



48th Victorian Sabre State Championships



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

18th - 19th February 2023

Organising Authority:
Mordialloc Sailing Club Inc.

In conjunction with the:
Sabre Sailing Association of Victoria Inc

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NOR and SI's means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.

The notation '[SP]' denotes a rule for which a standard penalty will be applied by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, Appendix A4 and Appendix A5.

The notation '[NP]' denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024* ('RRS').

1.2 The *Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats*, shall apply.

1.3 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration shall apply.

1.4 The post-race penalty is modified as stated in clause SI 16.9.

1.5 [NP] A boat may receive outside help where the Race Committee deems that the vessel and its crew requires assistance in order to right a capsized vessel and continue racing. This changes Rule 41, RRS.

2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which will be located on the lower level of the club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than two hours before the programmed start of racing on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900hrs on the day before the changes will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed using the signal mast located on the sun deck in front of the race control tower.

4.2. When flag "AP" is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 The proposed schedule is:

Date	Event	Time
Saturday 18 th Feb 2023	Registration	0830 – 0945 hrs
	Competitors Briefing	1000 hrs
	Race Session #1	Warning 1130 hrs
Sunday 19 th Feb 2023	Race Session #2	Warning 1030 hrs
	Presentation	After racing (unless re- sail required)

Saturday 25 th Feb 2023	Provision for re-sail	Warning 1030 hrs
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5.2 No warning signal will be made after 1600 hrs on Sunday 19th February 2023. If a re-sail is deemed necessary, no warning signal will be made after 1600hrs on Saturday 25th February 2023.

5.3 The series will comprise a maximum of five races.

5.4 The provision for a re-sail will only be invoked if 3 races have not been completed on the weekend of 18th and 19th February 2023.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Class flag will be the Sabre Class Flag.

7 RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area shall be on Port Phillip in the vicinity of the Mordialloc Sailing Club (Attachment A).

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The courses to be sailed will be triangular (60/60/60) (Attachment B), which includes the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course by displaying an international numeral pennant.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be orange inflatable conical buoys.

9.2 A new mark as provided for in SI 12.1 will be a yellow inflatable conical buoy.

9.3 The finish mark will be a black/white checked mark

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 There are no areas that are obstructions.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started using a 3 minute starting sequence. This changes RRS 26.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end of the start line and a staff displaying an orange flag on a pin boat at the port end of the start line.

11.3 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.

11.4 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5 and 63.1.

12 CHANGE TO NEXT LEG OF COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end, and the finish mark set to the starboard side of the Race Committee boat at the port end.

13.2 The closure of the finish window of 15 mins will be indicated by lowering of the blue flag on the Race Committee boat accompanied by one sound signal.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14.2 A boat which has taken a penalty or retired according to RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Regatta Office within the protest time limit [DP]

14.3 The Post-Race Penalty in RRS T1 (b) is changed to 25% of the difference between the boat's finishing score and the score for RET rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded upwards..

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 Each race will have an expected target time of 50 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

15.2 The time limit to the 1st mark will be 30 mins. Failure to round the 1st mark within the time frame will result in abandonment of the race.

15.3 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes.

15.4 At the Race Committee's discretion, boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat may be allocated a finishing position and be directed to return to the starting area or other location without crossing the finishing line. This changes RRS 28, 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the Regatta Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening must be delivered to the Regatta Office within the required time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is 1 hour after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals 'no more racing today'.

16.3 Notices of protests by the Race Committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).

16.4 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.

16.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing must be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on the last scheduled day. This changes Rule 66.

16.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision must be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted.

16.7 Hearings will be held in the Long Room near the club wet entry.

16.8 A competitor may not protest on a question of measurement or equipment control later than the normal protest time applying to Race 1 except on the grounds that there has been a subsequent alteration to the boat or its equipment.

16.9 Appendix T shall apply with the Post Race Penalty (T1b) being amended as follows: A Post Race Penalty is 20% of the difference between a boat's finishing place and the score for a DNF rounded up to the nearest whole number. The scores for other boats shall not be changed. The penalty shall not cause a boat to be scored worse than DNF.

17 SCORING

17.1 As per Notice Of Race clause 11.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 [SP] To Sign On for each race day session competitors shall personally use the "Sailor" Application on a smart phone or tablet, or the iPad provided in the club rooms. This action may not be undertaken by a boat representative.

18.2 [SP] As soon as possible after returning ashore, but no later than the Protest Time Limit, the sailor shall sign off using the same system.

18.3 Boats failing to sign on or off will be penalised two points in the race closest to the breach of this SI.

18.4 Any competitor retiring from a race must notify the Race Committee as soon as possible and sign off immediately on returning to shore.

18.5 No races shall be started or continued if the average wind (measured over the previous 15 minutes) is less than 5 knots nor more than 22 knots.

19 [DP] ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

19.1 As per Notice of Race clause 14.

20 [DP] REPLACEMENT OF COMPETITOR OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 Substitution of competitors or boats will not be permitted.

20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution must be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20.3 Batten changes to replace damaged battens are permitted.

21 [NP] OFFICIAL BOATS

21.1 Official Race Management boats may be identified by displaying the MSC burgee.

22 [NP] [DP] SUPPORT BOATS

22.1 As per Notice of Race clause 12.

22.2 Non-registered coaches, parents, private and spectator craft must remain more than 150 meters outside the entire course area and not receive the above benefits.

23 [DP] RIGGING AND STORAGE

23.1 Boats and trailers shall be kept in their designated areas advised on arrival. Trailers shall not be stored on grass rigging areas.

24 PRIZES

24.1 Prizes will be awarded as per Notice of Race clause 15.

25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

25.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability from material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

26 MEDIA RIGHTS

26.1 By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show static images or video, from time to time at their discretion.

27 [NP] INSURANCE

27.1 As per Notice of Race clause 17.

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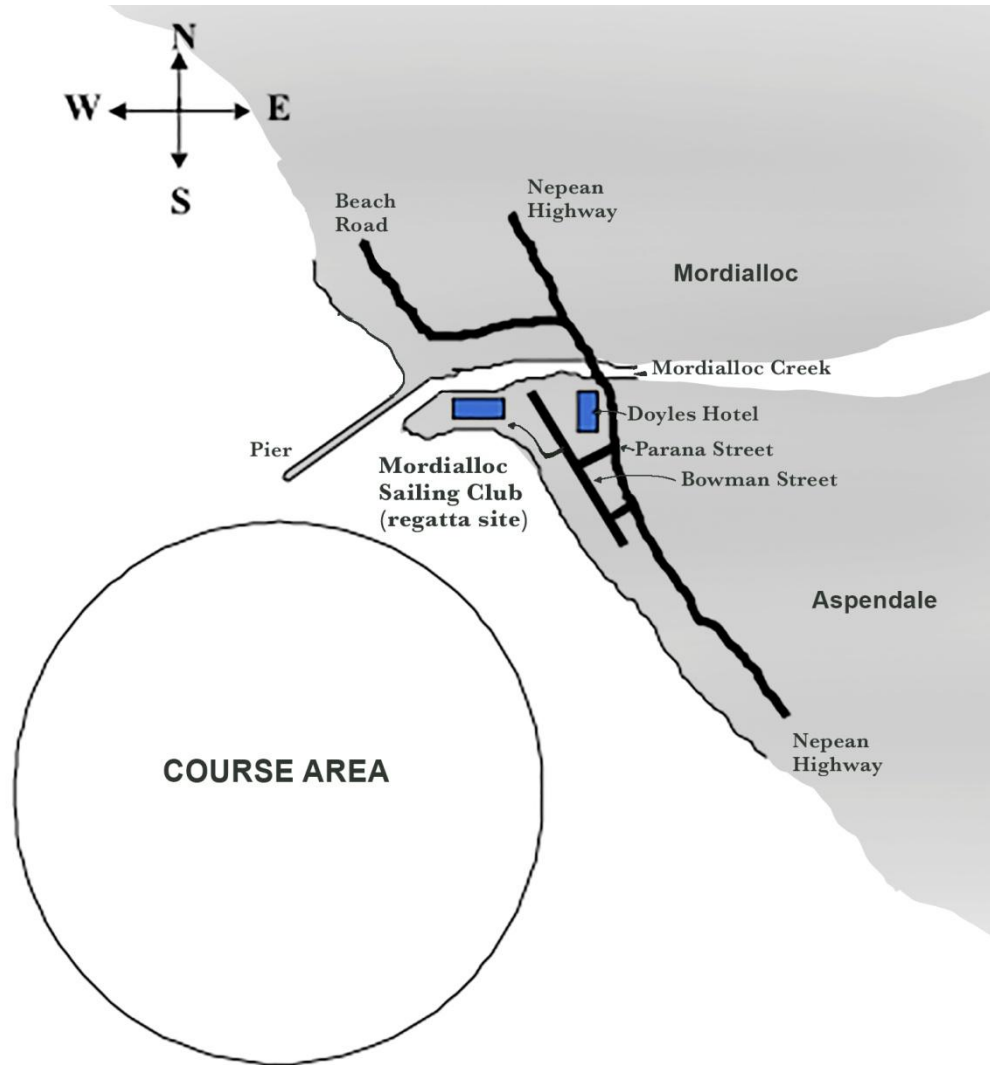
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ATTACHMENT A

RACING AREA



ATTACHMENT B

COURSES:

COURSE	MARK ROUNDING ORDER
1	START-1-2-3-FINISH
2	START-1-2-3-1-3-FINISH
3	START-1-2-3-1-3-1-2-3-FINISH

