



Australian Sharpie Sailing Association

(Victorian Division)

74th Australian Championship

Thursday 29th December 2016 to Friday 6th January 2017

Organising Authority: Mordialloc Sailing Club Inc. in conjunction with
Australian Sharpie Sailing Association (Victorian Division)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Yachting Australia and the Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2 – for off the beach boats will apply.
- 1.3
 - a) RRS 42.3(c) is changed in accordance with the Class Association By-Laws, Part B, Clause 20(1) to allow “On a free leg of the course when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the leeward side of a wave) or planing is possible, the Yacht’s crew may, in order to initiate surfing or planing, pump the sheet, boom or guy, controlling any sail a maximum of three (3) times for each wave or gust of wind.”
 - b) Devices which indicate remotely or transmit or correlate data about wind direction, wind speed, boat speed or location shall be prohibited in accordance with the Class Association By-Laws, Part B, Clause 20(2).
- 1.4 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in Rule 70.5.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the lower deck of the MSC clubrooms.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect (or before 0800 on Friday 30th December 2016), except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal mast located adjacent to the Race Control Tower.
- 4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3** 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.'

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1

Date	Event	Time
Thurs 29 th Dec	Registration and Measurement	0900 - 1730
Fri 30 th Dec	Competitors Meeting	1100
Fri 30 th Dec	2 Invitation Races	1330
Sat 31 st Dec	Race Session	1330
Sun 1 st Jan	Lay Day	
Mon 2 nd Jan	Race Session	1330
Tue 3 rd Jan	Race Session	1330
Wed 4 th Jan	Lay Day	
Thurs 5 th Jan	Race Session	1330
Fri 6 th Jan	Race Session	1330

- 5.2** To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.3** The maximum number of Championship races scheduled is ten (10).
- 5.4** When more than one race is held on the same day, the warning signal for the subsequent race will be as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 5.5** No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Friday 6th January 2016.

6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be the Sharpie Sailing Association class flag - yellow kangaroo on a green background.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the waters of Port Phillip off MSC.

Racing Area is defined as:

Before the starting signal, the racing area is within 100 metres of the starting line or its extensions.

After the starting signal, the racing area is 100 metres outside any point where a boat might sail during normal racing and includes the area bounded by the marks of the course at all times when any boat is racing.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed.

8.2 All marks should be rounded to port, except at a gate.

8.3 The Course to be sailed will be identified by its number on a board displayed at the back of the Race committee vessel.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3p and 3s will be yellow inflatable buoys.

9.2 Mark 1a will be a black flag with a green stripe.

9.3 A new mark, as provided in instructions 12.1, will be a red inflatable buoy.

9.4 The port end starting mark will be an orange flag on a race committee vessel.

9.5 The finishing mark will be either a black & white checked buoy or an orange flag on a race committee vessel.

10 SPARE

11 THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.

11.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4 & A5

11.3 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or

abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26 Starting Races. When flag U is used as the preparatory signal rule 29.1 Individual recall does not apply. The scoring abbreviation for a flag U penalty is UFD. This changes A11 *Scoring Abbreviations*.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1** 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(s) as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not be in position. Mark 1a will not be moved during a change of course.
- 12.2** When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. In the case of a gate, only one original mark will be laid in replacement and that shall be rounded to port.
- 12.3** Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the finishing mark. For downwind finishes the finish mark will be on the starboard end, for upwind finishes the finish mark will on the port end.
- 13.2** Flag L when flown from the race committee boat at the finish it means ‘another race will start as soon as practical’. This changes Race Signals.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1** Racing rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2** A boat that has taken a penalty or retired in accordance with rule 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at Regatta Race Office before the end of the protest time limit.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1** Time limits and target times are as follows:

Course	Target Time	Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finish Window
Short	45	20 minutes	60 minutes	20 minutes
Long	60	25 minutes	90 minutes	20 minutes

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1 (a)

15.2 Boats failing to finish within the finish window after the first boat sails the course and finishes within the Race time limit will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

16 ARBITRATION

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

16.2 The time and place of the arbitration hearing will be decided by the arbitrator and such advice will be given verbally. One representative from each boat shall attend the arbitration hearing and no witnesses will be allowed. The arbitrator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.

16.3 After taking testimony, the arbitrator will make one of the following conclusions:

(a) The protest does not comply with RRS 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.

(b) The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. (This may be because rules other than Part 2 or 4 are involved, or because evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged incident, or for any other reason decided by the arbitrator.

(c) No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest.

(d) A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, the infringing boat(s) may accept a 30% penalty calculated using the method in Rule 44.3(c). If not accepted by the parties, the protest shall proceed to a hearing of the Protest Committee.

This changes RRS 63.1.

16.4 An arbitration hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of an arbitrator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1 Protest forms are available at the regatta office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

17.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The posting of such notice shall be notification to the parties for the purpose of RRS 63.2. Hearings will be held in the protest room (Long Room), at the time detailed on the notice.

- 17.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 17.5** Breaches of instructions 19, 22, 25, 26 and 27 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 17.6** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 66.
- 17.7** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

18 SCORING

- 18.1** Four Championship races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2** A maximum of ten (10) Championship races are scheduled.
- (a) When fewer than six (6) Championship races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When six (6) to eight (8) Championship races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When nine (9) or more Championship races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.
- 18.3** Handicap results will be calculated using a back calculated system by the MSC in conjunction with the Australian Sharpie Sailing Association - Victorian Division.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1** Sign On and Sign Off: All boats must "sign on" before leaving the shore and "sign off" as soon as practicable after returning to shore at the completion of the session's racing

The Sign On period will close at the scheduled warning signal time of the first race for that session on that day. Competitors who wish to sign on for subsequent races in that session must advise the Regatta Office.

The Sign Off period for each Class/Division will close 60 minutes after the last boat has completed the last race of the session.

To Sign On and Sign Off each race day the skipper or crew shall sign on personally by moving the boats ID tag from the Signed Off tag board to the Signed On Tag board at the Race Office

before going to the race area. As soon as possible after coming back ashore the skipper or crew shall sign off personally by moving the boats ID tag from the Signed On tag board to the Signed Off Tag board at the Race Office. This action may not be undertaken by any other boat representative.

- 19.2** Retiring yachts. Competitors that did not start or do not finish, or have finished and wish to indicate retirement shall sign the declaration sheet provided within 30 minutes of the last boat coming ashore, indicating DNS or DNF.
- 19.3** Failure to sign-on or sign-off will result in 5 points being added to a boat's score in a race (or the last race of a race session) without a hearing. This changes rules A4, A5 and 63.1. The scoring abbreviation will be DNSO. Other boats scores will not change as a result of a boat being penalized.
- 19.4** Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 20.2** 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 in writing at the first reasonable opportunity.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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.

22 EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organising authority at registration and shall adhere to placement requirements.

23 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats shall be MSC vessels and may display a MSC burgee.

24 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In participating this event, a competitor 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 pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition of the said event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

25 SUPPORT BOATS

Team managers, coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 100 metres outside racing lay lines from the preparatory signal until the finish of the last boat in a race, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee. Failure to comply with this instruction may result

in action being taken by the Race Committee against the support personnel and/or any boats supported by them.

26 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

27 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

28 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as detailed in the Notice of Race.

29 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

It is the competitor's decision to enter this regatta or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the regatta is at their exclusive risk in every respect. See RRS Fundamental Rule 4 – decision to Race. The Organising Authority, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no liability in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the regatta or how so ever arising in connection with the event.

30 INSURANCE

All boats competing shall have current for the duration of the regatta third party insurance cover of not less than AUD\$5,000,000 (recommended AUD\$10,000,000) or equivalent in any other currency.

ATTACHMENT A

Course Designation and sequence that marks shall be rounded

Short Courses

- 1 = Start, 1, 1a, 3, 1, Finish L.
- 2 = Start, 1, 1a, 3, 1, 3, Finish W.

Long Courses

- 3 = Start, 1, 1a, 3, 1, 2, 3, Finish W.
- 4 = Start, 1, 1a, 3, 1, 3, 1, Finish L.
- 5 = Start, 1, 1a, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, Finish L.

COURSE DIAGRAM

Triangles approximate angles $45^\circ - 90^\circ - 45^\circ$.

Diagram Not to Scale

