



Fly Sharpie Cup & Tasmanian  
Championship Part 1  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

17-18 December 2023



Organising Authority

DERWENT SAILING SQUADRON inc.

REGATTA VENUE | SANDY BAY SAILING CLUB

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 planning is possible, the Yacht's crew may, in order to initiate surfing or planning, 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

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the front of the Sandy Bay Sailing Club (SBSC) club house and Derwent Sailing Squadron Notice Board near the main entrance.

## 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2. Competitors may be notified via SMS and email no later than 20:00 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 09:00 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 at the front of the Sandy Bay Sailing Club clubhouse or on the race committee boat (if anchored outside the clubhouse).
- 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

DATE		TIME	EVENT
Saturday	17 December 2022	09:00-11:00	Registration
Saturday	17 December 2022	11:00	Briefing
Saturday	17 December 2022	13:00	First Warning Signal
Sunday	18 December 2022	13:00	First Warning Signal
Sunday	18 December 2022	18:00	Presentation at DSS

- 5.1. The skipper of each entered boat is required to register for the regatta at SBSC between 09:00-11:00
- 5.2. Skippers are required to attend a regatta briefing which will be held at SBSC at 11:00 on Saturday 17 December 2022. Other crew members are welcome to attend.
- 5.3. Competitor meetings may be held approximately 2 hours before each race session.
- 5.4. Flag L 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.
- 5.5. 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.
- 5.6. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 16:00.

## 6. CLASS FLAG

- 6.1. The Class flag will be the Sharpie flag – a black kangaroo on a white background.

## 7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. The racing area will be on the River Derwent, Hobart. Attachment A shows the location of the racing 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 the course numeral pennant.

## 9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks 1, 2, 3 will be orange cylindrical buoys.
- 9.2. New marks, as provided in SI 11, will be a yellow cylindrical buoy.
- 9.3. The starting mark will be a yellow inflatable buoy with a red band.
- 9.4. The finishing mark will be a black and white chequered flag.

## 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 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

- 12.1. Finish line will be between an Orange flag on the Committee Boat and a Black and White chequered flag mark.

## 13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. 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 Sandy Bay Sailing Club clubhouse. 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 ground 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:
- within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision the previous day.
  - 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 low points scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2. There will be a maximum of eight (8) races.
- 17.3. A minimum of Two (2) races will constitute a series.
  - 17.3.1. When five (5) or less races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - 17.3.2. When from six (6) or more have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.4. Any handicap results will be determined by the Australian Sharpie Sailing Association (TAS Division).

## 18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. Boats intending to race shall sign on using the sign on board located at the front of the SBSC club house prior to leaving shore 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 off on shore [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 EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. 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. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 20.1. Trash may be placed aboard official boats. [DP]

## 21. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 21.1. 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]

## 22. ADVERTISING, MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

- 22.1. Advertising is permitted in accordance with WS Regulation 20 - Appendix 1 - Advertising.
- 22.2. The OA reserves the right to refuse advertising on any boat, if it is considered offensive to public taste or if it contravenes the laws of the state and/or federal government.
- 22.3. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA. If this rule is broken World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]
- 22.4. The owner or charterer of a competing boat and all crew members shall grant the DSS, SBSC and the Australian Sharpie Association unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any medium, names, images, data of the crew and still and moving images of the boat and its crew prior to, during and after the regatta.

## 23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 23.1. All those taking part in the race do so at their own risk and responsibility. By entering their names on a boats crew list, crew members acknowledge that by doing so they release the DSS, SBSC, the Australian Sharpie Association and affiliated State Associations, the race sponsor and any other sponsor of the regatta and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members, from all liability and grant the rights referred to in NoR 10.
- 23.2. Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3 (Decision to race), which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

# ATTACHMENT A:

## Racing Area

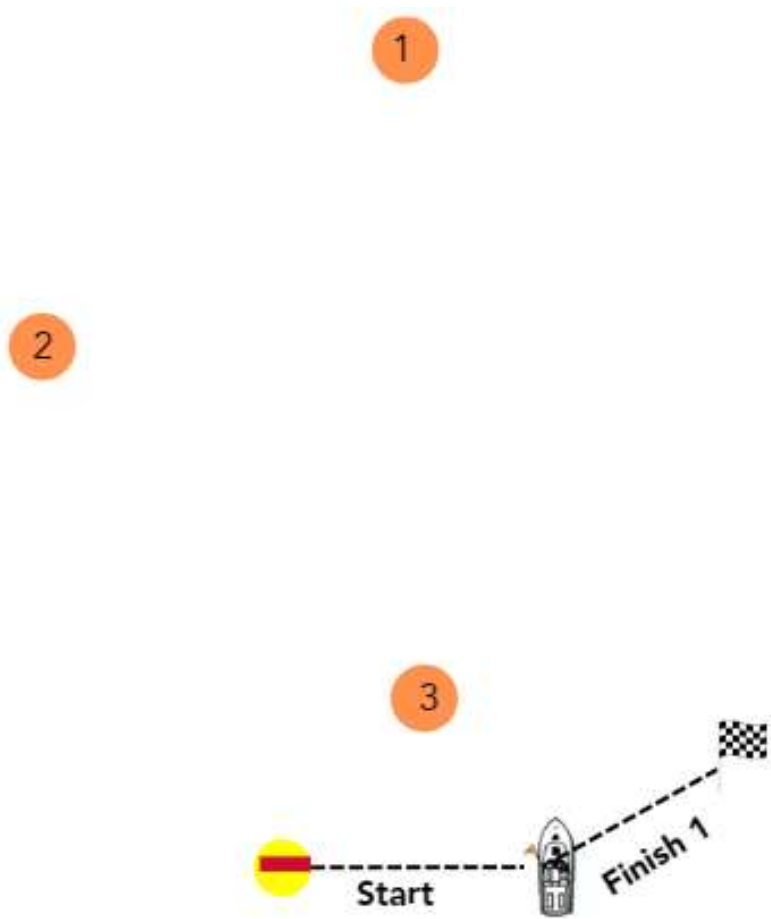


# ATTACHMENT B:

## Courses

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

- Course 1 = Start, 1, 2, 3; 1, 3; 1, 2; Finish
- Course 2 = Start, 1, 2, 3; 1, 3; Finish



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