



# Australian Sharpie Sailing Association

(Queensland Division)

## 75<sup>th</sup> Australian Championship

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**Organising Authority:**

**Keppel Bay Sailing Club (KBSC)**



in conjunction with

Australian Sharpie Sailing Association (Queensland Division)



## 1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The prescriptions of Australian Sailing shall apply.
- 1.3. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 – off the beach boats shall apply.
- 1.4. RRS 42.3(c) is changed in accordance with the Class Association By-Laws, Part B, Clause 20(1) to allow “On a free leg of the course when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the leeward side of a wave) or planning is possible, the Yacht’s crew may, in order to initiate surfing or planning, pump the sheet, boom or guy, controlling any sail a maximum of three (3) times for each wave or gust of wind.”
- 1.5. Devices which indicate remotely or transmit or correlate data about wind direction, wind speed, boat speed or location shall be prohibited in accordance with the Class Association By-Laws, Part B, Clause 20(2).
- 1.6. Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply.

## 2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located in the training room on the ground floor of the Keppel Bay Sailing Club.

## 3. Changes to Sailing Instructions.

Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted by 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

## 4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore shall be displayed at the flagstaff at the south eastern corner of the clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in the race signal AP.

## 5. Schedule of Events

### 5.1. Racing Schedule

Date	Time	Event
29 December 2017	0900 - 1700	Registration and Measurement
30 December 2017	1000	Competitors Meeting
30 December 2017	13:30	2 Invitation Races
31 December 2017	13:30	First Warning Signal
01 January 2018		Lay Day
02 January 2018	13:30	First Warning Signal



03 January 2018	13:30	First Warning Signal
04 January 2018		Lay Day
05 January 2018	13:30	First Warning Signal

## 5.2. Social Events

Date	Time	Event
29 December 2017	1800	Welcome Function
31 December 2017	1900	New Year's Eve
03 January 2018	1900	States Night
05 January 2018	1900	Presentation

5.3 Flag AP displayed on the race committee vessel at the finish line indicates that another race will be started following the completion of the current race. This will be removed one (1) minute before the new warning signal.

5.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1400.

## 6. Class Flag

The Class Flag will be a Green flag with the Sharpie insignia.

## 7. Racing Area.

The racing area will be in an area east of the Yeppoon main beach.

## 8. The Courses

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed.

8.2 All marks shall be passed to port, except at a gate.

8.3 No later than the warning signal the Course to be sailed will be identified by its number on a board displayed at the back of the Race Committee vessel.

## 9. Marks

9.1 Marks 1 and 2 will be Red cylinder shape Inflatable buoys.

Marks 1A, 3S and 3P will be large orange teardrop buoys.

9.2 New marks as provided in instruction 11.1 will be Yellow inflatable buoys.

9.3 The starting and finishing Marks will be an Orange cylinder shape Inflatable buoy.

## 10. The Start

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.



10.2 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and A5.

## 11. Change of the Next Leg of the Course.

11.1 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 the new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## 12. The Finish

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the finishing mark. For 'Finish W' the committee boat will be on the starboard end of the finish line. For 'Finish L' the committee boat will be on the port end of the finish line.

## 13. Penalty System

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## 14. Time Limits and Target Times.

14.1 The Time limits and target times are as follows:

Course	Time Limit	Target Time
Short	60 minutes	45 minutes
Long	90 minutes	60 minutes

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## 15. Arbitration

Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply.

## 16. Protests and Requests for Redress.

16.1 Protest forms are available from the regatta office, located on the ground floor of the clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing that day, whichever is the later.

16.3 Notices shall be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located on the top floor of the clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.

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

16.5 Breaches of instructions 10.2, 18, 21, 22, 25 and 26 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decided. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

16.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision the previous day.

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.



## 17. Scoring

- 17.1. A maximum of nine (9) Championship races are scheduled.
- 17.2. A minimum of four (4) Championship races will be completed to constitute a regatta.
  - 17.2.1. When fewer than six (6) Championship races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - 17.2.2. When six (6) to eight (8) Championship races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - 17.2.3. When nine (9) Championship races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

## 18. Safety Regulations

- 18.1 A member of the crew for each boat shall sign on a minimum of 30 minutes before the scheduled race time.
- 18.2 The sign on period will close at the scheduled warning signal time of the first race for the session on that day. Competitors who wish to sign on for subsequent races in that session must advise the Start Boat.
- 18.3 A member of the crew of each boat shall sign off within the protest time limit.
- 18.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.4 Failure to sign on or sign off will result in a 5 point addition to a boat's score in a race (or the last race of a session) without a hearing. This changes Rules A4, A5 and 63.1. The scoring abbreviation will be DNSO. Other boats' scores will not change as a result of a boat being penalized as a result of this provision.

## 19. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 20. Equipment and Measurement Checks.

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and these sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee member or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## 21. Coach and Support Boats

- 21.1. Coach and support boats shall register before racing commences by completing the form available at registration.
- 21.2. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 100 metres from any boat racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished, or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 21.3. Each coach/support boat is required to have a working VHF radio tuned into a frequency designated by the Race Committee and be available to act as a rescue boat as directed by the Race Committee if required.

## 22. Event Advertising

Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organizing authority at registration and shall adhere



to the placement requirements.

### 23. Rights to Use Name & Likeness

In participating in this event, a competitor grants to the organizing authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, and motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions or him/her during the period of the competition of the said event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

### 24. Prizes

24.1. The following prizes will be awarded;

- The Addison Bros. Trophy to the winner of the Australian Championship
- The Geoff Augustine Trophy for the crew of the boat winning the Australian Championship
- The Alcorso Trophy to second place in the Australian Championship
- The Fred Meyer Trophy to third place in the Australian Championship
- The Phil Durham Trophy to fourth place in the Australian Championship
- The Golden Oldies Trophy to the helmsperson over 40 years of age with the best points score over all Championship races
- The Erky Mitton Trophy to the helmsperson over 50 years of age with the best points score over all Championship races
- The Westpac Trophy for consistency on handicap over all Championship races
- The Ray Callard Trophy to the winner on handicap in the first practice race
- The Bretts Plywood Trophy to the winner on handicap in the second practice race
- The Graham Keys Trophy to the first Female Skipper in the Australian Championship with the best points score over all Championship races
- The Red Hand Trophy to the country representative with the best points score over all Championship races
- The Bishops Team Trophy for the best team effort over all Championship races. The first five (5) boats to finish from each State team to score points towards the trophy. The points score system to be as for the Australian Championship.
- The O'Grady Cup to the helmsperson of the team representative boat who achieves the best score over all races of the regatta. The results of the Invitation races shall, for this purpose, be computed as for the Australian Championship races.
- The Don Shields Perpetual Trophy to the non-team representative in the Australian Championship with the best points score over all championship races.
- The George Laurens Trophy to the non-team representative in the Australian Championship with the best points score over all championship races on handicap.
- The Mark Peelgrane Memorial Trophy to the helmsperson who achieves the most wins over all championship races of the regatta, including the Invitation Races, with a tie being decided by a count back of other finishing positions.



24.2. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## **25. Insurance**

- 25.1. All boats competing shall have current for the duration of the regatta third party insurance cover of not less than AUD\$5,000,000 (recommended AUD\$10,000,000) or equivalent in any other currency.
- 25.2. All competitors who submit the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.
- 25.3. Competitors may be required to provide details and evidence that they have such insurance in place at the time of registration.

## **26. Personal Flotation Devices**

Competitors are reminded that it is a requirement under Australian Sailing Special Regulations that they wear approved personal flotation devices at all times while afloat and not just when racing.

## **27. Disclaimer**

- 27.1. It is the competitor's decision to enter an Event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in an Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. See Racing Rule 4, Decision to Race.
- 27.2. Neither the Organising Authority, Australian Sharpie Sailing Association (Queensland Division), their officers, members, volunteers, servants or agents accept any responsibility whatsoever in respect of loss of life, personal injury or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in this event or howsoever arising in connection with the event.



# ATTACHMENT "A"

## COURSES

Course designations and sequence that marks shall be rounded.

### Short Courses

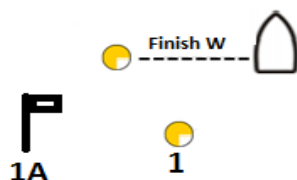
- 1 = Start, 1, 1A, 3S/3P, 1, 1A, Finish L.
- 2 = Start, 1, 1A, 3S/3P, 1, 1A, 3S/3P, Finish W.

### Long Courses

- 3 = Start 1, 1A, 3S/3P, 1, 2, 3S/3P, Finish W.
- 4 = Start 1, 1A, 3S/3P, 1, 2, 3S/3P, 1, 1A, Finish L.
- 5 = Start 1, 1A, 3S/3P, 1, 2, 3S/3P, 1, 1A, 3S/3P, Finish W.

Triangle approximate angles 45° - 90° - 45°.

Diagram is Not to Scale.



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