does not rank as a starter in a given heat will score points for the place equal to five (5) more than the number of yachts entered in the series.
- (c) Starts but does not finish shall score points equal to one (1) more than the number of yachts that ranked as starters.

Handicaps will be allocated by the Sabre Sailing Association of SA Inc.

Handicaps will be adjusted on the results of each Heat.

6. General

The South Australian Association recommends that, when the wind strength on the course area is constantly in excess of 22 knots prior to the start of a race, no race for the Sabre Class should be started. However, the decision to start a race will be at the sole discretion of the Race Officer, who should take into account the above recommendation and any other relevant factors when making a decision to start a race. The Race Officer may consult with the Sabre Association Committee members prior to making any decision to race or not to race. Members may enter individual Races of the Series. Such races will not count as part of the Series. A safety fee will be payable to the club on that day.

7. Liability

Attention is drawn to the Fundamental Rule 4 which states:- "A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether to sail or not to *start* or continue *racing*."

8. Trophies

Trophies will be awarded to 1st 2nd and 3rd overall in the Open category, 1st 2nd and 3rd in the Handicap category and 1st 2nd and 3rd in the Ladies and Junior category if more than 4 entries are received. If less than four Ladies or Junior entries are received a trophy for 1st place only will be awarded.

Trophies will be awarded to the 1st place in the other categories shown on the Entry Form. To be eligible the skipper must have ranked as a starter in at least four heats.

Each skipper will be eligible to win one (1) trophy only.

9. Time Limit for Back to Back Races

A time limit for back to back races when scheduled shall be one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Please forward application form to:-

The Treasurer, Sabre Sailing Assoc of SA Inc, 243 O'Sullivan Beach Rd, Morphett Vale, SA 5162

PERSONAL DATA

Please print

NAME:

ADDRESS:

SUBURB: POST CODE

TELEPHONE No: Home Work Mobile

DATE of BIRTH:/...../..... E-MAIL:

SAILING CLUB:

BOAT DETAILS

BOAT/SAIL No: BOAT NAME

CURRENT MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATE: YES / NO

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Circle appropriate Division. Age as at 1st May Season runs from 1 May to 30th April

Junior	Senior	Master	Grand Master	Veteran	Grand Veteran
Under 18	18 - 39	40 - 49	50 - 59	60 - 69	70+

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY

I wish to enter the above boat in the State Championships and enclose the entry fee of \$20.
I understand that details of the State Championships will be distributed at a later date.

Note: A late entry fee of \$10 will apply to persons entering after 29/10/11 and before closing on 3/11/11.

PAYMENT DETAILS

Junior Membership (\$20)	\$.....
Other Membership (\$30)	\$.....
State Championships (\$20)	\$.....
Total payment	\$.....

Direct Payment Details:

C/wth Bank – Sabre Sailing
Assoc of SA Inc
BSB 065-128
Account No 00900895

NB. Please provide

Reference Detail.....

Date paid/...../20.....

Date

Signature