



Australian Sharpie Sailing Association

(Queensland Division)

81st Australian Championship
29th December 2024 – 6th January 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority:

Keppel Bay Sailing Club Inc. on behalf of
Australian Sharpie Sailing Association (Queensland
Division)

Revision 1

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2. The prescriptions of Australian Sailing will apply.

1.3. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 – for off the beach boats will apply.

1.4.

a) 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 planing is possible, the Yacht’s crew may, in order to initiate surfing or planing, pump the sheet, boom or guy, controlling any sail a maximum of three (3) times for each wave or gust of wind.”

b) 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).

1.5. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

1.6. RRS Appendix T shall apply.

1.7. RRS Appendix T – T1(b) is changed to read: “A post-race penalty is a 20% Scoring penalty as stated in Rule 44.3(c). However, Rule 44.1(a) applies.

2. ADVERTISING

Competitors may be required to affix bow stickers displaying sponsor's names/logo(s) or numbers. These items will be supplied by the Organising Authority and shall be affixed as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1. A decision of the OA as to any matter under NOR 3, including as to whether a boat and its crew meet the eligibility criteria for entry in the regatta, is final and binding and will not be grounds for a request for redress. This amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a) and RRS 63.1 shall not apply.

3.2. The regatta is open to all boats of the Australian Sharpie Class that comply with the Rules of the Class Association. Crews must be financial members of their State Division of the Australian Sharpie Sailing Association, and a yacht club affiliated with Australian Sailing.

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3.3 Entry to age divisions of the regatta is based on the following age determination with adequate proof of age required to be provided to the OA.

3.3.1 A Junior boat is deemed to be one whose helmsperson is under twenty-one (21) years of age on 30th December 2024;

3.3.2 A Golden Oldies boat is deemed to be one whose helmsperson is over forty (40) years of age on 30th December 2024;

3.3.3 An Erky Mitton Trophy contestant boat is deemed to be one whose helmsperson is over fifty (50) years of age on 30th December 2024 and who has not been awarded any other perpetual trophy.

3.4. Eligible boats may enter by completing the required fields at <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/kbsc/events/register/237844> by the 7th of December 2024.

3.2. Late entries will be accepted from 8th December 2024 by payment of an additional late fee up to 1700hrs on 29th December 2024.

3.3. Parents/Guardians of Competitors under 18 years of age shall acknowledge the Entry Declaration Form online at the time of entry.

4. FEES

4.1. The Senior entry fee will be A\$450 per boat.

4.2. Senior late entry fee will be an additional \$100.

4.3. Junior entry fee will be free.

4.4. Junior late entry fee will be an additional \$50.

4.5. Entry fees are inclusive of Welcome Night function tickets for 3 people. Additional tickets may be purchased at registration.

4.6. Other fees for social functions will be advised at the regatta.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1. Racing Schedule

Date	Time	Event
Sun 29 th Dec	0900 - 1730	Registration and Measurement
Mon 30 th Dec	1000	Competitors Meeting
Mon 30 th Dec	1200	2 Invitation Races
Tue 31 st Dec	1300	Race Session
Wed 1 st Jan	Lay Day	
Thurs 2 nd Jan	1300	Race Session
Fri 3 rd Jan	1300	Race Session
Sat 4 th Jan	Lay Day	
Sun 5 th Jan	1300	Race Session
Mon 6 th Jan	1200	Race Session

5.2. There will be no warning signal made after 1500 hrs on Monday 6th January 2025.

6. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT

6.1. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate. Sails, spars, foils and hull measurement may be checked at registration.

6.2. Spot measurement checks may be carried out at any time during the regatta.

6.3. Sails will be restricted to two sets of sails for the duration of the regatta. No more than two mains, two jibs and two spinnakers shall be used and must be made available for measurement by the Association Measurer or their representative upon request.

7. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

7.1. Substitution or replacement of equipment during the regatta must comply with the rules and measurement certificate and are subject to measuring at the Race Committee's discretion.

7.2. Further details will be contained in the Sailing Instructions.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the regatta website at www.kbsc.com.au/81st-sharpie-national-championships & www.sharpies.com.au/2025nationals no later than seven days prior to the event.

9. REGATTA VENUE

The regatta site is:

Keppel Bay Sailing Club (KBSC),
Anzac Pde Yeppoon
Queensland, Australia
Contact details:
Phone & Fax: 4939500
Email: sports@kbsc.com.au
Website: www.kbsc.com.au

10. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Keppel Bay in the vicinity of KBSC.

11. COURSES

The courses will be a combination of triangles and windward/leeward courses as described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. JURY

12.1 A National Jury will be appointed in accordance with Rule 91(b). Its decisions will be final in accordance with Rule 70.5.

12.2 An arbitration hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with Rule 61 that allege a breach of a rule of Parts 2 or 4. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.

13. SCORING

13.1. A minimum of four (4) races will be completed to constitute a regatta.

(a) When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When six (6) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When nine (9) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

13.2. A maximum of ten (10) races are scheduled.

14. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

14.1. Coach and support boats shall register before racing commences by completing the form available at registration.

14.2. 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.

14.3. 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.

15. RIGHTS TO USE NAME & LIKENESS

In submitting the entry form, all competitors, parents, legal guardians and custodians provide their permission for all photographs, video, TV and sound recordings to be the property of the organisers and used for any purpose including public viewing and posting on the event website.

16. PRIZES

16.1. 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 competitor over 40 years of age with the best points score over the ten (10) Championship races.
- The Erky Mitton Trophy to the competitor over 50 years of age with the best points score over the ten (10) Championship races.
- The Westpac Trophy for consistency on handicap over the ten (10) 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 the ten (10) Championship races.
- The Red Hand Trophy to the country representative with the best points score over the ten (10) Championship races.
- The Tomlinson Trophy to the junior representative with the best points score over the ten (10) Championship races.
- The Bishops Team Trophy for the best team effort over the ten (10) Australian 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 helmsman of the team representative boat who achieves the best score over all races of the regatta. The results of the practice 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 the ten (10) championship races.
- The George Laurens Trophy to the non-team representative in the Australian Championship with the best points score over the ten (10) championship races on handicap.
- The Mark Peelgrane Memorial Trophy to the helmsman who achieves the most wins over all ten (10) races of the regatta, with a tie being decided by a count back of other finishing positions.

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

17. INSURANCE

17.1. 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.

17.2. All competitors who submit the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

17.3. Competitors shall be required to provide details and evidence that they have such insurance in place at the time of registration.

18. PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

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

19. DISCLAIMER

19.1. 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 3, Decision to Race.

19.2. None of 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.

20. AMENDMENTS

Any amendments to this Notice of Race will be posted on the Event websites www.kbsc.com.au/81st-sharpie-national-championships www.sharpies.com.au/2025nationals

21. MERCHANDISE

Event Merchandise may be available at the event.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

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All other event information including accommodation, social program, local conditions and tourist information will be posted on the event website as it becomes available.

23. EVENT WEBSITE:

www.sharpies.com.au/2025nationals

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ATTACHMENT A

COURSE AREA

