

Australian Sharpie Sailing Association

78th Australian Championship
28 Dec 2021 – 3 Jan 2022



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority

YMCA Sailing Club

in conjunction with

Australian Sharpie Sailing Association (NSW Division)

Venue: Lake Burley Griffin, ACT

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 (RRS) 2021-2024*.
- 1.2 The Australian Sailing prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 – Off the Beach Boats will apply.
- 1.4 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."
- 1.5 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 in the Sailor's Room at the YMCA Sailing Club.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Competitors may be notified via SMS and email no later than 2000hrs on the day preceding a race session, advising the earliest possible time of first warning signal and the likely number of races to be attempted after that time. The earliest possible time of first warning will be displayed on the official notice board at the club from 0900 each day, and no redress will be granted for competitors who do not receive the SMS or Email time.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast on the west side of the YMCA Sailing Club clubhouse or on the YMCA SC race committee boat *Weston* (if anchored at the clubhouse jetty).
- 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 of First Warning Signal	Event
Tuesday 28 th December	0900 - 1630	Registration and Measurement
Wednesday 29 th December	1100 1255	Competitors Meeting 2 Invitation Races
Thursday 30 th December	1355	Race Session
Friday 31 st January	-	Lay day
Saturday 1 st January	1455	Race Session
Sunday 2 nd January	1355	Race Session
Monday 3 rd January	1255 1900	Race Session Presentation

5.2

Competitor meetings may 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.

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CLASS FLAG

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

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RACING AREA

The racing area will be on West Basin, Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra. Attachment A shows the location of the racing area.

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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 the course designation.

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MARKS

9.1

Marks 1, 2, 3 will be yellow and black cylindrical buoys.

9.2

Mark 1a will be a black and yellow wheel buoy displaying a red flag.

9.3

New marks, as provided in SI 11, will be a yellow cylindrical buoy.

9.4

The starting mark will be a black and white pencil mark displaying a blue flag.

9.5

The race committee boat distance mark will be a red conical buoy.

9.6

The finishing mark will be a black and white pencil mark displaying a blue flag.

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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 a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end, and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

10.3

A boat that does not start within 5 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. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the mast displaying a blue 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 LIMIT AND TARGET TIME

14.1 Time limit and target time are as follows:

Course	Time Limit	Target Time
Multiple-race days	75 Minutes	50 Minutes

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 25 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 at the race office located in the Sailors’ Room at the YMCA Sailing Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the 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 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 and 21 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 twelve (12) races (not including the 2 invitation races), of which four (4) races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 (a) When six (6) or less races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When from seven (7) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
(c) When from nine (9) to ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two (2) scores.
(d) When from eleven (11) to twelve (12) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst three (3) scores.
- 17.3 Any handicap results will be determined by the Australian Sharpie Sailing Association (NSW Division).

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Boats intending to race shall sign on at the race office using their sail number prior to leaving shore to race and sign off after returning ashore within the protest time limit.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible and sign the sign off sheet as retired. [DP]
- 18.3 **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 technical committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the technical 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 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 be marked with 'YMCASC' or 'YACT'.

23 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official boats. [DP]

24 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]

25 PRIZES

25.1 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 (who has not won another major prize)
- 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 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.

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

26 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.

27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 27.1 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 3, *Decision to Race*.
- 27.2 None of the Organising Authority, Australian or Australian Sharpie Sailing Association (NSW Division), 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.

28 INSURANCE

- 28.1 Each participating boat competing in the 78th Australian Sharpie Nationals 2021/22 shall be insured with third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$5,000,000 (or equivalent) per incident or the equivalent.
- 28.2 Competitors may be required to provide details and evidence that they have such insurance in place at the time of entry.

29 COVID 19

- 29.1 While the COVID-19 situation is in place, the Race Committee and all competitors must, while supporting or participating in this series, maintain and enforce complete compliance with:
 - all current and applicable COVID-19 related Government health directions and guidance;
 - all applicable COVID-19 related Australian Sailing guidance; and
 - the YMCASC COVID-19 Risk Management Plan as extant at the time.
- 29.2 The onus is on individual competitors and the Race Committee to be aware of how the above guidance is to be applied to themselves and to their boats.

ATTACHMENT A:

Racing Area



ATTACHMENT B:

Courses

Courses designation and order in which marks shall be passed are:

Course 1 = Start, 1, 1a, 2, 3; 1, 1a; Finish L

Course 2 = Start, 1, 1a, 2, 3; 1, 1a, 3; Finish W

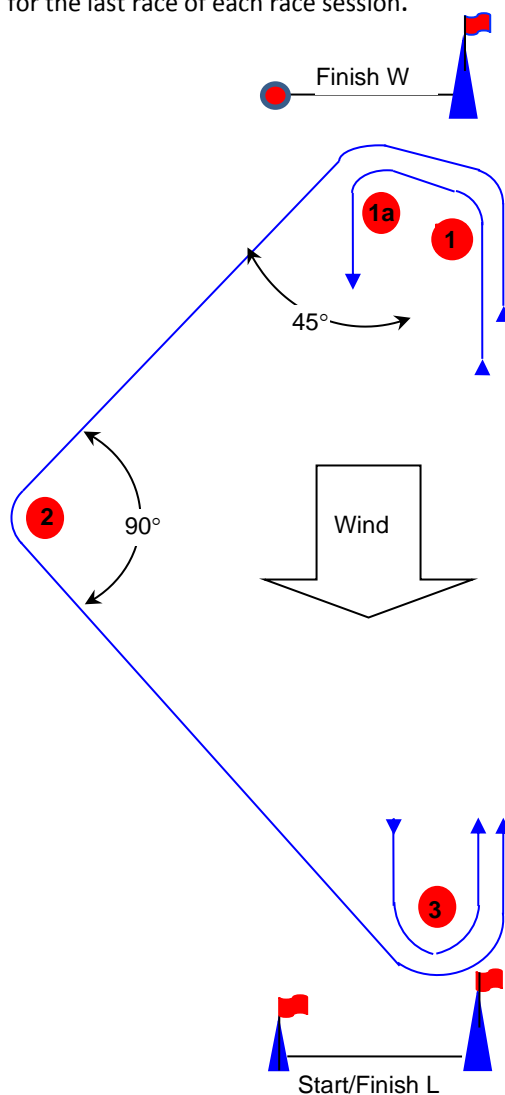
Course 3 = Start, 1, 1a, 2, 3; 1, 1a, 3; 1, 1a; Finish L

Course 4 = Start, 1, 1a, 2, 3; 1, 1a, 3; 1, 1a, 2, 3; Finish W

Course 5 = Start, 1, 1a, 2, 3; 1, 1a, 3; 1, 1a, 2, 3; 1, 1a; Finish L

Course 6 = Start, 1, 1a, 2, 3; 1, 1a, 3; 1, 1a, 2, 3; 1, 1a, 3; Finish W

Note: Finish W may be used for the last race of each race session.



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

ATTACHMENT C:

ARBITRATION

(RRS APPENDIX T)

T1. POST-RACE PENALTIES

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.

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)

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:

the *protest* is invalid, no boat will be penalized for breaking a rule, or 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 boat may take a Post-Race Penalty, and 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.