



Sabre Sailing Association of South Australia

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Winter Sailing

Some call it winter sailing, I prefer to call it the “off-season”. While sailing near BSYC last year during the off-season, I came across a Southern Right Whale and calf. Not something that I would expect on the race course during summer and certainly not something you expect at the bottom of a wave.

For those interested in getting some practise before the whales are evicted from the race course, there are two metropolitan clubs racing during the off-season.

Largs Bay sailing club hold races during the winter in what is known as their Polar Bear series. The next two races will be on July 21 and August 18. Start time is 2pm and they conduct four short races, weather permitting.

Adelaide Sailing Club also hold races in the off-season. The next sailing day is August 4 at 1pm and then every Saturday during September.

See you on the water.

Greg Warner

Escape Route (1817)

State Championship Survey Results

The committee undertook a survey at the end of the season to understand how the membership would like future state championships conducted. The program for the 2012/2013 season will be released shortly and the feedback from the survey has directly influenced the planning of the championships.

The committee has reviewed the results and I present them to you in this newsletter.

There were 36 respondents to the survey and nearly all of them had competed in previous state championships. Therefore the results are an accurate representation of the intended audience.

Have you competed in Sabre state championships before?

Yes		91.7%	33
No		8.3%	3

At what venues (club) would you like the State Championships to be held?

Adelaide Sailing Club		88.9%	32
Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club		88.9%	32
Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club		27.8%	10
Largs Bay Sailing Club		19.4%	7
Royal Port Pirie Yacht Club		2.8%	1
Port River Sailing Club		30.6%	11
Somerton Yacht Club		77.8%	28
Victor Harbor Yacht Club		11.1%	4
Wallaroo Sailing Club		13.9%	5

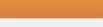
What format would you prefer?

One race per day		8.6%	3
Back to back races		60.0%	21
All heats on one weekend		22.9%	8
Same or similar to last Championships		42.9%	15

If you answered back-to-back, how many races in a day?

2		75.0%	18
3		20.8%	5
4		4.2%	1
5		0.0%	0

How many heats should be scheduled?

5		0.0%	0
6		8.8%	3
7		29.4%	10
8		17.6%	6
9		44.1%	15

What sort of courses would you prefer?

Triangle, loop finish.		27.3%	9
Triangle, loop, triangle, finish.		84.8%	28
Loop, loop, finish.		0.0%	0
Trapezoid.		6.1%	2

Should heats only be held on Yachting South Australia scheduled state heat weekends?

Yes		30.3%	10
No		69.7%	23

Should we add a "country division" to the division category to encourage participation?

Yes		77.1%	27
No		22.9%	8

News from the Clubs

If you would like me to include news from your Sabre club, send me your stories to newsletter@sa.sabre.org.au

Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club

Macca Haselgrove has reportedly sold WOOF to Ray Ellard who sails Flying Fifteens at Christies Beach. Not sure if Ray will race at Brighton next season but if he does it will be good to see WOOF still sailing in the club Sabre Fleet. Titch T. and Dave Belford are still looking to sell their boats.

Brett Young from YMS has been busy finishing off an order for Pacers. YMS are looking at a new Sabre mould which will probably be taken off from Dave B's new boat (which has already been built), so Dave probably won't be taking delivery of his new craft for a few weeks. Same with the new boats on order for Ken Smith and Bek G.

John Rumpff, looking for that extra speed edge, has a new mast for Five Stars, having recently purchased a Binks spar from their current batch. From the sounds of it a couple of other Brighton skippers may be doing the same, with a number of Keeley masts on order from Victoria.

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.
April

Age as at 1st May

Season runs from 1 May to 30th

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 less than 4 days prior to the first heat.

Direct Payment Details:

C/wlth Bank – Sabre Sailing Assoc of SA Inc

BSB 065-128

Account No 00900895

NB. Please provide

Reference Detail.....

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

PAYMENT DETAILS

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

Signature Date

Office use

(Return to Secretary for filing)

Treasurer: Recpt No Amt \$..... Date/...../..... Mailing List.....

Membership: Season Sticker Boat Register

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.