

RS Aero Australian Championship 2021



5th to 8th March 2021



NOTICE OF RACE

The Australian Championship originally scheduled for 7th to 11th January 2021 has been re-scheduled to be sailed from 5th to 8th March 2021.

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Largs Bay Sailing Club (LBSC) in conjunction with the RS Aero Australian Class Association (Class Association). The regatta will be sailed on the waters of Gulf St Vincent at Largs Bay.

The notation "[DP]" in the Notice of Race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats shall apply.
- 1.3 The RS Aero Association Class Rules shall apply.
- 1.4 Racing rule(s) will be changed as follows:
 - 1.4.1 Rule 35 is changed to score boats finishing outside the time limit in their observed position on the course.
 - 1.4.2 RRS 31 is changed to read: While racing, a boat shall not touch a starting mark before starting or a finishing mark after finishing, however a boat may touch a rounding mark provided that the crew shall not man-handle a mark to gain an advantage.
 - 1.4.3 RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code shall apply.
- 2.2 Boats shall display regatta sponsors advertising signage and competitors shall wear bibs chosen and supplied by the organising authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 shall apply. [DP]

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the RS Aero class sailed by a financial Aero Association member.
- 3.2 The crew shall be a member of a club affiliated with Sailing Australia or their national authority.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online Entry Form and paying the required fee by bank transfer to "RS Aero Association Australia" by COB on Tuesday, 9th February 2021.
- 3.4 Late entries will be accepted, with payment of the late fee, no later than one hour prior to the close of registrations at the LBSC on 5th March 2021.
- 3.5 Results for the RS Aero 5, RS Aero 7 and Aero 9 rigs will be scored as separate fleets.
- 3.6 A competitor may be permitted one change of rig during the regatta, and the new rig shall then be used for the remainder of the regatta. The boat's score for all races prior to the change of rig will be DNC.
- 3.7 If a competitor wishes to change their rig during the championship after Registration has closed this shall be considered as a transfer of entry. The competitor shall complete and submit a second Entry Form marked "Change of Rig" at the race office not later than two hours before the first warning signal for the first race in which the new rig will be used.
- 3.8 The second entry will be covered by their original entry fee. At the first reasonable opportunity after receipt of a completed "Change of Rig", the organising authority will arrange for the new sail to be marked and for the mark on the previous sail to be invalidated, dependant on measurement requirements of the series.

4. FEES

4.1 Required fees are as follows:

Entry Fee.....	Senior:	AUS\$ 220.00	Youth (Under 19 years):	AUS\$ 200.00
Late Entry Fee.....	Senior:	AUS\$ 250.00	Youth (Under 19 years):	AUS\$ 230.00

The late fee shall apply to entries registered after Wednesday, 10th February 2021.

4.2 Youth sailors shall be persons under 18 years on the 1st March 2021.

4.3 Entries for the re-scheduled RS Aero Australian Championship are now open and can be completed on the [Largs Bay SC website](#).

4.4 Competitors shall pay the regatta entry fee within 5-days of registering on-line on the Largs Bay Sailing Club website. Payment of the entry fee may be made by Bank Transfer to “RS Aero Association Australia”; Bank Details: BSB = 082-294, Account number = 770374682. Please quote your “Sail Number” and “Surname” as the payment reference.

4.5 There may be additional fees charged for participation in social events/catering, depending on the number of boats registered in the regatta.

4.6 If any entry is cancelled by the competitor or due to COVID-19 restrictions, before Monday, 1st February 2021, the entry fee will be refunded in full.

4.7 If any entry is cancelled by the competitor after Monday, 1st February 2021, the organising authority may withhold up to 30% of the entry fee.

4.8 If the regatta is cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions after Monday, 1st February 2021, the organising authority may withhold up to 15% of the entry fee.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1 Competitors shall register to confirm their intention to sail at the Largs Bay Sailing Club on Thursday, 4th March 2021 between 1400 and 1600 hours or on Friday, 5th March 2021 between 0900 and 1200 hours.

5.2 All competitors shall register during these times and present their boat and equipment for inspection.

5.3 A competitor’s briefing will be held in the clubrooms on Friday, 5th March 2021 at 1200 hours.

5.4 Dates of events:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Scheduled Time</i>
Thursday, 4th March 2021	Registration & Measurement	1400 – 1600 hours
Friday, 5th March 2021	Registration & Measurement	0900 - 1200 hours
	Competitor’s Briefing	1200 hours
	Race session 1 - First warning signal	1400 hours
Saturday, 6th March 2021	Race session 2 - First warning signal	1400 hours
Sunday, 7th March 2021	Race session 3 - First warning signal	1030 hours
	Race session 4 - First warning signal	1400 hours
Monday, 8th January 2021	Race session 5 - First warning signal	1000 hours
	Race Session 6 (if required) - First warning signal	1300 hours
	Presentation Function	Time TBA day prior

5.5 The targeted number of races for this regatta is ten. There will be between 2 and 3 races per race session depending on what is required to maintain the schedule of races.

5.6 The Organising Authority may conduct separate class starts for the RS Aero 5, RS Aero 7 or RS Aero 9 or combine fleets subject to the number of starters.

5.7 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1600 hours.

6. MEASUREMENT

6.1 The hull, rig and sails, foils and other equipment may be inspected by a representative of the organising committee at any time for compliance with class rules.

6.2 A competitor shall present their boat for inspection if requested by the organising committee.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The sailing instructions will be available at registration on Thursday, 4th March 2021 after 1000 hours.
- 7.2 A copy of the sailing instructions may be available on the regatta website prior to the regatta.

8. REGATTA VENUE

- 8.1 The Championship will be sailed on the waters of Gulf St Vincent adjacent to the LBSC.
- 8.2 Attachment 1 shows the location of the regatta venue and the approximate location of the racing area.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1 The courses to be sailed shall consist of trapezoid or triangles and windward return legs as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.2 A description of the courses will be included as an attachment to the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.3 The target time for the first boat to finish in each race will be 50 minutes. Failure to achieve this target time shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 The scoring penalty for rule 30.2 (Z flag) will be 20% rounded up.
- 10.2 RRS 31 shall apply to boats which touch a starting or finishing mark as provided in paragraph 1.5.2.
- 10.3 Decisions of the protest committee will be subject to appeal.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 For each fleet, four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.3 When from six to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.4 When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

12. SAFETY

- 12.1 Attention is drawn to Rule 1.2. The crew shall wear a personal buoyancy device at all times in accordance with Rule 40, properly secured outside all clothing. Rule 40 is changed so that flag Y need not be displayed. Inflatable PFDs are not permitted. [DP]
- 12.2 Actions of the Race Committee under Rule 41, Outside Help, to retrieve a crew and return them to their boat may not be penalised, at the discretion of the Protest Committee" [DP]. The sail number of a boat which receives outside help will be reported to the Protest Committee with details of the incident. The report may be submitted as evidence during a protest.

13. SUPPORT BOATS and DRONES

- 13.1 South Australian Recreational Boating Safety Regulations shall apply to support boats.
- 13.2 Team managers, coaches and other support personnel shall register by completing a registration form available at the registration desk.
- 13.3 Approved support boats will display a white identification flag supplied by the organising committee. [DP]
- 13.4 Approved support boats shall keep at least 100m clear of the course area during racing, except when asked to assist by the race committee. [DP]
- 13.5 Drone pilots shall register by completing a registration form available at the registration desk. Approved drones shall keep at least 25m clear of boats during racing. Competitors are advised that drones may be dangerous and shall not act to interfere with a drone. [DP]

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 14.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]
- 14.2 Electronic recording devices such as Go Pros or similar, are not permitted to be affixed in such a way that they protrude beyond the gunwale of a boat.

15. PRIZES

15.1 Perpetual trophies will be given as follows:

- 1st outright in the RS Aero 5 fleet
- 1st outright in the RS Aero 7 fleet
- 1st outright in the RS Aero 9 fleet

15.2 Additional prizes may be awarded depending on fleet size and categories including the following:

- 1st to 3rd in the RS Aero 5 fleet
- 1st to 3rd in the RS Aero 7 fleet
- 1st to 3rd in the RS Aero 9 fleet
- Boats placing 21st, 31st and 41st, etc in their class
- 1st Junior . . . Under 16 years on 12th January 2021
- 1st Youth . . . Under 19 years on 12th January 2021
- 1st Master . . . Over 55 years on 12th January 2021
- Most improved sailor from result in the 2019 Australian Championship.

16 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

16.1 By participating in the regatta, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and their sponsors, 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 or television or other reproductions of him/her during the period of regatta for the said regatta in which the competitor participates, and in all material related to the said regatta without compensation.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

17.2 The organising 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

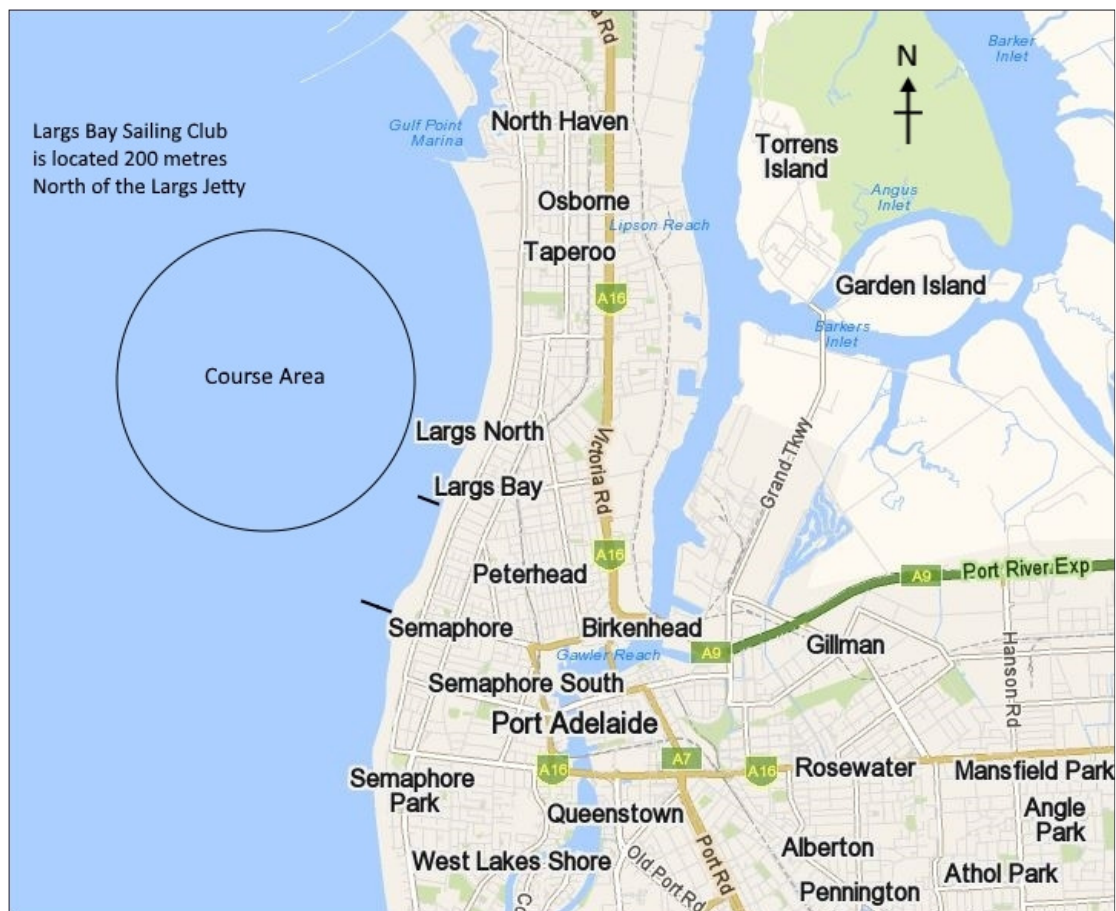
18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$AUS_10,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. All owners/competitors who enter the regatta are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

Regatta Chairperson..... Tabitha Stevenson Ph. 0478 474 170 or Em. dajka.stevenson@gmail.com
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Attachments:

Attachment 1. Map of the Largs Bay Area



The Largs Bay Sailing Club is located at Largs Bay, approximately 20km north west of Adelaide city centre, just 200 metres north of the Largs jetty.

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