

South Australian Sabre State Championships 2025/26

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing and the prescriptions of Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 – Off the Beach Boats*.
- 1.2 RRS 41 is changed as follows: A boat may receive outside help where the Race Committee deems that the vessel and its crew require assistance in order to right a capsized vessel in order to continue racing. This changes Rule 41, RRS.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 Not Used

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Somerton Yacht Club adjacent to the canteen.
- 3.2 Not Used
- 3.3 Not Used
- 3.4 Not Used
- 3.5 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 Not Used.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Somerton Yacht Club flag pole.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.
- 5.3 Not Used

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Racing will be conducted on Saturday 28 February and Sunday 1 March, with a total of up to 6 races planned to be conducted.
- 6.2 The Saturday racing will be held in conjunction with the standard Somerton club fleet racing. The classes to be started, the sequence of the starts and the time of the warning signals for each start will be posted on the course notice board at least 60 minutes prior to the warning signal for the first race.
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1300 on Saturday 10 February and no earlier than 1000 on Sunday 1 March
- 6.4 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.
- 6.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The Sabre Class flag is a Sabre Class insignia on a white background.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area is on the Gulf of St Vincent in the vicinity of Somerton Yacht Club.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Courses will be displayed on the Somerton Yacht Club course board located at the clubhouse.
- 9.2 Not Used
- 9.3 Not Used
- 9.4 Not Used

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks will be large orange or red cone shaped buoys.
- 10.2 The port end starting mark will be a black and yellow cone shaped buoy.
- 10.3 The finishing mark will be a black and yellow cone shaped buoy.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 Not Used

12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

12.2 Not Used

12.3 The starting line is between staffs displaying starting sequence flags on the committee boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

12.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

12.5 Not Used

12.6 A distance or barging buoy flying a small white pennant may be trailed from the committee boat and competitors when starting shall leave this buoy to starboard and it shall be considered a mark of the course.

12.7 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position 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. Appropriate flags and signals shall be as per rule 33.

14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finish line may be set either in front of the clubhouse or, conditions permitting, adjacent to the leeward mark to provide either an upwind or downwind finish.

14.2 When the finish is to be in front of the club, the finish line will be between the centre of the Club Bridge and a cone shaped black and yellow buoy. The finishing yacht shall pass between the buoy and the Club Bridge.

14.3 The finish line will be between a black and yellow cone shaped buoy and the committee boat that will fly a blue flag.

14.4 If the committee boat cannot remain on station, a second cone shaped black and yellow buoy will be set. The finishing yachts shall pass between the cone shaped black and yellow buoys. Finishing times will be taken from the bridge or another appointed committee boat not displaying any flags nearby.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

16 TIME LIMITS

16.1 Not Used

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, 20 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

16.3 The Finishing Window, 15 minutes is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office.

17.3 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, located at Somerton Yacht Club, beginning at the time posted.

17.4 Not Used

17.5 Not Used

17.6 Not Used

18 SCORING

18.1 The low point scoring systems, Appendix A of the RRS will apply

18.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

(a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 All skippers shall complete the nomination form on both days of sailing located at the nomination point at Somerton Yacht Club.

19.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Promptly after returning to shore, the boat shall complete a retirement declaration form, which is available at the nomination point.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 Not Used

20.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Sabre Sailing Association of South Australia. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

21.2 Not Used

22 Not Used

23 Not Used

24 Not Used

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

25.1 Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

26 Not Used

27 Not Used

28 Not Used

29 PRIZES

29.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

1st, 2nd and 3rd overall

1st, 2nd and 3rd on handicap.

30 RISK STATEMENT

30.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

31 INSURANCE

31.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10M per incident or the equivalent.

