



2024/25 SQP Engineering 46th Sabre National Championships 28th of December 2024 – 4th of January 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The organising authority of the regatta is Perth Dinghy Sailing Club Inc (PDSC). PDSC is located 13 Hackett Drive (Cnr. Hackett Drive & Mounts Bay Road), Crawley WA 6009. The Regatta will be conducted from the 28th December 2024 to 4th January 2025 on the waters of the Swan River, Matilda Bay

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the sailing instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 - 2024
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS), especially Part 1, Section 2, Category 7.
- 1.3 Arbitration will be conducted in accordance with Appendix T.
- 1.4 The racing rules will be modified in accordance with RRS 86 as follows: RRS 41, Outside Help, will be altered by: "A boat may receive outside help as provided for in RRS 1 and, in addition, 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."
- 1.5 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 while outside the Zone is a one-turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1. The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 inside the Zone remains unchanged at two-turns Penalty
- 1.6 In the event of a conflict with the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions will apply. This changes rule RRS 63.7.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the deck of the Perth Dinghy Sailing Club near the canteen.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 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 1800 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.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal mast on the balcony of the PDSC clubhouse.
- 4.2 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.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1

Date	Event / Race	Time of Event, or Warning Signal	Sailing Sessions
Saturday 28 December 2024	Early Registration	1100 - 1600	
Sunday 29 December 2024	Registration Volunteers Briefing Competitors Briefing First Invitation Race Warning 2 nd Invitation Race to follow Welcome Night	0830 – 1100 1200 1230 1400 1800	2 Invitation races
Monday 30 December 2024	First Race Warning	1400	Racing
Tuesday 31 December 2024	First Race Warning	1400	Racing
Wednesday 01 January 2025	Lay day		
Thursday 02 January 2025	First Race Warning	1400	Racing
Friday 03 January 2025	First Race Warning	1400	Racing
Saturday 04 January 2025	First Race Warning Presentation Evening Buffet Dinner at PDSC	1300 1815	Racing

5.2 A maximum of 9 races are scheduled for the series.

5.3 On the last scheduled day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1530.

6. CLASS FLAGS

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

7. RACING AREA

7.1 The regatta site will be the Perth Dinghy Sailing Club.

7.2 The racing area will be on the waters of Matilda Bay in the vicinity of PDSC Crawley WA.

7.3 A PDSC Burgee on the mast shall identify the Race Committee Boat.

8. COURSES

8.1 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.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the Signal Boat will display the course numeral pennant to be sailed as described in Attachment A.

9. MEASUREMENT [DP]

- 9.1 Each boat is required to hold an "A" class measurement certificate as issued by the Sabre Sailing Association of Australia Inc and except in circumstances prescribed by SI9.4 shall use a maximum of only two sails, one centreboard and one rudder during the regatta and which show evidence of measurement by their State Measurer.
- 9.2 Competitors will be required to present the sails and foils to be used in the regatta at registration. Sails will be stamped and foils marked. Any measuring of sails or foils undertaken during the regatta will incur a late fee of \$20 per boat (unless undertaken as per SI 6.3 below).
- 9.3 The State 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.
- 9.4 Damaged equipment may be replaced on written request to and approval by the Race Committee. If damage occurs during the first race of the day, equipment may be replaced between races provided a written request is lodged before the end of protest time for that day and approved.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be orange inflatable buoys.
- 10.2 The Starting Mark will be the Signal Boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and a pin end buoy or boat displaying an orange flag at the port end.
- 10.3 The Finish Mark will be the Signal Boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and a pin end buoy or boat displaying an orange flag at the port end.

11. THE START

- 11.1 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 three minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat at the starboard end and the Starting Mark at the port end.
- 11.3 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 Change of course will be signalled by a committee boat in the vicinity of a mark that begins the next leg. The signal will be in accordance with RRS 33(a)(2).

13. ACTIVE START / FINISH LINE [DP]

- 13.1 Except when starting or finishing, boats shall not sail through a Start / Finish line when an orange flag is displayed on the Race Committee Boat.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat at the starboard end and the port-end Finish Mark.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM [DP]

- 15.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired according to rule 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form located at the sailing noticeboard 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.
- 15.3 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 while outside the Zone is a one-turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1. The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 inside the Zone remains unchanged at two-turns Penalty

16. TIME LIMIT

16.1 The time limits and target times are as follows:

Time Limit	Target Time
90 minutes	60 minutes

16.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16.3 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for protest or redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)

16.4 After more than 75% of the number of boats entered in the regatta have finished each race, and prior to the time limits indicated in SI 15.1 the race committee may, at its discretion, allocate finishing positions 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.

16.5 The position allocated to competitors under SI 15.4 will be based upon their relative position in the fleet at that time. This changes RRS 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.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1 Boats wishing to protest must inform the RC at the end of the race that the protest is in.

17.2 Breaches of Sailing Instructions, 16.5, 19, 22 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

17.3 Protest and scoring enquiry forms are available from the regatta office. Protests and Requests for Redress shall be delivered to the regatta office within the protest time limit.

17.4 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

17.5 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes after the protest time limit has expired to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

17.6 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b) as soon as possible.

17.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision or Scoring shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision or provisional results are posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

17.8 ARBITRATION CLAUSES Post race penalties:

a) Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.

b) A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, RRS 44.1(a) applies.

c) A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the arbitrator or a member of the protest committee a written statement that it accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

17.9 An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest by a boat involving one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31, but only if each party is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witnesses will be permitted. However, if the arbitrator decides that RRS 44.1(b) may apply or that arbitration is not appropriate, the meeting will not be held, and if a meeting is in progress, it will be closed and proceed straight to a Protest Hearing.

17.10 Based on the evidence given by the representatives, the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the protest committee is likely to decide:

a) The protest is invalid,

b) No boat will be penalised for breaking a rule, or

c) One or more boats will be penalised for breaking a rule, identifying the boats and the penalties.

17.11 After the arbitrator offers an opinion:

a) A boat may take a Post-Race Penalty.

- b) A boat may ask to withdraw its protest. The arbitrator may then act on behalf of the protest committee in accordance with RRS 63.1 to allow the withdrawal.
 - c) Unless all protests involving the incident are withdrawn, a protest hearing will be held.
- 17.12 An arbitration meeting shall not be reopened. No conclusion of an arbitrator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.
- 17.13 Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the arbitrator may be a member of the Protest Committee. Any evidence given by an arbitrator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.

18. SCORING

- 18.1 Low Point scoring system, Appendix A will apply & Appendix A 5.3
- 18.2 Scoring for determination of results in divisions will be determined on the basis of aggregating the results based on the results of the overall fleet.
- 18.3 Four races are required to complete a series.
- 18.4 When fewer than 6 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.5 When 6 to 7 races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores less her worst score.
- 18.6 When eight [8] races or more have been completed a boats series score will be her total score less her worst two scores.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS, SIGNING ON [DP]

- 19.1 All competitors must personally "sign on" prior to the scheduled warning signal of the first race of the relevant session
- 19.2 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 Regatta Office that they wish to sign on for the subsequent race/s of that session only.

20. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT [DP]

- 19.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Request for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Equipment substitution forms will be available in the Regatta Office.

21. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 20.1 Official boats may display the PDSC Burgee.

22. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 22.1 Team leaders, coaches, parents, and other support personnel on Support Boats shall stay outside the course area during racing, except when asked to assist by the race committee. All Support Boats must monitor and be able to communicate on the designated VHF frequency at all times. All Support Boats shall report to the Race Officer to both check correct working of the boats VHF radio before reaching the Race Area and to confirm their identity and role. All Support Boats must respond at any time to requests by the RO to assist with response to a safety incident or a potential safety incident (including collision, capsize, person overboard or verbal or visual request for assistance from a person on board). Racing is from the time of the preparatory signal for the fleet to start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment of racing. The course area is defined as the area inside the course and within 100 metres of any mark, lay line, starting line, finishing line or any area where any boat that is racing, is sailing, or may sail.
- 22.2 There shall be no communication between Support Boats and competing boats from the time of the Preparatory Signal of a race until the competitor has finished that race.
- 22.3 The Race Committee may protest any competing boat whose Support Boat is in breach of instruction 21.1 or 21.2. Penalties imposed as a result of a protest under this instruction will result in a penalty being imposed on the competing boat(s) supported by the Support Boat

23. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT (DP)

- 23.1 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 and any form of GPS devices.
- 23.2 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 provided these cannot calculate speed or location information for use while racing and (c) Tack Tracker type devices that record data relating to the position of a boat but do not permit any visual display of that data to the skipper during the race.

24. PRIZES

24.1 Prizes may be awarded as follows:

CATEGORY	PRIZE
Open	1 st to 5 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 Champion (70+ years)	1 st to 3 rd place
Over 90 kgs	1 st place
Under 60 kgs	1 st place

24.2 Allocation of prizes in all categories remains at the discretion of the Sabre Sailing Association of Western Australia Inc. and is dependent on the number of entries as per the table below

Number of Entrants in Category	1-3	4-5	6 or More
Prizes	1st Only	1st & 2nd	1st – 3rd

25. RIGHTS TO USE NAME & LIKENESS

25.1 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 including from the use of drones 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.

26. INSURANCE

- 26.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10M AUD or the equivalent
- 26.2 All owners/competitors who enter online are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

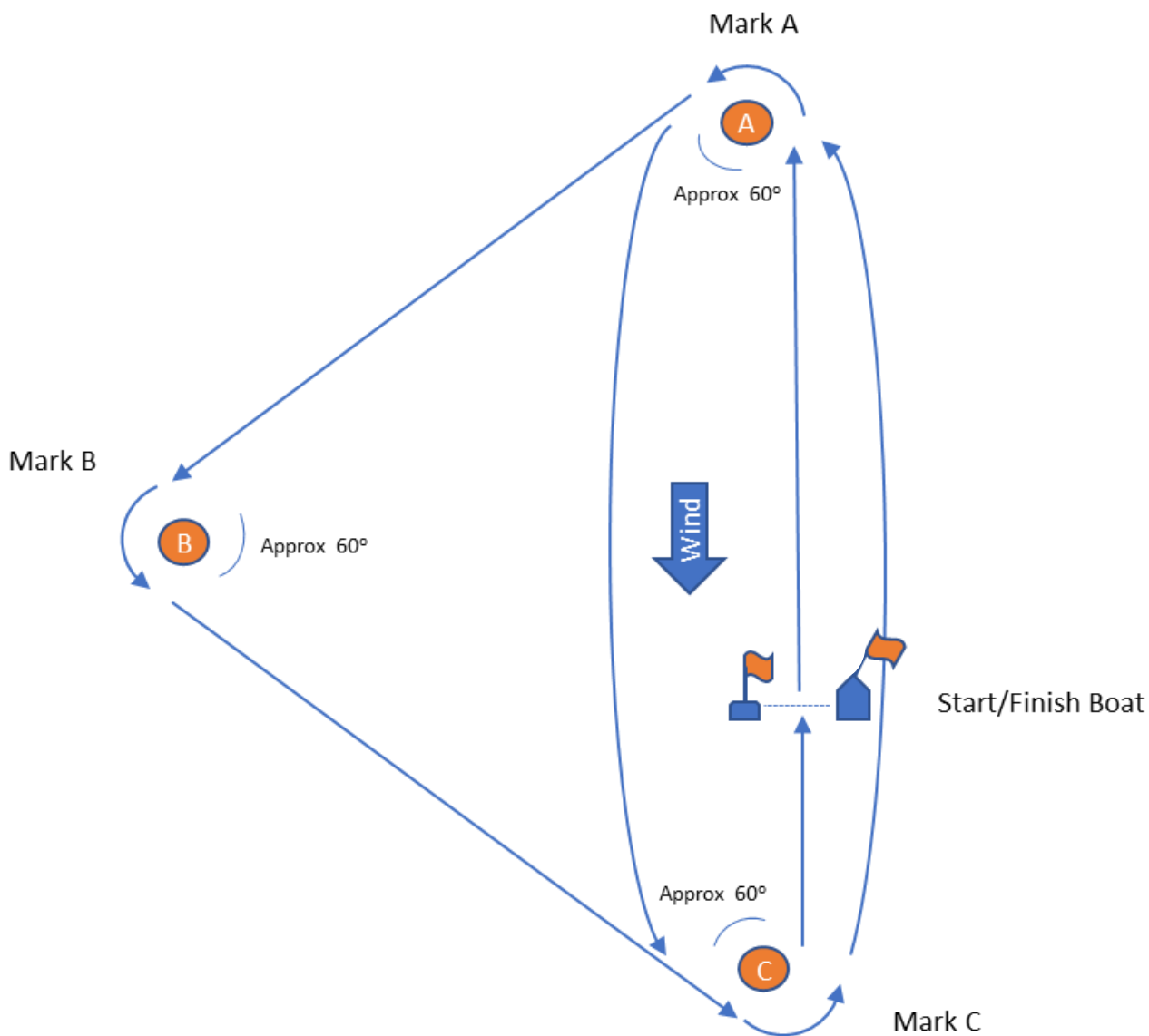
27. RISK STATEMENT

- 27.1 Competitors participate in the regattas entirely at their own risk. Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
- 27.2 The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.
- 27.3 Further each competitor acknowledges that:
- They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to sail;
 - The provision of a race management team, safety boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - The provision of safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
 - It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitors briefing held for the event; and
 - The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor

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 1 (International Numeral Pennant #1): Start - A - B - C - Finish	
Course 2 (International Numeral Pennant #2): Start - A - B - C - A - C - Finish	
Course 3 (International Numeral Pennant #3): Start - A - B - C - A - C - A - B - C - Finish	
All marks to be rounded to Port.	