

Australian Sharpie Sailing Association

77th Australian Championship
28 Dec 2019 – 5 Jan 2020



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



Organising Authority:
Mounts Bay Sailing Club Inc.
in conjunction with...

Australian Sharpie Sailing Association (WA Division)

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI 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 Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions of Australian Sailing will apply.
- 1.3 The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 – Off the Beach Boats shall apply.
- 1.4 RRS 30.4 is changed by replacing “sail number” with “bow number”.
- 1.5 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.”
- 1.6 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).

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the northern MBSC ground floor windows.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 15 minutes before a competitor’s briefing on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the MBSC balcony flag mast.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1

Date	Time or First Warning Signal	Event
Sat 28 Dec	0900 - 1730	Registration and Measurement
Sun 29 Dec	1100	Competitors Briefing
	1255	2 Invitation Races
Mon 30 Dec	1455	Race Session
Tue 31 Dec	1355	Race Session
Wed 1 Jan		Lay day
Thurs 2 Jan	1355	Race Session
Fri 3 Jan	1355	Race Session
Sat 4 Jan		Lay day / provision for re-sail
Sun 5 Jan	1255	Race Session
	1900	Presentation

5.2 Competitor briefings will be held approximately 2 hours before each race session.

5.3 Flag AP displayed on the race committee vessel indicates that another race will be started following the completion of the current race. This will be removed one (1) minute before the new warning signal.

5.4 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.

5.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1530.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The Class flag will be the Sharpie Sailing Association Class flag – a yellow kangaroo on a green background.

7 RACING AREAS

The racing area will be on the Swan River, Melville Water East. Attachment A shows the race area.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagram in Attachment B shows the courses, 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 signal boat will display on a course board, the course to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg of the course.

8.3 If a gate mark 3S or 3P is missing, the single remaining gate mark is to be left to port.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3S and 3P will be red tetrahedron inflatable buoys.

9.2 Mark 1a will be an orange pimple buoy.

9.3 New marks, as provided in SI 11, will be yellow cylindrical inflatable buoys.

9.4 The starting marks will be race committee vessels.

9.5 The finishing mark will be an orange pimple buoy.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.

- 10.3 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 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 as soon as practicable.
- 11.2 If the original marks are gate marks, only one new mark will be laid. The new mark shall be rounded to port.
- 11.3 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 that shall be rounded to port.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between an orange flag over a black/white chequered flag on the race committee boat at one end and the course side of the finishing mark at the other end.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Course	Time Limit	Target Time
Two-race days	75 Minutes	50 Minutes
One-race days	120 Minutes	75 Minutes

- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15 ARBITRATION & POST RACE PENALTIES

- 15.1 Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply. Attachment C details RRS Appendix T, “Arbitration”.
- 15.2 RRS T1(b) Post Race Penalty of a 30% Scoring Penalty is replaced by a 20% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c).

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available from the “competitor forms” binder adjacent to the MBSC administrative office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the balcony race office within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 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.
- 16.3 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. Hearings will be held in the protest room in the western-most room on the first floor of the Club, beginning at the time posted.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 Breaches of SIs 18, 21 and 23 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 16.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request (by a party to a hearing) for reopening a hearing or a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision the previous day.
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the decision if it was posted on that day.
- This changes RRS 62.2 and RRS 66.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 The regatta will consist of up to seven (7) races (not including the 2 invitation races), of which four (4) races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from Five (5) to seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.3 SI 17.1 and 17.2 amends NoR 11.3.

17.4 Any handicap results will be determined by the Western Australian Sharpie Sailing Association.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 Boats intending to race shall tag out and tag in each race day on the tag board located adjacent to the MBSC administrative office.

To tag out, the tag corresponding to the boat's bow number shall be turned to red "on water".

To tag in, this tag shall be turned over to green "safe ashore" within the protest time limit.

18.2 Boats not leaving the shore for the day's races shall notify the race office as soon as possible.

18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible and sign the retirement sheet adjacent to the tag on/off board. [DP]

18.4 **Personal Floatation Devices.** Competitors are reminded that it is a requirement under Australian Sailing Special Regulations that they wear approved personal flotation devices at all times while afloat and not just when racing. [DP]

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. [DP]

19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the race committee or the technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Ashore, a boat or equipment may be inspected or measured at any time for compliance with the class rules and these sailing instructions.

21 EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organizing authority at registration and shall adhere to the placement requirements. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will display a flag marked "RC".

Safety boats will display a flag marked "Safety".

23 SUPPORT BOATS – RRS Definition *Support person*

23.1 Support boats shall register by completing the form available at registration (before racing commences). [DP]

23.2 Support boats shall stay 100 metres outside any areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment. [DP]

23.3 Each support boat is required to have a working VHF radio tuned into a frequency designated by the Race Committee at all times whilst within the racing area as provided in SI 7.

23.4 Support boats are required to be available to act as a rescue boat as directed by the Race Committee if required.

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats. [DP]

25 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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]

26 PRIZES

26.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

- The Addison Bros. Trophy to the winner of the Australian Championship
- The Geoff Augustine Trophy for the crew of the boat winning the Australian Championship
- The Alcorso Trophy to second place in the Australian Championship
- The Fred Meyer Trophy to third place in the Australian Championship
- The Phil Durham Trophy to fourth place in the Australian Championship
- The Golden Oldies Trophy to the helmsperson over 40 years of age with the best points score over all Championship races
- The Erky Mitton Trophy to the helmsperson over 50 years of age with the best points score over all Championship races (who has not won another major prize)
- The John Muhling Trophy to the helmsperson over 65 years of age with the best points score over all Championship races (who has not won another major prize)
- The Tomlinson Trophy to the junior helmsperson (under 21 years of age) with the best points score over all Championship races
- The Westpac Trophy for consistency on handicap over all Championship races
- The Ray Callard Trophy to the winner on handicap in the first practice race
- The Bretts Plywood Trophy to the winner on handicap in the second practice race
- The Graham Keys Trophy to the first Female Skipper in the Australian Championship with the best points score over all Championship races
- The Red Hand Trophy to the country representative with the best points score over all Championship races
- The Bishops Team Trophy for the best team effort over all Championship races. The first five (5) boats to finish from each State team to score points towards the trophy. The points score system to be as for the Australian Championship.
- The O'Grady Cup to the helmsperson of the team representative boat who achieves the best score over all races of the regatta. The results of the Invitation races shall, for this purpose, be computed as for the Australian Championship races.
- The Don Shields Perpetual Trophy to the non-team representative in the Australian Championship with the best points score over all championship races.
- The George Laurens Trophy to the non-team representative in the Australian Championship with the best points score over all championship races on handicap.
- The Mark Peelgrane Memorial Trophy to the helmsperson who achieves the most wins over all championship races of the regatta, including the Invitation Races, with a tie being decided by a count back of other finishing positions.

26.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

27 MEDIA

All competitors, parents, legal guardians and custodians, and all support boat personnel provide their permission for all photographs, video, TV and sound recordings to be the property of the organisers and used for any purpose including public viewing and posting on the event website, without compensation.

28 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

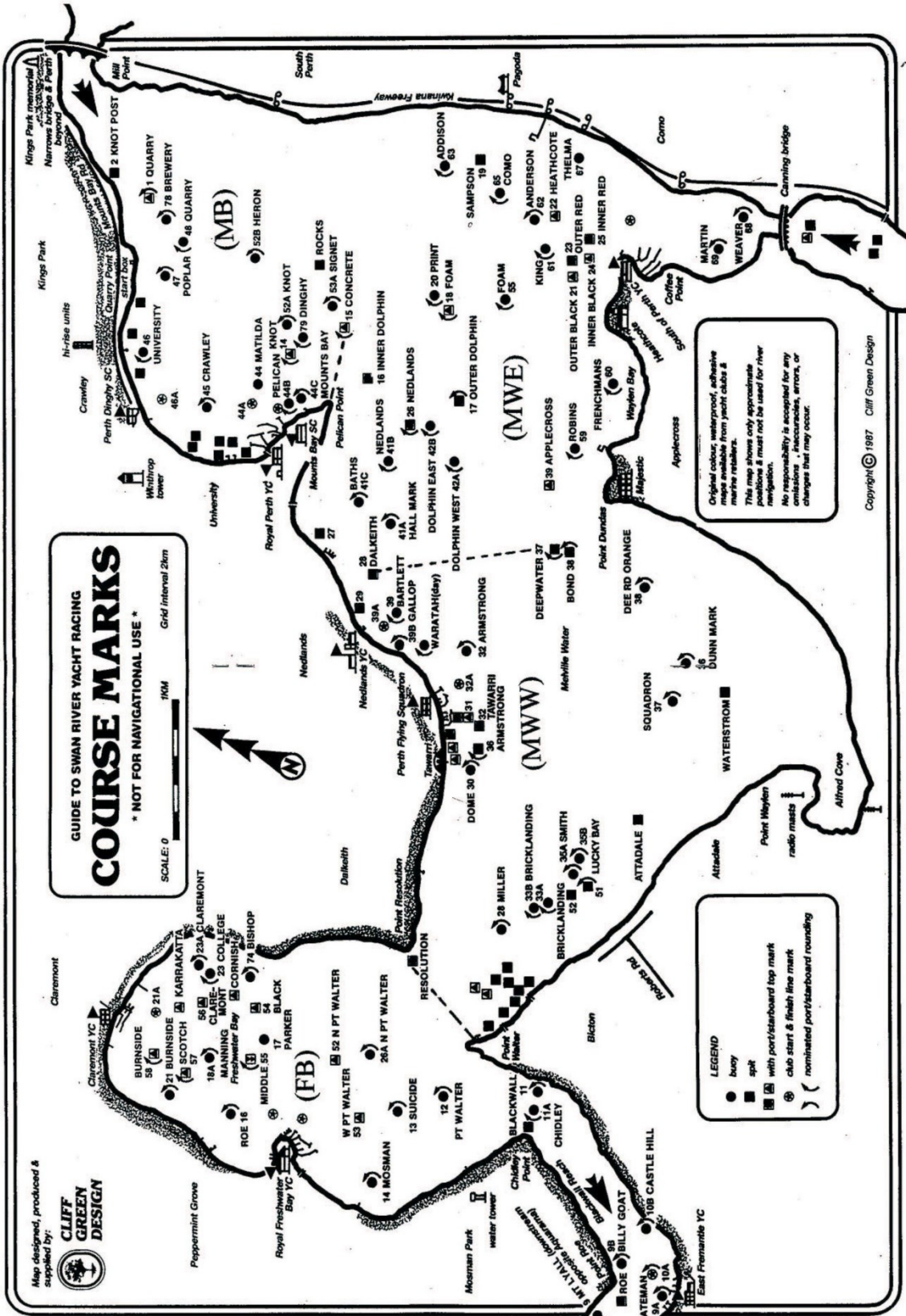
28.1 It is the competitor's decision to enter an Event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in an Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. See Racing Rule 4, *Decision to Race*.

28.2 None of the Organising Authority, Australian or WA Sharpie Association, their officers, members, volunteers, servants or agents accept any responsibility whatsoever in respect of loss of life, personal injury or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in this event or howsoever arising in connection with the event.

29 INSURANCE

- 29.1 Each participating boat competing in the Australian Sharpie Nationals 2018/19 shall be insured with third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD5,000,000 (or equivalent) per incident.
- 29.2 Competitors may be required to provide details and evidence that they have such insurance in place at the time of entry.

ATTACHMENT A (MWE Course Area)



ATTACHMENT B

COURSES

Course Designations

(and sequence which marks shall be rounded)

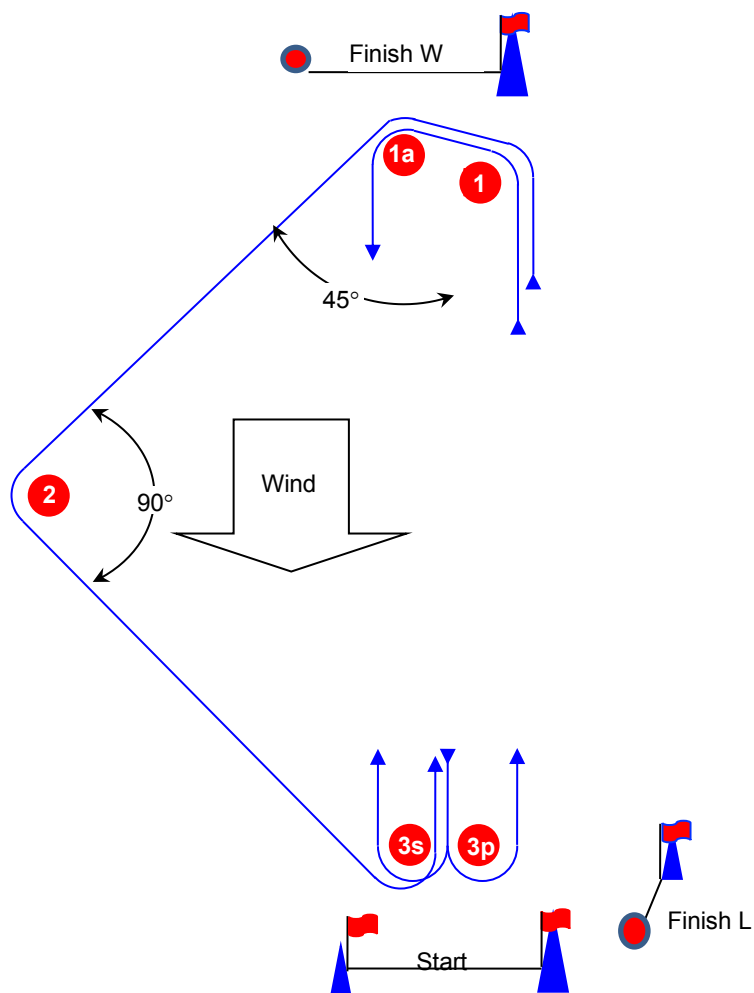
Course 1 = Start, 1, 1a, 3s/3p, 1, 1a, 3p, Finish L

Course 2 = Start, 1, 1a, 3s/3p, 1, 1a, 3s/3p, Finish W

Course 3 = Start, 1, 1a, 3s/3p, 1, 1a, 2, 3s, 1, 1a, 3p, Finish L

Course 4 = Start, 1, 1a, 3s/3p, 1, 1a, 2, 3s, 1, 1a, 3s/3p, Finish W

***Note** – When sailing courses with a “Finish L”, after rounding 1a for the final time and heading to 3p for a finish, 3s is no longer a mark of the course.



Triangle angles are approximate for 45 – 90 – 45
Diagram is Not to Scale

ATTACHMENT C

RRS APPENDIX T ARBITRATION

T1. POST-RACE PENALTIES

- a) Provided that rule [44.1\(b\)](#) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule [31](#) in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
- b) A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule [44.3\(c\)](#). However, rule [44.1\(a\)](#) applies. (SI 15.2 changes this to a 20% scoring penalty)
- c) A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the arbitrator or a member of the protest committee a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

T2. ARBITRATION MEETING

An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a *protest* by a boat involving one or more rules of Part 2 or rule [31](#), but only if each party is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witnesses will be permitted. However, if the arbitrator decides that rule [44.1\(b\)](#) may apply or that arbitration is not appropriate, the meeting will not be held, and if a meeting is in progress, it will be closed.

T3. ARBITRATOR'S OPINION

Based on the evidence given by the representatives, the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the protest committee is likely to decide:

- a) the *protest* is invalid,
- b) no boat will be penalized for breaking a rule, or
- c) one or more boats will be penalized for breaking a rule, identifying the boats and the penalties.

T4. ARBITRATION MEETING OUTCOMES

After the arbitrator offers an opinion,

- a) a boat may take a Post-Race Penalty, and
- b) a boat may ask to withdraw her *protest*. The arbitrator may then act on behalf of the protest committee in accordance with rule [63.1](#) to allow the withdrawal.

Unless all *protests* involving the incident are withdrawn, a protest hearing will be held.