

The Australian Sharpie Sailing Association (South Australian
Division)

2011/2012 Selection Heats and State Championships

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Description of the Event

The Australian Sharpie Sailing Association (South Australian Division) as the organising authority, in association with the Host Yacht Clubs, will conduct the Selection Heats and State Championships as stated in the Schedule of Races (S.I. 6)

State Team Selection is at the discretion of the SA Sharpie committee.

Rules

- 1.1 All races will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and amendments, the prescriptions and Special Regulations of the AYF, the rules of the relevant Class and/or Association
except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.
All races are designated as Category C unless otherwise specified in the Class or Association Rules.
- 1.2 Rule 41, Outside Help is modified to include:
When a club safety procedure provides for rescue boat crews to pick up boat crews and return them to
their boats, the penalty for Rule 41 shall be at the discretion of the Race Committee in
accordance with
the prescribed safety procedure. A copy of the club safety procedure shall be posted on the race
notice
board and/or included in the club sailing instructions.
- 1.3 As per the Class Association By-Laws Part B Clause 20(1). RRS 42– with
direct relation to Propulsion will be replaced by the following:

"On a free leg of the course, when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the leeward side of a wave) or planing is possible, the Boat'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"

2 Entries

- 2.1 Eligible boats shall have a valid measurement certificate and may enter by returning the completed Entry Form to the Organizing Authority complete with the correct fee(s). Eligible competitors shall be members of the Sharpie Association (SA) and all sailors shall be members of a Sailing Club affiliated with a State Yachting Authority and hold an AYF Silver or Youth Membership Card in accordance with Rules 46 and 55 and be financial members of a Yacht Club currently affiliated with the AYF through YSA.
- 2.2 The helmsperson stated on the entry form shall be on board in all races in which the boat competes. A boat's crew shall not be changed during the regatta unless a boat and its crew are financial. Under no circumstances shall crew changes be permitted solely to suit weather conditions.
- 2.3 **Entry Forms** for the **State Championship** must be received by the SA Sharpie Association Secretary, with the accompanying fee, **no later than 12.45pm 13/11/11**. Participants joining after this date will still be eligible for daily prizes.

3 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Host Yacht Club.

4 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than 1 hour before the first race that they will effect.

5 Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on signal mast at Host Yacht Club

6 Schedule of Races

Per Appendix 1

6.1 State Championships

- 6.2 No Warning Signal will be made after 1600 on the last programmed day of racing
All competitors intending to start shall "sign on" at the race declaration area. Any boat failing to sign on

as specified herein shall be considered by the Race Committee as a non-competitor in that race and scored DNC.

Any boat retiring from a race shall sign the retirement sheet immediately on returning to the beach.

Ray Kohler Memorial Trophy - This trophy is awarded to the handicap winner of the selected race. This season's race will be held at Pt Vincent.

7 Class Flag

7.1 The class flag will be a Gold Kangaroo on a Green background or where this is not available the class start flag will be determined by the host club.

8 Racing Area

The racing area will be as shown on the course board/diagram provided by the Host Yacht Club.

9 The Course

9.1 Windward return / triangular - The course may vary at the Race Officer's discretion, the actual course for the day will be displayed on the course board of the host club.

9.2 A red flag displayed by the Race Committee Boat before or with the warning signal shall mean leave all rounding marks to Port and a green flag shall mean leave all rounding marks to Starboard.

9.4 The approximate compass bearing from the starting line to Mark 1 *may* be displayed from the Race Committee Boat at or prior to the Warning Signal.

10 Marks

Marks will be as indicated by the host club. Any replacement marks, used in accordance with sailing instruction 13, will be as indicated by the host club.

11 The Start

11.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 unless shown different on the Host Club notice board.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark, unless described otherwise on the official notice board.

11.3 A buoy may be streamed from the Race Committee Boat. For the purpose of the application of RRS the buoy is deemed to be part of the Race Committee Boat and any boat touching the mark or passing between it and the Race Committee Boat shall be deemed to have touched the Race Committee Boat.

11.4 Boats failing to start within 10 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS.

12 Spare Number

13 Change of Course after the Start

13.1 Per Rules of Racing

14 The Finish

For boat finishes the finishing line will be between a mast or staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and the finishing mark at the port end unless indicated otherwise on the host club course board.

15 Penalty System

The 720 turns penalty (rules 44.1 and 44.2 will apply).

A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the race office within the protest time.

16 Time Limit

16.1 Back To Back races, (Hts 1 & 2 back to back)

For each race noted as “back to back” in S.I.6, the time limit will be 1.5 hours. Boats’ failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later will be scored DNF. This will change rule 35.

Individual races

The time limit will be 3 hours. Boats’ failing to finish within 1 hour after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later will be scored DNF. This will change rule 35.

17 Protests

17.1 Protests shall be in writing in accordance with RRS, Part 5, Section A and shall be lodged within one and

18 Scoring

The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply. Ten races are scheduled, of which six races shall be completed to constitute a series. If seven or more races are completed, competitors may discard their worst heat score, if nine or more races are completed competitors may discard their worst two heat scores, if only six races are completed scores from all races shall count. (State Team Selection is at the discretion of the SA Sharpie committee.)

Points will only be awarded to a registered entry of Helmsperson/Boat combination and points are not transferable.

19 Support Boats

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel are not permitted in the course racing area from the time of the Preparatory Signal until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel.

20 Personal Buoyancy

20.1 All competitors shall wear whilst racing an approved personal flotation device that complies with the applicable Racing Rules for the class.

22 Electronic Communication

22.1 A boat, whilst racing, shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. The use of mobile telephones is not permitted.

23 Prizes

As per the SA Sharpie constitution

24 Liability

24.1 All those taking part in the regatta, do so at own risk and responsibility. The Adelaide Sailing Club, Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club, Grange Sailing Club, Largs Bay Sailing Club, Victor Harbor Yacht Club, Pt Vincent Sailing Club and the Australian Sharpie Class Association of SA are not responsible for injury, loss or damage incurred by competitors or families whilst

preparing for, taking part in or subsequent to this regatta. Competitors shall be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and by all other rules that govern the regatta.

Attention is drawn to rule 4, which states,

“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.

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