



NOTICE OF RACE

43rd Sabre Australian Championships

5 January to 12 January 2022

Organising Authority

Canberra Yacht Club in conjunction with the Sabre Sailing Association of NSW Inc

1 RULES

1.1 The races will be governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024 (RRS), the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (Addendum A Part 2 – Off the Beach Boats) and the rules and by-laws of the Sabre Sailing Association of Australia Inc. (SSAA), except as any of these are changed by this Notice of Race or by the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 RRS 35, Part 4 preamble, 61.3, 66, A5, Race Signals and Appendix T will be changed as follows:

- (a) Any boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes, or within the time limit, whichever is the later, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35 and A5.
- (b) RRSs 61.3, 'Protest Time Limit', will be changed so that the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- (c) RRS 66, 'Reopening a Hearing', will be changed so that on the last day of the regatta a party to a hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision on that day.
- (e) RRS A5, 'Scoring', will be changed so that any boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS.
- (f) RRS 'Race Signals' will be changed so that when flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- (g) RRS T1 (b) 30% Scoring Penalty is changed to 20% Scoring Penalty.

1.3 SSAA Class Rules of Measurement and Construction will apply.

1.4 RRS Appendix T will apply. Arbitration may be used before a Protest Hearing.

1.5 While the COVID-19 situation exists, the Race Committee and all competitors must, while supporting or participating in this series, maintain and enforce complete compliance with:

- (a) all current and applicable COVID-19 related Government health directions and guidance,
- (b) all applicable COVID-19 related AS guidance, and
- (c) the CYC COVID-19 Risk Management Plan as extant at the time.

The onus is on individual competitors and the Race Committee to be aware of how the above guidance is to be applied to themselves and to their boats.

1.8 In relation to the COVID-19 Situation, the cancellation policy for the event will be:

- (a) Regardless of any state calling a border closure, the event will go ahead unless doing so would breach current and applicable COVID-19 related Government health directions and guidance.
- (b) Entry fees paid by any competitor who withdraws citing travel difficulties caused by a state border closure will be reimbursed their entry fee.
- (c) If the Australian Sabre Class Association or Canberra Yacht Club cancels the regatta before 1 December 2021, all Entry fees paid by competitors will be reimbursed. If the regatta is cancelled on or after 1 December 2021, some or all of the entry fee may be retained to meet the up-front costs of the regatta.
- (d) A minimum of 15 entries are required to make the championship viable. This decision will be made as close as possible to the commencement of the championship and is expected to be made no later than 1 January, 2022. Due to possible COVID restrictions it is recommended that insurance be considered for travel and accommodation arrangements.

1.9 Competitors are reminded that occasionally blue green algae outbreaks occur on the lake. These are generally limited to the bays around the lake and not in the racing area. These outbreaks have not caused any races to be cancelled to date. The National Capital Authority (the managing authority for Lake Burley Griffin) have identified sailing as a secondary contact activity and as such the lake has not been closed to this level of activity by the CYC. The lake has been closed to occasionally to primary contact activities – swimming and sail boarding. The race committee will consider the condition of the lake on each day of racing.

2 ADVERTISING

2.1 Advertising is permitted. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. Details will be supplied at registration.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the Sabre class that comply with the class rules of measurement and construction of the SSAA and whose helms are current financial members of a State Sabre Association.

3.2 Competitors must be a current financial member of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing.

3.3 Entries for eligible boats and skippers are online. These require completion and submission of an entry form, together with the required fee at www.canberrayc.com/specevents.php It is expected this site will be available from 13th August, 2021.

3.4 Eligibility for various divisional prizes will be governed by the competitor's age on 5th January 2022

4 FEES.

4.1 The Regatta entry fees will be:

- (a) Early Bird entry fee will be \$240.00 for all entries received by 2359 hr, 30th November 2021.
- (b) Standard entry fee will be \$280.00 for entries received after 30th November 2021.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 The skipper of each entered boat is required to register for the regatta in the CYC Sailors' Cabin during the registration window in paragraph 5.6 below.

- 5.2 There will be a regatta briefing at the CYC at approximately 1230 hours on Thursday, 6th January, 2022.
- 5.3 It is the intention to run up to 10 races in total for the regatta. The number of races per racing session will vary with the available conditions.
- 5.4 The first warning signal on a day will take place within a time window. Competitors will be notified via SMS and email no later than 2000hrs on the day preceding a race session, advising the earliest possible time of first warning signal and the likely number of races to be attempted after that time. The earliest possible time of a first warning will be displayed on the official notice board at the club from 8.30am each day, and no redress will be granted for competitors who do not receive this SMS or Email.
- 5.6 The proposed schedule is as follows:

Date	Event	Time Window
Wednesday, 5 th January, 2022	Registration	1200 - 1700
Thursday, 6 th January, 2022	Regatta Briefing,	1230
Thursday, 6 th January, 2022	Invitation Race Session	1300-1900
Friday, 7 th January, 2022	Racing Session	1000-1900
Saturday, 8 th January, 2022	Racing Session	1000- 1900
Sunday, 9 th January, 2022	Racing Session	1000- 1900
Monday, 10 th January, 2022	Layday/Resail if required	Flexible
Tuesday, 11 th January, 2022	Racing Session	1000 - 1900
Wednesday, 12 th January, 2022	Racing Session,	Flexible
Wednesday, 12 th January, 2022	Presentation Dinner	TBC

- 5.7 The Organising Authority may, where circumstances dictate, vary the format and/or schedule for this regatta.

6 MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 Each boat is required to hold a measurement certificate as issued by the Sabre Sailing Association of Australia Inc and, except in circumstances prescribed by section 6.4, shall use a maximum of two sails, one centreboard and one rudder during the regatta which show evidence of measurement by their State Measurer at some time.
- 6.2 Competitors may be required to present the sails and foils to be used in the regatta at registration. Any measuring of sails or foils undertaken during the regatta will incur a late fee per boat, unless undertaken as per 6.3 below.
- 6.3 The measurer may spot check boats at any time during the Regatta. A boat notified of inspection shall follow the instructions of the Race Committee. The penalty for a boat failing to measure in accordance with the rules will be to be scored DSQ in all her completed races prior to the protest committee's decision. This changes RRS 64.1(a).
- 6.4 Damaged equipment may be replaced on written request to and approval by the Race Committee. If damage occurs during the first race of the day, equipment may be replaced between races provided a written request is lodged before the end of protest time for that day.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1** The Sailing Instructions will be available from 1400 hours on Tuesday 4th January at the CYC Sailors' Cabin and on the regatta website www.canberrayc.com/specevents.php. Sailing Instructions issued on this day shall prevail regardless of the posting of any previous versions of these Sailing Instructions on any other website or the availability of them by any other means before this time and date.

8 COURSES

- 8.1** The courses to be sailed will be as described in the Sailing Instructions

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1** Appendix P will apply as amended in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.2** Permission from Australian Sailing for a National Jury has been applied for. If granted, decisions of the National Jury are final as provided in RRS70.5

10 SCORING

- 10.1** Appendix A (RRS) will apply for scoring with the use of the Low Point System.
- 10.2** Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.3** Scoring for the determination of results within a prize category shall be determined from the results of the overall fleet.
- 10.4** The number of race results to count will be as follows:
- (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 from six (6) to seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When eight (8) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

11 SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1** All support boats shall register with the Organising Authority before the first race of the regatta.
- 11.2** All support boats shall have a valid permit from the National Capital Authority to operate on Lake Burley Griffin.
- 11.3** RRS 37 will apply. All support boats are 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
- 11.4** Unless so directed by the race committee, support boats shall stay at least 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

12 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 12.1 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.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 Prizes in all categories remain at the discretion of the Organising Authority and are dependent on the number of entries.
- 13.2 Subject to 13.1, the following prizes are intended:

CATEGORY	AWARDED TO
Open	1st to 5th
Ladies Champion	1st to 3rd
Youth Champion (Under 18 years)	1st to 3rd
Seniors Champion (18 – 39 years)	1st to 3rd
Masters Champion (40 - 49 years)	1st to 3rd
Grand Masters Champion (50-59 years)	1st to 3rd
Veterans Champion (60 - 69 years)	1st to 3rd
Grand Veterans Champion (70+ years)	1st to 3rd
Over 90 kg's	1st
Under 60 kg's	1st

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 14.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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.

15 INSURANCE

- 15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1 Please contact the Canberra Yacht Club by telephone on 6273 7177 or admin@canberrayc.com.

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