

# The Australian Sharpie Sailing Association (South Australian Division)

## 2019/2020 Selection Heats and State Championship 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.

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

### 1 Rules

- 1.1 All races will be governed by the current (2017-2020) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and amendments, the prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), the rules of the relevant Class and/or Association except any of these 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 (inc online), subject to the criteria, 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, hold a valid Australian Sailing membership and be financial members of a Yacht Club currently affiliated with the Australian sailing.

- 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. Under no circumstances shall crew changes be permitted solely to suit weather conditions.

- 2.3 **Entry** for the **State** Championship must be received by the SA Sharpie Association Secretary via online entry, with the accompanying fee, **no later than Midday November 30, 2019**.

### **3 Notices to Competitors**

3.1 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 effect.

### **5 Signals Made Ashore**

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

### **6 Schedule of Race Days**

Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club:	30 November, 2019	2pm Start
	1 December, 2019	2pm Start
Arno Bay Sailing Club:	7 March, 2020	1pm Start
	8 March, 2020	Midday Start

Start times as advised unless otherwise notified in accordance with the Sailing Instructions. All pre-Christmas scheduled State events will be used in consideration for state selection.

Multiple races can be conducted per day, at the race offers discretion

#### **6.1 State Championships**

6.2 No Warning Signal will be made after 1600 on the last programmed day of racing.

6.3 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.

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

### **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**

8.1 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 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 Change of Course after the Start

12.1 Per Rules of Racing

## 13 The Finish

13.1 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.

## 14 Penalty System

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

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

## 15 Time Limit

15.1 The time limit will be 1.5 hours for the first boat. **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.

## 16 Protests

16.1 Protests shall be in writing in accordance with RRS, Part 5, Section A and shall be lodged within one hour of that yacht's finishing time.

## **17 Scoring**

- 17.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply. Ten races are planned, of which Five (5) races shall be completed to constitute a series. If 6 or more races are completed, competitors may discard their worst heat score. If 8 or more races are completed, competitors may discard their worst 2 heat scores.
- 17.2 Points and prizes will only be awarded to a registered entry of Helmsperson/Boat combination and points are not transferable.

## **18 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.

## **19 Personal Buoyancy**

- 19.1 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**

- 23.1 As per the SA Sharpie constitution

## **24 Liability**

- 24.1 All those taking part in the regatta, do so at own risk and responsibility. Largs Bay Sailing Club, Arno Bay Sailing Club and the Australian Sharpie Class Association of SA are not liable or 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;

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