



2024 SB20 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Friday 22 March to Monday 25 March 2024

NOTICE OF RACE



Organising Authority: Port Dalrymple Yacht Club



[DP] Means a penalty that is at the discretion of the Jury

[NP] Means that a breach of this rule will not be subject to a protest by a boat.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. Class Rule C.5.1 is deleted. To be eligible to race, boats shall provide a valid SB20 Australia - SB20 Equipment Audit Form to the Organising Authority at registration.
- 1.3. Appendix P of the rules will apply, with P2.1 changed to a One-Turn penalty only. P2.3 is deleted and P2.2 will apply to all infringements of rule 42 after the first infringement.

2. ADVERTISING [DP] [NP]

- 2.1. Advertising is permitted in accordance with WS Regulation 20 (Appendix 1 – Advertising).
- 2.2. The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by any boat, if it is considered offensive to public taste or if it contravenes the laws of the governments of Victoria or Australia.
- 2.3. Competitors may be required to display event sponsor's names(s)/logo(s). If required, the Organising Authority will supply these items and they shall be affixed as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.4. Boats will be required to display bow numbers.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The Regatta is open to SB20 class boats affiliated with the SB20 Class Association. Skippers and crews shall be members of a Club affiliated with Australian Sailing, or if international competitors, with their Member National Authority.
- 3.2. A boat shall complete the entry form through the online entry system found at [Online Entry](#) by 1700 on Friday 15 March 2024.
- 3.3. Late entries will be accepted up to 1600 on Thursday 21 March 2024.

4. ENTRY FEES

- 4.1. The entry fee shall be \$AUD350 for each boat.
- 4.2. The late entry fee shall be \$AUD550 for each boat.

5. SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday	22 March	1600 – 1800	Registration and weigh-in opens @ PDYC
Saturday	23 March	0800	Registration and weigh-in continues @ PDYC
Saturday	23 March	1100	Weigh-in closes and briefing @ PDYC
Saturday	23 March	1300	1 st Warning signal and back to back races
Sunday	24 March	1030	1 st Warning signal and back to back races
Monday	25 March	1030	1 st Warning signal and back to back races
There will be no warning signal after 1500 on 25 March 2024			

There is a maximum of 10 races scheduled.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. Sailing Instructions will be issued by 0800 on Friday 22 March 2024 and will be available on the PDYC website found at [SB20 Nationals 2024 - Port Dalrymple Yacht Club \(yachting.org.au\)](https://yachting.org.au/SB20-Nationals-2024-Port-Dalrymple-Yacht-Club)



7. MEASUREMENT [DP] [NP]

- 7.1. All boats and equipment shall be available for measurement where the following measurements will be taken:
 - 7.1.1. Crew weighing according to the SB20 Class Measurement Rules (C3.1). For this item the full crew shall be presented at the same time.
 - 7.1.2. Safety and Equipment checks.
- 7.2. All boats shall have been weighed in accordance with the SB20 Class Rules by an approved SB20 Australia Class measurer not more than two months prior to the regatta. Boats shall provide a copy of a valid Measurement Certificate confirming total boat weight, keel weight and corrector weight at Registration.
- 7.3. Boats should be prepared for full inspection.
- 7.4. Random measurement checks for compliance with the SB20 Class Rules may be made during the regatta at the discretion of the Race Committee.

8. REGATTA VENUE AND RACING AREA

- 8.1. See Appendix A for Regatta Venue.
- 8.2. See Appendix B for Racing Area.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. Courses will be windward/leeward laid courses as described in the sailing instructions.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series. There will be a maximum of 10 races.
- 10.2. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.3. When six races or more have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1. Overall prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
- 11.2. First placed Women's team (50% of the crew must be female including skipper) – subject to a minimum of three women entries.
- 11.3. First placed Masters' team (skipper over 50 years of age and average age of crew over 50) – subject to minimum of three masters' entries. Age date is at 22 March 2024.
- 11.4. First placed Youth team (skipper under 26 years of age and average age of crew under 26) – subject to a minimum of three youth entries. Age date is at 22 March 2024.

12. SUPPORT BOATS [DP] [NP]

- 12.1. A yacht shall receive no outside assistance from support boats or support persons or otherwise once she has left the dock for the day until the finish of the last race of the day, except in the case of emergency and/or towing where the Race Officer has communicated to the fleet that all competitors may accept a tow. For the avoidance of doubt, outside assistance includes verbal communication and the transfer of physical items.
- 12.2. At all times, support boats must be on call on VHF channel 77.
- 12.3. Penalties for breaking this rule will be at the discretion of the protest committee up to and including disqualification of all boats associated with the team or private support boat.
- 12.4. In the State of Tasmania, the law requires that all occupants of powered craft under 4.8m in length shall wear an approved lifejacket at all times when underway.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is changed to a One-Turn penalty.
- 13.2. To encourage boats to take penalties afloat, rules observers may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a rule.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

- 14.1. Except in an emergency, 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.

15. JURY

- 15.1. There may be an on-water Jury. Jury boats will display a white flag with the letter 'J'.
- 15.2. Subject to approval, there may be a National Jury and if so decisions of the Protest Committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

16. PROTESTS

- 16.1. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies to this regatta, amended so that the arbitrator may form part of any subsequent protest committee.

17. SAFETY [DP] [NP]

- 17.1. The Race Committee will operate on VHF Channel 69. All boats shall carry a working VHF radio and monitor Channel 69.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1. 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.**
- 18.2. Port Dalrymple Yacht Club, its staff, officers and volunteers accept no responsibility whatsoever for loss or damage to boats or equipment or personal injury or death associated with races conducted by the Club.

19. HAULOUT, DIVING AND PLASTIC POOL RESTRICTION [DP] [NP]

- 19.1. Boats shall be launched by 1100 on Saturday 23 March 2024 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta (wet regatta) and keels shall remain in the deployed position, except with prior permission of the Race Committee.
- 19.2. SB20s will be berthed in their designated location at PDYC.
- 19.3. Underwater breathing and plastic pools or their equivalents shall not be used from haul-into the harbour until the end of the regatta.

20. SAIL RESTRICTION

- 20.1. Sails will be restricted to two sets of sails for the duration of the regatta. No more than two mainsails, two jibs and two spinnakers shall be used and must be nominated at registration.
- 20.2. Class rule C.10.2 will apply during the regatta for sail limitations carried aboard.



21. INSURANCE [DP] [NP]

- 21.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000, with racing risk extension.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 22.1. For further information please contact:

Vice Commodore Port Dalrymple Yacht Club

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APPENDIX A – Regatta Venue



Appendix B

Chart indicating the regatta course area

Note: All depths shown are the Lowest Astronomical Tide, well below the normal low tide.

