

The Australian Sharpie Sailing Association
(Tasmanian Division)
67th Australian Championship
Sunday 27 December 2009 to Wednesday 6 January 2010
Organising Authority: Sandy Bay Sailing Club Incorporated
Sandy Bay, Hobart, Tasmania

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the current class rules and by-laws of the Australian Sharpie Sailing Association (ASSA), the Sailing Instructions, and the Special Regulations Part 2 of Yachting Australia for Off-the-Beach Boats.

2 ADVERTISING

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.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 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 Yachting Australia.

3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee, to:

The Secretary,
Sandy Bay Sailing Club,
PO Box 56
Sandy Bay 7006

by Monday 7 December 2009.

3.3 Late entries will be accepted by payment of a late fee of \$50 up to 1700hrs on 27 December 2009.

4 FEES

4.1 Required fees are as follows:

Championship Entry Fee \$200

Late Entry Fee \$50

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

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration and Measurement will take place at Sandy Bay Sailing Club, Long Point Road, Sandy Bay from 0900hrs to 1600hrs on Sunday 27 December 2009 and 0900hrs to 1200hrs on 28 December 2009.

5.2

Race	Day	Warning Signal
Invitation Race 1	Monday 28 December	1400
Invitation Race 2	Back to Back with Inv Race 1	
Championship Heat	Tuesday 29 December	1400
Championship Heat	Wednesday 30 December	1400
Championship Heat	Thursday 31 December	1400
Lay Day	Friday 1 January	
Championship Heat	Saturday 2 January	1400
Championship Heat	Sunday 3 January	1400
Lay Day	Monday 4 January	
Championship Heat	Tuesday 5 January	1400
Championship Heat	Wednesday 6 January	1300

Re-sails will be notified by 1800hrs on the sailing day prior to the re-sail.

5.3 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hours on Wednesday 6 January 2010.

6 MEASUREMENT

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

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after 1000 on 27 December 2009 at Registration.

8 VENUE

Sandy Bay Sailing Club is located at Long Point Road, Sandy Bay. Racing will be on the River Derwent in the vicinity of Sandy Bay Sailing Club.

9 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be a combination of triangle and windward/leeward laps as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10 PROTESTS

10.1 Protests will be lodged and heard in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing.

10.2 A mediation 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.

11 SCORING

11.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

12 SUPPORT BOATS

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.

13 BOAT PARK

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

14 USE OF NAME AND LIKENESS

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 said event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

16 PRIZES

The following prizes will be awarded:-

The Sir Dallas Brooks Trophy and the Addison Bros. Trophy to the winner of the Australian Championships.

The Geoff Augustine Trophy to be for the crew of the boat winning the Australian Championship.

The Alcorso Trophy to the second placegetter in the Australian Championships.

The Fred Meyer Trophy to the third placegetter in the Australian Championships.

The Phil Durham Trophy to the fourth placegetter in the Australian Championships

The Golden Oldies Trophy to the competitor over 40 years of age with the best points score over the seven championship heats.

The Erky Mitton Trophy to the competitor over 50 years of age with the best points score over the seven championship heats.

The Westpac Trophy for consistency on handicap over the seven championship heats.

The Ray Callard Trophy to the winner on handicap in the first invitation race.

The Bretts Plywood Trophy to the winner on handicap in the second invitation race.

The Graham Keys Trophy to the first Female skipper in the Australian Championships with the best points score over the seven championship heats.

The Red Hand Trophy to the country representative with the best points score over the seven championship heats.

The Tomlinson Trophy to the junior representative with the best points score over the seven championship heats.

The Bishops Team Trophy, for the best team effort over the seven (7) Australian Championship heats. 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 Championships.

The O'Grady Cup to the helmsman of the team representative boat who achieves the best score over the nine (9) races of the regatta. The results of the invitation races shall, for this purpose, be computed as for the Australian Championship heats.

The Don Shields Perpetual Trophy to the non team representative in the Australian Championships with the best points score over the seven championship heats.

The George Laurens Trophy to the non team representative in the Australian Championships with the best points score over the seven championship heats on handicap.

The Mark Peelgrane Memorial Trophy to the helmsman who achieves the most wins over the nine (9) races of the carnival, with a tie being decided by a count-back of other finishing positions.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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.

18 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 (\$10,000,000 preferred).

19 PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES - COMPETITORS

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.

20 MARINE & SAFETY TASMANIA REQUIREMENTS

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

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

Ric Buchanan tas-sharpies@netspace.au.

Additional Information (Does not form part of Notice of Race)

Travel to the regatta by the Bass Strait ferry is part of the fun of competing in Tasmania. At time of writing, Spirit of Tasmania operates a Melbourne to Devonport ferry from Melbourne's Station Pier at least daily for an approximately 11-hour overnight crossing. The ferry arrives in Devonport early in the morning and it is a gentle 3.5 to 4-hour drive on to Hobart. There are some daylight crossings on weekend in peak periods.

Ferry bookings can be crowded at this time of year and we recommend making bookings early to ensure you get the voyage of your choice.

There is a Government subsidy for cars travelling on the Spirit of Tasmania ferries based on the fact that the ferry is considered part of the National Highway system. Unfortunately this subsidy applies neither to boat trailers nor cars once they are hitched to boat trailers.

It may prove advantageous to talk to Toll Shipping about carrying your boat on its trailer on their overnight ship from Webb Dock, Melbourne to Burnie, 45 minutes west of Devonport. Then you can take full advantage of the Government subsidy by just bringing your car and your passengers on the Spirit of Tasmania to Devonport, collecting your boat from Burnie and travelling to Hobart.

Please see the Spirit of Tasmania website for more information.

www.spiritoftasmania.com.au

Accommodation

Hobart and suburbs has a wide range of accommodation from basic to luxury. There are no caravan parks close to Sandy Bay, with nearest about 20-25 minutes from the Club, however Sandy Bay and surrounding suburbs have a range of reasonably priced hotels, units and apartments.

Some suggested places to look:

www.stayz.com.au/accommodation/tas/southern-tasmania/hobart

www.totaltravel.com.au/travel/tas/hobart/hobart/directory/accommodation

www.travelaustralia.com.au/city/hobart-accommodation-7010

The University of Tasmania has student accommodation available at very reasonable rates during holiday periods. See UTAS website:

www.utas.edu.au/accommodation/