



Sydney Amateur Sailing Club

Race Briefing 2017 – 2018

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Entries

- SASC uses the TopYacht TES online entry system. The link can be found on the SASC home page.
- If you have entered SASC or any other clubs' series online you will already be in the TopYacht Boat register, otherwise you may need to set up your boat's profile.
- You can enter as a Block Entry, enter a Series or as a Casual entry.

Entries

- There are two ways to pay –through your SASC account if a member, or immediately via secure credit card.
- If you have any difficulty email racing@sasc.com.au or ring Alice (Racing Secretary) on a Monday or Friday
- One of the benefits of the system is that anyone can monitor entries as they come in.

Safety

- Yachts **will not** be allowed to compete without a current equipment audit form signed by an accredited equipment auditor, which must be lodged with the Club before the yacht's entry will be accepted.
- Owners are responsible to ensure that all equipment is kept up to date and in good condition throughout the season. Please note that there may have been changes to the Special Regulations for this season.

Safety

- Yachts should be aware that Race Committee vessels are NOT rescue boats.
- The responsibility for rescue during a race of keelboats lies with the other competitors.
- On-water emergency procedures document is available on-line and is required to be kept on board
- Lifejackets must be worn in dinghies (boats less than 4.8m) when boating alone or between sunset and sunrise. Penalty of \$250 applies.
- Lifejackets are available in the dinghy shed for use in Club dinghies

Changes to Sailing Instructions

- All yachts must have a copy of the 2017–2018 - SASC Sailing Programme on board during races.
- The Sailing Instructions are not the same as last year. There have been a number of changes this year and all skippers should read the instructions carefully. **i.e** **courses have changed – major changes**
- Also particularly read the SASC General Sailing Instructions, which are also binding on all competitors.

Sail Numbers

- Yachts persistently displaying incorrect sail numbers make it very difficult for race officers to correctly record starters and finishers.
- General Sailing Instruction 19 regarding permission to carry a sail displaying a different number to that shown on the list of entries must be observed.
- Sail numbers must be in a contrasting color to the sail – main, overlapping head sail, spinnakers
- **Non-compliant yachts may be disqualified.**

Incidents when Racing

- Incidents between yachts racing, which result in a protest, will be dealt with by the Club in accordance with the RRS.
- The Club is required to report all incidents that involve a fatality, serious injury and/or significant damage to the nearest NSW Water Police or NSW Police Station immediately, and to report the incident to Roads and Maritime in writing within 48 hours.
- The Club must also report the results of findings of an inquiry in writing to Roads and Maritime within 28 days of the incident.
- Notwithstanding the Club's inquiry, Roads and Maritime reserves the right to investigate any incident at any time.

Incidents when Racing

- To help with the above requirement, the club will now hold a protest hearing whenever there is a collision causing significant damage, regardless of whether a yacht involves takes responsibility and retires or takes a penalty.
- SASC further requires that yachts report ALL incidents to the club, regardless of severity, as it is a condition of our Aquatic Licence that we keep on file reports on all incidents involving competing yachts.

What is “significant damage”?

- The significance of the cost of repairing damage resulting from a collision will vary with the value of the boat. As a general guide, if it is worth submitting an insurance claim then the damage is significant.
- The figure of \$5,000 is mentioned in NSW Maritime Regulations.

Incident Reports

- Yachting NSW and Roads and Maritime have produced a simplified form for the use of competitors to report incidents between yachts racing which are not subject to a protest.
- A more detailed form is required to be used if one of the vessels involved is not racing.
- Both forms are available on the Sailing Programme page at www.sasc.com.au

General Sailing Instructions

- **Change of regular helmsman must be notified to the Race Committee at least 24 hours before the race. New helmsman must be briefed on his responsibilities.**
- **A yacht may be disqualified for failing to notify.**
- **The Committee reserves the right to alter the handicap.**
- **Please protest the yacht if you want action – this is the competitors responsibility**

General Sailing Instructions

- **Any changes in hull, engine or propeller, trim, spars or sails must be notified in writing to the Race Committee as soon as known before the race affected by the change.**
- Failure to comply with this rule will render the yacht liable to disqualification.
- In all cases where the handicapper has not been given opportunity to adjust the handicap, the right is reserved to make summary adjustment at any time when the change is brought to the attention of the Committee.

General Sailing Instructions

- Yachts not actually engaged in starting **MUST KEEP CLEAR** of the starting line and other yachts starting.
- Yachts should **endeavour to not sail** through other clubs' starting or finishing lines.
- Yachts not adhering to these instructions may, at the discretion of the Starter, be disqualified.
- Yachts intending to race are required to report to the Race Official aboard the Committee Vessel and shall receive acknowledgement. Failure to observe this requirement can result in a yacht failing to be finished.
- Yachts retiring from a race are required to notify the Committee Vessel on Starter's mobile 0419 625 883, or by any other means- VHF Channel 73

Insurance

- All owners of yachts competing in SASC events must hold adequate current Third Party Property Liability insurance cover and Third Party Personal Liability insurance cover of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars) for each separate incident. Furthermore, all owners are to ensure their vessel's insurance fulfils this requirement whilst under racing conditions.
 - **IS YOUR INSURANCE POLICY CURRENT**
- Participants are also advised that although SASC is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover DOES NOT extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer.

Racing update

- Safety audits – completed
 - Top yacht entry system – on line
 - Lion Island – Cat 4 – 2nd September 2017
 - Opening Day – 9th Sept – get to your club
 - Flag offices dinner 15th September
 - Idle hour – free – Sat 30th September
 - Twilight racing – prize – trip to Hobart & 3 nights accommodation
 - Contact Alice - Mon or Friday
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- Any questions ???



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Have a happy and safe season!