



Sabre Sailing Association of Victoria Inc'

42nd Victorian Championship (the Championships)

18 February 2017 – 19 February 2017

Organising Authority: Somers Yacht Club Inc. (SsYC) on behalf of Sabre Sailing Association of Victoria Inc. (SSAV)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2017–2020 (RRS)*, except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 YA Special regulations. Addendum “A” Part 2 (off-the-beach boats) will apply.

2. ALTERATION TO RACING RULES

- 2.1 The RRS will be modified in accordance with rule 86 as follows:
RRS 41, Outside Help, will be replaced by: “*A boat may receive outside help as provided for in RRS 1.1 where the Race Committee 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.*”
- 2.2 RRS 61.1 “Informing the Protestee” is amended so that boats intending to protest shall also inform the race committee at the finishing line.
- 2.3 Appendix P will apply, changed as follows: P2.3 is deleted and the words ‘or subsequent’ are added after the word ‘second’ in P2.2.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the foyer of the club. The Regatta office can be accessed from the balcony.

4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 2 hours before the scheduled time for the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800hrs on the day before it will take effect or 90 minutes after the last boat has finished racing for the day on the day before it will take effect – whichever is later.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm located on the tower of SsYC.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in the Race Signal AP. This changes Race Signals AP.



6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1

Date	Event and proposed number of races	Time / Warning signal
18 Feb 2017	Registration	0815 – 0945
18 Feb 2017	Information Session	1000
18 Feb 2017	Race Session 1	No earlier than 1100
18 Feb 2017	Race Session 2	
19 Feb 2017	Race Session 3	No earlier than 1030
25 Feb 2017	Provision for resail (only if less than 3 races were completed in sessions 1, 2 and 3.	No earlier than 1400
19 Feb 2017	Presentation	As soon as practical after completion of race sessions.

- 6.2 The Championships will comprise a minimum of three races and a maximum of five races, all of which will be short courses as indicated in clause 6.1. The target number of races for a particular session will only be followed at the Race Committee's discretion.
- 6.3 At its discretion, and subject to clause 4, the Race Committee may schedule racing at times other than as indicated above in the event that there has been a shortfall in the number of races sailed in preceding days due to cancelled or abandoned races, or when weather forecasts indicate the potential for a loss of racing in future sessions. The Race Committee may waive its discretion to conduct such additional racing and limit the series to less than the full five races at its absolute discretion. 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).
- 6.4 It is intended that on the last scheduled day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1600 hours.
- 6.5 It is intended that no more than two races be held in any race session, except that a maximum of three races may be scheduled if required, at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 6.6 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange "on station" flag will be displayed with one sound at least 5 minutes before a warning signal is made,

7. COMPETITION FORMAT

- 7.1 Racing will be conducted for the Sabre Class and Age Divisions within the Class and is an 'open' championship.
- 7.2 Eligibility for Age Divisions shall be based upon the competitor's age on 18 Feb 2017.

8. CLASS FLAGS

The Class Flag will be a white flag with red Sabre logo.

9. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the waters of Western Port off SsYC.

Racing Area is defined as:

Before the warning signal, the racing area is within 100 metres of the starting line or its extensions.

After the warning signal, the racing area is 100 metres from any point where a boat might sail during normal racing and includes the area bounded by the marks of the course at all times when any boat is racing.



10. COURSES

- 10.1 The diagram in Attachment A shows the course including the approximate angles between the legs and the order in which marks are to be passed.
- 10.2 No later than the preparatory signal, the Race Committee signal 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 first mark.

11. MARKS

- 11.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be Orange inflatable buoys with yellow ends.
- 11.2 The Starting Mark will be either a staff mark flying an orange flag or a Race Committee vessel displaying an orange flag at the port end.
- 11.3 New or replacement marks, including those referred to in instruction 13.1, will be orange inflatable buoys with yellow ends.
- 11.4 The Finish Mark will be either a staff mark flying a blue flag or a Race Committee vessel displaying a blue flag at the port end.

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

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 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 finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the port-end Finish Mark. The distance of the finish line from mark 1 may vary at the discretion of the Race Committee
- 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 SI 18.6 below). This changes rule 63.1.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired according to rule 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Regatta Office within the protest time limit.



15.2 Appendix P will apply, changed as follows: P2.3 is deleted and the words 'or subsequent' are added after the word 'second' in P2.2.

16. TIME LIMIT

16.1 The time limits and target times are as follows:

Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit	Target Time
90 minutes	30 minutes	50 minutes

16.2 If no boat has rounded Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

16.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat which sails the course and finishes, but which are deemed to be racing by the Race Committee, may be scored an allocated place based on their current position. Such boats may be directed to return to the starting area or other location without crossing the finish line. Neither the allocation of a finish place nor the failure to allocate a finish place will be grounds for protest or redress. This changes RRS 28.1, 28.2, 35, 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)

17. ABANDONING A RACE AT RACE COMMITTEE'S DISCRETION

17.1. Under rule 32.1, the Race Committee may abandon the race in the event of certain occurrences including 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).

18. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

18.1 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.

18.2 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.

18.3 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 SsYC Clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.

18.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

18.5 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

18.6 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 12.6, 14.2, 15.1, 21, 24, 25 and 26 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Other than for breaches of 12.6, 14.2 and 21.3, penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

19. ARBITRATION

19.1 An arbitration hearing may be conducted for all protests lodged within the time limit and in accordance with 18.1, which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after lodgement with the agreement of both parties.

19.2 The appointed Arbitrator shall decide the time and place of the hearing and such advice may be given verbally to the parties.

- A representative who was aboard each boat shall attend the hearing.
- No witnesses shall be called.
- The Arbitrator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.

19.3 Rule 44.1 is changed to also permit a boat that has broken a rule of part 2 or RRS 31 to take a penalty after racing but prior to a protest hearing. Her penalty shall be a scoring penalty equal to 30% of the difference between the boats finishing score and the score for DSQ, rounded up to the



next whole number. The penalty for a boat that has caused injury, serious damage or gained a significant advantage from her breach shall be to retire. The scores of other boats shall not be changed; therefore, two boats may receive the same score.

- 19.4 After considering the testimony from both parties the Arbitrator shall make one of the following decisions;
- a) The protest does not comply with the requirements RRS 61.2 and the protestor may withdraw the protest, unless the incident may have involved injury or serious damage.
 - b) No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
 - c) Either of the parties may have broken a rule in which case the infringing party may accept a penalty which shall be less than disqualification as stated in 18.3. If the penalty is accepted by the offending boat and the Protestor agrees, the protest is then withdrawn and cannot be re-opened, redressed or appealed. A boat that accepts this penalty cannot be penalised further in respect of the incident in a protest hearing (RRS 64.1 (b)).
 - d) The protest is complex, and cannot be decided without witnesses and will be forwarded to the Protest Committee for a hearing.
- 19.5 An Arbitration hearing shall not be re-opened. Arbitration decisions shall not be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.
- 19.6 Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing the Arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee. Any evidence given by an Arbitrator shall be given as a witness in the presence of the parties to the hearing only. This changes RRS 63.1.

20. SCORING

The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A. will apply, amended as follows:

- 20.1 A maximum of 5 races are scheduled, of which 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 20.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 20.3 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 20.4 Scoring for determination of results in Age Divisions will be determined on the basis of the competitor's position in the results of the overall fleet

21. SAFETY REGULATIONS, SIGNING ON AND SIGNING OFF

- 21.1 All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specification issued or approved by a national authority affiliated to the International Sailing Federation, or a standards organisation, or certification authority, recognised for the purpose by its respective government. This changes rule 40. Attention is drawn to rule 1.2.
- 21.2 Each competitor intending to race shall personally "sign on" prior to the scheduled warning signal of the first race of the relevant session and "sign off" within 30 minutes of returning to shore at the completion of the session's racing, or after retiring from or failing to start or finish in any race by completing the declaration "DNF" or "DNS" on the sheet provided, as the case may be.
- 21.3 Failure to sign-on will incur a standard penalty of 2 points for the first race in the relevant race session. Failure to sign-off will incur a standard penalty of 2 points for the last race in the relevant race session. Penalties can be cumulative on a single race day. A second failure to sign-on or off will incur 5 points penalty, and a third or more will incur 10 points penalty. No penalty points incurred can make a boat's score higher than DNF. This alters RRS 64.1
- 21.4 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 Regatta Office that they wish to sign on for the subsequent race/s of that session only.
- 21.5 The Sign Off period will close 60 minutes after the last boat has completed the last race of the session.
- 21.6 Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from a Race Committee official.



22. EQUIPMENT MEASUREMENT AND REPLACEMENT

- 22.1 In the event of damage or breakage to a sail or foil, such equipment may only be substituted after a written request to the Race Committee is approved. Equipment substitution forms will be available in the Regatta Office. Request for approval shall be made at the first available opportunity.
- 22.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected by the Race Committee at any time for compliance with the class rules.

23. RACE COMMITTEE BOATS

Race Committee boats and patrol boats may display the SsYC Burgee.

24. ADVERTISING

The Organising Authority may require boats to display event sponsors' advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20. If required, all boats shall affix any such advertising material as may be instructed and provided at registration.

25. SUPPORT BOATS

- 25.1. All support boats shall keep to leeward and outside the Race Area after the preparatory signal for any race and prior to the expiration of the relevant race time, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee. Failure to comply may result in protest of boats associated with the infringing support boat.
- 25.2 Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and support boats (registered or otherwise) shall not interfere with boats that are racing.

26. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 26.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 26.2 No electronic device which could be used to increase boat speed or gain a tactical advantage shall be attached to a boat or carried by a crew member, other than (a) time keeping devices, (b) digital compasses and (c) tracking devices such as Tack Trackers, provided these devices cannot calculate speed or location information for use while racing.

27. PRIZES

CATEGORY	PRIZE
Open	1 st to 10 th place
Ladies Champion	1 st to 3 rd place
Youth Champion (Under 18 years)	1 st to 3 rd place
Seniors Champion (18 – 39 years)	1 st to 3 rd place
Masters Champion (40 - 49 years)	1 st to 3 rd place
Grand Masters Champion (50 - 59 years)	1 st to 3 rd place
Veterans Champion (60 - 69 years)	1 st to 3 rd place
Grand Veterans (70+ Years)	1 st to 3 rd place
All Timber boat	1st
Female Mid Fleet	1st
Male Mid Fleet	1st
Under 60 kg's	1st
Over 90 kg's	1 st place

Allocation of prizes in all categories will be made at the discretion of the Sabre Sailing Association of Victoria Inc. Eligibility for age divisions shall be based upon the competitor's age on 18 February 2017.



The championship is an 'open' championship and therefore prizes will be awarded in order of scoring irrespective of a competitor's state of origin.

28. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 28.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and responsibility. See rule 4, *Decision to Race*.
- 28.2 None of the Organising Authority, the regatta officials, volunteers and sponsors will accept any liability for material damage, or personal injury, or death sustained prior to, during, or after the regatta.

29. INSURANCE

All boats competing in the Championships shall have third party insurance cover of not less than AUD \$5,000,000 (recommended AUD \$10,000,000) for any accident.

All owners/competitors are deemed to have made a declaration that such cover is held and current for the duration of the Championships.

30. TRASH DISPOSAL

Rule 55 requires that competitors shall not intentionally put trash in the water. This rule applies at all times while afloat. The penalty for a breach of this rule may be less than disqualification.



Attachment A

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.

Refer to SI 12.6 and 14.2 for restrictions on crossing the start / finish line.

Course 1 – (International Numeral Pennant One)

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish

Course 2 – (International Numeral Pennant Two)

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish

Course 3 – (International Numeral Pennant Three)

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish

