



# Sabre Sailing Association of Tasmania



## State Championships 2011 - Deviot Sailing Club

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

DATES: March 19th to 20th 2011

HOST CLUB & ORGANISING AUTHORITY: Deviot Sailing Club in conjunction with the **Sabre Sailing Association of Tasmania**.

#### 1. RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the current rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The special regulations of Yachting Australian (YA) will apply.
- 1.3 The rules of the Sabre Class of Australia will apply.
- 1.4 RRS 61.1(a) is amended by deleting the words, "However, boats of hull length less than 6 metres need not display the flag, and if the other boat is beyond hailing distance the protesting boat need not hail, but shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity."
- 1.5 All sailors shall wear approved buoyancy aids at all times afloat. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in disqualification without protest. This changes rule 63.1.

#### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the Deviot Sailing Club clubhouse.

#### 3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, or at least one hour before the scheduled warning signal for the first race in which it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the clubhouse.
- 4.2 Code flag "AP", Answering Pendant, with two sound signals, (one sound signal when lowered) means, "The race is postponed". The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered. The time delay between lowering of AP and Warning signal of 30 minutes applies only when the signal is made ashore. Boats are requested not to leave the shore until the signal is lowered.
- 4.3 Code flag "B" fully hoisted with one sound signal means "Protest time has begun". When lowered halfway it means, "There are less than 30 minutes remaining before protest time ends". When lowered, it means "Protest time has ended".

#### 5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- 5.1 The Series will consist of a minimum of three and no more than six heats. No warning signal will be made after 1330 hours on last day of the regatta.
- 5.2 Race times listed are the earliest time of the warning signal.

5.3	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
	Saturday	19/03/11	Briefing	0945
			Race 1	1045
	Subsequent races sailed back to back			
	Sunday	20/03/11	1st Race of the day	1025
	Subsequent races sailed back to back			

5.4 All races will be sailed back to back with a break for lunch at the discretion of the PRO signalled by code flags AP over H displayed on the committee boat. No warning signal will be made after 1700 hrs on Saturday. No warning signal will be made after 1330 hrs on Sunday.

5.5 When races are scheduled to be sailed “back to back” the warning signal for the next race will be made not less than five (5) minutes after the last boat has finished the previous race or after the time limit for the previous race has elapsed.

5.6 Boats that have finished a race should remain in the vicinity of the committee boat but must keep clear of the finishing line.

5.7 When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each successive race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will be held soon, the postponement signal will be displayed for at least four (4) minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

5.8 The **Trophy Presentation** will be approximately one hour after the completion of the last race on the final day of the series.

#### 6. **CLASS FLAG:**

The class flag of the Sabre Sailing Association will be used.

#### 7. **RACING AREA**

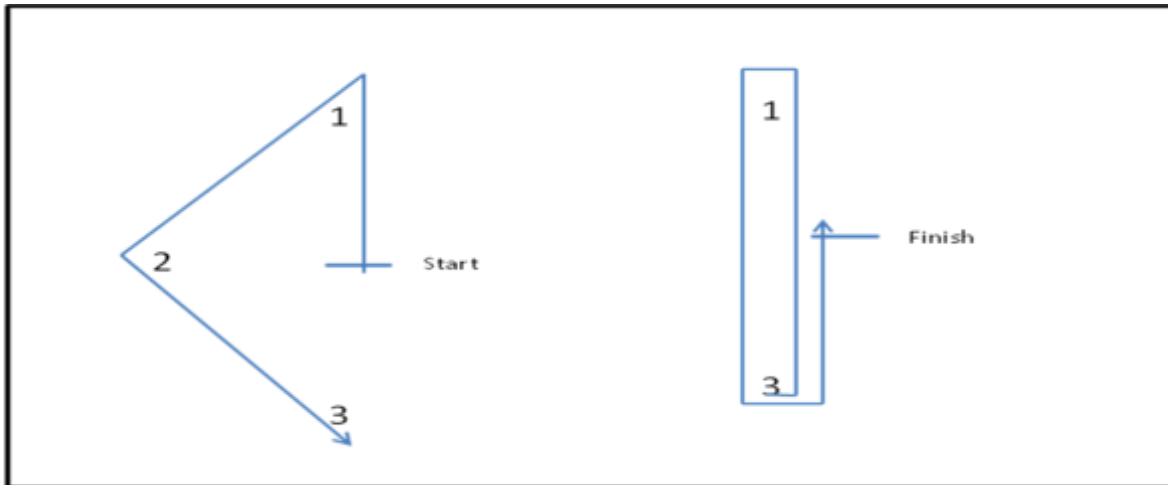
The racing area will be on the Tamar River off the Deviot Sailing Club.

#### 8. **THE COURSE:**

Courses will be triangle, windward-leeward, and windward to finish. The course may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32. The start/finish line will be located part way up the windward leg and will be approximately perpendicular to the imaginary line joining the windward and leeward marks. The start/finish line may be sailed between during any part of racing without penalty.

Marks are to be rounded in the following order: **Start - 1 -2 - 3 -1 - 3 -Finish.**

**A port course is illustrated below.**



**9. MARKS:**

Marks and replacement marks to be advised at briefing.

**10. START:**

**10.1** The starting line will be between the blue flag on the start boat and the port end starting mark.

**11. CHANGING COURSE AFTER THE START:**

**11.1** A change of course after the start will be signalled using code flag "C", although the new mark may not then be in position before the leading boat has begun the leg. A red or green flag will be flown to indicate whether the change of course will be to port or starboard. The change will be accompanied by periodic sound signals. This changes rule 33. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

**12. THE FINISH:**

**12.1** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an blue flag or shape on the race committee signal boat on the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark.

**12.2** When the course is shortened at a mark, a race committee boat near the mark on the outside of the course will display code flag S and boats shall finish by sailing between the blue on-station flag flown by the committee boat and the mark.

**13. TIME LIMIT**

The time limit will be 90 minutes for the first boat. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rule 35.

**14. PROTESTS:**

Protest requirements are as per RRS 61 except where modified by these sailing instructions.

**14.1** Protests by competitors must be lodged in writing with the race secretary or PRO. Protest time will end 60 minutes after the finish time of the last boat in the last race of each back-to-back set of races.

**14.2** Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

**14.3** Protest notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes after the end of protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. Parties to the

protest must remain in the vicinity of the club until a time and date of hearing is announced by the sailing committee.

- 14.4 Rule 66 is changed by adding the sentence: 'On the last day of racing, a *party* to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than one hour after being informed of the decision.'

**15. SCORING:**

The Low-Point scoring system, Appendix A4 of the RRS will apply with a minimum of three (3) races completed to constitute a series. If five (5) or six (6) races are completed, a boat's worst scores shall be discarded. If less than five (5) races are sailed, all races will count.

**16. SIGN ON AND OFF DECLARATIONS:**

All competitors intending to start in a race shall sign the starting roster at the Clubhouse prior to the warning signal. All helmsmen must sign the finishing roster within 45 minutes after the finishing time of the last yacht of the last race in a group of back-to-back races. This item is further clarified by noting that there will be a separate sign off sheet for each race and these must be signed off in either the "all clear" or the "retired" column. Failure to comply with this requirement may lead to **disqualification** from the race.

**17 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 17.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support boats shall maintain a minimum distance of 100 metres from all competitors while racing and shall obey all instructions from official boats.

**18 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 18.1 A boat shall neither make nor receive radio or telephone communications while racing.

**19. BRIEFING:**

A briefing for competitors will be held at 0945 at the Deviot Sailing Club Clubhouse on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

**21. Prizes:**

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.

1<sup>st</sup> B Division

1<sup>st</sup> C Division

1<sup>st</sup> Junior

1<sup>st</sup> Female

Allocation of prizes in all categories and the allocation of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes remains at the discretion of the Sabre Sailing Association of Tasmania and is dependent on the number of boats racing in each category.