



Sailing Instructions

**TASMANIAN SABOT
SAILING ASSOCIATION**



TASMANIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th February 2024

Organising Authority: Port Dalrymple Yacht Club Inc.

1 RULES

- 1.1 All races will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the special regulations of Australian Sailing, the rules of the Sabot class, (except as any of these are altered by the sailing instructions) and by these sailing instructions.

2 ENTRIES

- 2.1 All boats must comply with the rules of measurement and a current measurement certificate may be requested. Boats and their equipment, including their safety equipment, may be checked at any time during the regatta by the State Measurer or his representative. Safety checklist available at <https://sites.google.com/site/tassabottest/forms-admin/safety-checklist>
- 2.2 All competitors must be a current financial member of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing
- 2.3 Coached Division boats will be identified by a piece of red & white tape attached to the forestay that will be provided by the Organising Authority.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the host club. A briefing will be held at the host club on the first day of the regatta at 1200 hours.

4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board not less than 30 minutes prior to any race in which it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the host club flagpole.
- 5.2 Flag AP with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means the race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered.
- 5.3 Flag B fully hoisted with one sound signal means "Protest time has begun." When lowered half way, it means "There are less than 30 minutes remaining before protest time ends." When lowered, it means "Protest time has ended."

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

		1 Up Division	2 Up Division & Coached Division
Saturday 17th February	1200	Welcome and briefing	Welcome and briefing
	1330	Warning signal Race 1 with Race 2 and Race 3 to follow	Warning signal Race 1 with Race 2 to follow
Sunday 18th February	1130	Warning signal Race 4 with Race 5 and Race 6 to follow	Warning Signal Race 3 with Race 4 to follow
	1430 Approx.	Presentation	Presentation

No warning signal will be made after 1400 hours on the last day of racing.

7 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag for the 1 up Division is a white flag with one Sabot insignia.

The class flag for the 2 up Division is a white flag with two Sabot insignia.

The class flag for the Coached Division is Code flag E.

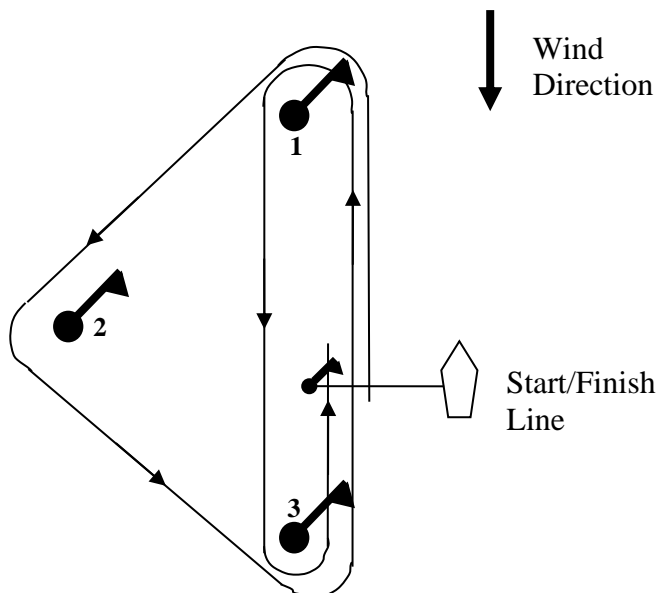


8 COURSE

The Race Officer will set a course with a length suitable for completion in a time frame of approximately 30 minutes. The following diagram shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. A port course is shown; the starboard course will be a mirror image of the diagram, except that the committee boat will always be on the starboard end of the line.

A red flag will indicate a port course and a green flag will indicate a starboard course.

The 2 Up and Coached Divisions will not sail the second lap windward-leeward.



1 Up:

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Start – 1 – 3 – Finish

2 Up:

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish

Coached:

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish

9 MARKS

The Starting and Finishing mark will be a tubular orange inflatable buoy and the distance mark will be a white buoy with an orange flag.

Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be white cylindrical buoys with an orange flag.

The replacement mark or alternate mark used when the course is changed in accordance with RRS 33 and SI-12 will be a white cylindrical buoy with a green flag.

10 SIGN ON, SIGN OFF

10.1 Each competitor shall personally sign on before leaving the shore and sign off within **one hour** of the finish of the last boat in their class. Sign on and sign off sheets will be placed in the club-house. Failure to sign on will result in that boat being recorded as DNC for that race. Failure to sign off shall result in that boat being recorded as DSQ for that race. This changes Rule 63.1.

10.2 If races are sailed “back-to-back”, competitors are required to sign on and sign off once only. A competitor who fails to sign on for back-to-back races will be scored DNC for the first race only of the back-to-back races. A competitor who fails to sign off after back-to-back races will be scored DSQ for the last race only of the back-to-back races.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started using Rule 26 as follows:

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Flag & Sound</u>	<u>Minutes before starting signal</u>
Warning	Division Flag I sound	5 min.
Preparatory	Code Flag P I sound	4 min.
One-minute	Preparatory flag removed; I long sound	1 min.
Starting	Division Flag removed I sound	0

2 Up and Coached Divisions will start first.

Following this start there will a delay of at least one minute and not more than 5 minutes, before the warning signal for the 1 up Division. (The actual delay will be determined by the Race Officer and is to ensure that the 2 up and Coached Divisions have cleared the starting line before the next start.)

11.2 The starting line will be between a fixed line bearing from the orange forward upright on the signal frame on the race committee boat and a red inflatable mark.

11.3 A distance mark, small white cylindrical buoy with orange flag, may be placed adjacent to the committee boat approximately on the starting line. The distance mark is a starting mark.

(a) When starting, competitors shall leave the distance mark to starboard.

(b) Boats shall not pass between this mark and the race committee boat after the preparatory signal when returning from the course side of the starting line. A boat, which fails to comply with this instruction, will be scored DNS.

11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.

11.5 A boat that has not crossed the start line 10 minutes after her start signal shall be scored DNS and will be required to sit out of that race.

12 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

12.1 Any 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.

12.2 At any rounding mark the race committee may signal a change of the direction of the next leg of the course. A race committee boat, displaying flag 'C' will be positioned near the mark beginning the leg being changed. The race committee boat will also display a red or green flag indicating a move to port or starboard, and make a sound signal periodically. This changes Rule 33.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a fixed line bearing from the orange forward upright on the signal frame on the race committee boat and the orange tubular buoy.

14 TIME LIMIT

The time limit will be one hour for the first boat to finish. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes of the finishing time of the first boat in their class will be scored DNF. This changes Rule 35.

15 MEDIATION

15.1 A mediation hearing will take place prior to any protest or request for redress hearing.

A mediation hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with rule 61, which allege an infringement of a rule in Part 2 or 4. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.

- 15.2 The Mediator will decide the time and place of the mediation hearing, and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat shall attend the mediation hearing, together with an observer if so requested, and no witnesses shall be allowed. The Mediator shall determine the manner in which the testimony is given.
- 15.3 After taking testimony at a mediation hearing, the Mediator shall make one of the following conclusions:
- (a) The protest does not comply with rule 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
 - (b) The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. (This may be because rules other than those in Part 2 or 4 are, or may be, involved, or because the evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason decided by the Mediator).
 - (c) No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
 - (d) One or more of the boats broke a rule. The infringing boat/s may accept scoring points equal to a finishing place being the boats actual finishing place plus 20% of the number of starters in the race. (Part points shall be disregarded and points of other boats shall not be adjusted). If so accepted, the protestor may withdraw the protest.
- 15.4 If either party elects to not accept the conclusion of the Mediator, the protest will proceed to a hearing. A mediation hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of a Mediator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.
- 15.5 Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the Mediator may be a member of the Jury. Any statement given by a Mediator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.

16 PROTESTS

16.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Regatta Office and delivered there within 60 minutes after the time of the last boat to finish the respective race. When races are sailed back-to-back, the time is taken from the last of the back-to-back races. (Amends RRS 61.3.)

16.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible. 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.

16.3 RRS 61.1(a) is changed by deleting the words "However boats of hull length less than 6 metres need not display the flag."

16.4 RRS 66 is changed by adding the following: 'On the last day of racing, a party to a hearing may ask for a reopening only if the request is received within one hour of receiving the protest decision. If no race is completed on the last day, requests to re-open hearings shall be lodged no later than 1 hour after the abandonment signal is made.'

17 SCORING

17.1 The Low Point scoring system, Rule A2, will apply to each division.

17.2 For the 1 up Division, six races are scheduled of which three races shall be completed to constitute a series. If five or more races are completed there shall be one discard.

17.3 For the Coached and 2 up Divisions, four races are scheduled and there shall be one discard

18 PRIZES

Prizes to be awarded to placegetters in each division. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority and the TSSA.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

All those participating in this regatta do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility. Attention is drawn to RRS 4, Decision to Race, which states that the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

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