



Australian Sharpie Sailing Association  
(Tasmanian Division)

73<sup>rd</sup> Australian Championship

Thursday 31 December 2015 to Friday 8 January 2016  
Organising Authority Sandy Bay Sailing Club Incorporated  
Sandy Bay, Tasmania

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016*, the current class rules and bylaws of the Australian Sharpie Sailing Association (ASSA), the Special Regulations Part 2 of Yachting Australia for Off the Beach Boats, and any amendments to those rules in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard located at the Sandy Bay Sailing Club.
- 2.2 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted before 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

### 3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag mast of the Sandy Bay Sailing Club.
- 3.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 3.3 Flag D with three sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means 'No boat shall leave the shore and all boats on the water shall immediately return to the shore.'

#### **4. SCHEDULE**

- 4.1. Registration and Measurement will take place at Sandy Bay Sailing Club, Long Point Road, Sandy Bay from 0900 to 1200 on Thursday 31 December 2015 and on Saturday 2 January 2016 (by appointment).

4.2.

##### **Racing schedule**

<b>Day and Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
Wednesday 30 December 2015	Sailing Instructions released to web	1000
Thursday 31 December 2015	Registration & Measurement	0900-1400
Friday 1 January 2016	Lay Day	
Saturday 2 January 2016	Briefing Invitation races Measurement	0830 1000 By appointment
Sunday 3 January 2016	Racing Day 1	1330
Monday 4 January 2016	Racing Day 2	1330
Tuesday 5 January 2016	Racing Day 3	1330
Wednesday 6 January 2016	Lay Day	
Thursday 7 January 2016	Racing Day 4	1330
Friday 8 January 2016	Racing Day 5	1330

- 4.3. Any changes to the racing schedule will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.4. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect.
- 4.5. No warning signal will be made after 1600 on Friday 8 January 2016.

#### **5. CLASS FLAG**

- 5.1 Class flag will be a black kangaroo on a white background

## **6. RACING AREA**

- 6.1 Sandy Bay Sailing Club is located at Long Point Road, Sandy Bay, Tasmania. Racing will be on the River Derwent in the vicinity of Sandy Bay Sailing Club. Attachment A shows the location of the racing area.

## **7. THE COURSES**

- 7.1 The diagram in Attachment B shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

## **8. MARKS**

- 8.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be yellow cylindrical inflatable buoys.
- 8.2 A new mark as provided in instruction 10.1 will be a red inflatable cylinder.
- 8.3 A buoy displaying a green flag may be laid as a distance mark on the port side of the race committee boat.
- 8.4 The starting mark will be between the race committee boat at the starboard end and a buoy displaying an orange flag.
- 8.5 The finishing mark will be between the race committee boat at the starboard end and a buoy displaying an orange flag at the port end.

## **9. THE START**

- 9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a buoy displaying an orange flag at the port end.
- 9.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- 9.3 Races may be conducted back to back, with the second and subsequent races commencing as soon as practicable after the completion of the preceding race.

## **10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 10.1 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 possible.
- 10.2 A change of course after the start will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position. 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. This changes rule 33.

## **11. THE FINISH**

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a buoy displaying an orange flag at the port end.
- 11.2 Flag L when flown from the race committee boat at the finish means 'another race will start as soon as practical'. This changes Race Signals.

## **12. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 12.1 The time limit for each race will be 120 minutes.

<b>Target Time</b>	<b>Race Time Limit</b>	<b>Finish window</b>
90 minutes	120 minutes	20 minutes

- 12.2 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 12.3 Boats failing to finish within the finish window after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rule 35 and A4 and A5.

## **13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 13.1 Protests shall be written on the forms available at the Sandy Bay Sailing Club race office and delivered there within one hour of the finish time of the last boat in the last race of the day.
- 13.2 Boats wishing to protest under Parts 2 and 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing must hail their intention to do so to the race committee boat before leaving the vicinity of the finish. Boats must ensure that their hail is acknowledged by the staff on the race committee boat.
- 13.3 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 13.4 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest or named as witnesses.

## **14. MEDIATION**

- 14.1 Mediation will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with racing rule 61. This procedure will be conducted subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing. The time and place will be decided by the mediator. Such advice will be given verbally. One representative of each party to the protest may attend the mediation meeting and no witnesses will be allowed. The mediator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.
- 14.2 The mediator shall be appointed by the race committee. Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the mediator may be a member of the protest committee or be called as witness at that hearing.

14.3 After taking testimony the mediator shall make one of the following conclusions:

- The protest does not comply with racing rule 61 and the protester may withdraw the protest.
- The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. This may be because one or more of the parties to the protest decline involvement in the mediation process, or because the evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a timely conclusion, or due to the severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason decided by the mediator.
- There was no infringement and the protester may withdraw the protest.
- There has been an infringement by one or more yachts. The infringing yacht(s) may accept scoring points equal to a finishing place mid-way between the yachts actual finishing position and a disqualification. If so accepted the protester may withdraw the protest. The scores of other yachts shall be adjusted accordingly.

14.4 A mediation hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of the mediator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.

## **15. SCORING**

15.1 Four (4) Championship races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

15.3 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15.4 A maximum of seven (7) races is scheduled.

## **16. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

16.1 All boats must sign on at Sandy Bay Sailing Club before leaving the shore.

16.2 All boats shall report to the race committee boat once on station by hailing their bow number and having their hail acknowledged by the staff on the race committee boat. Boats returning to Sandy Bay Sailing Club shall sign off there upon returning to shore.

16.3 Boats failing to sign on before leaving shore and up to the Warning Signal will be penalised without a hearing, by the addition of five (5) points to their score in the first race for which they should have signed-on.

16.4 Boats failing to sign off before the end of protest time shall be penalised without a hearing, by the addition of five (5) points to their score in the last race for which they should have signed off.

16.5 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

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

## **18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

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

## **19. EVENT ADVERTISING/BOW NUMBERS**

- 19.1 Boats shall display event advertising and/or bow numbers supplied by the organising authority at registration and shall adhere to placement requirements.

## **20. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 20.1 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. RUBBISH DISPOSAL**

- 21.1 As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Boats shall not intentionally put rubbish in the water. Rubbish may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

## **22. BOAT PARK**

- 22.1 A boat park will be provided but the responsibility for the wellbeing of the boat and her equipment shall remain the responsibility of the owner.

## **23. USE OF NAME AND LIKENESS**

- 23.1 In participating in the event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity to make, use, and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion picture, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the regatta in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the regatta without compensation.

## **24. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 24.1 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.

## **25. PRIZES**

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 seven (7) Championship races
- The Erky Mitton Trophy to the competitor over 50 years of age with the best points score over the seven (7) Championship races
- The Westpac Trophy for consistency on handicap over the seven (7) 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 seven (7) Championship races
- The Red Hand Trophy to the country representative with the best points score over the seven (7) Championship races
- The Tomlinson Trophy to the junior representative with the best points score over the seven (7) Championship races
- The Bishops Team Trophy for the best team effort over the seven (7) 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 nine (9) 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 seven (7) championship races.
- The George Laurens Trophy to the non-team representative in the Australian Championship with the best points score over the seven (7) championship races on handicap.
- The Mark Peelgrane Memorial Trophy to the helmsman who achieves the most wins over all nine (9) races of the regatta, with a tie being decided by a count back of other finishing positions.

**26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 26.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4 Decision to Race. 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. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for theft and/or damage to boats and/or equipment sustained at the regatta venue.

**27. ADVERTISING**

- 27.1 Competing boats may be required to display sponsors' names and/or logos. If required, the Organising Authority will provide these items and they shall be affixed as described in the Sailing Instructions.

**28. INSURANCE**

- 28.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per incident. Evidence of insurance shall be produced at the request of the organising authority at or before registration.

**29. PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES**

- 29.1 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 Yachting Australia Special Regulations.

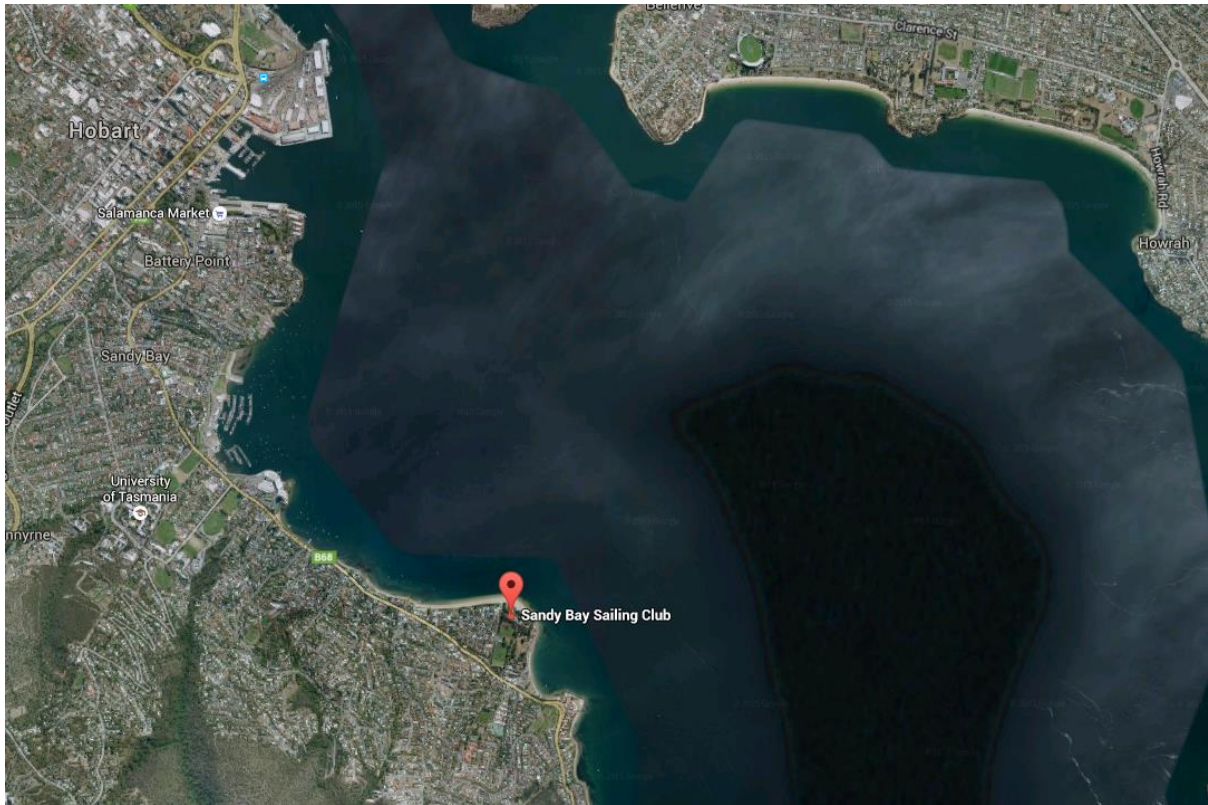
**30. MARINE AND SAFETY TASMANIA REQUIREMENTS**

- 30.1 It is a requirement of Marine and Safety Tasmania that all occupants of powered craft of 6 metres or less length overall wear an approved personal flotation device while under way. On the spot fines may apply for those who do not comply with this requirement.



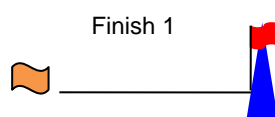
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### Racing Area



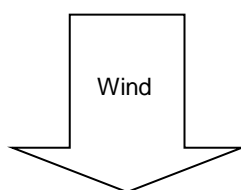
## ATTACHMENT B COURSES

All marks are to be left to Port

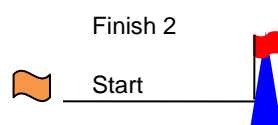


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Course	Mark Rounding Order
1	Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish 1
2	Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – Finish 2