

BOB BROWN RACE – 17th April, 2025



The 2025 Bob Brown Race and Raft Up

The annual SASC Bob Brown Race will be held on **Thursday 17th April** with a 12:00 noon start time.

Start is by SASC Committee Vessel Kareela in the vicinity of Watsons Bay.

All members are invited to join the race which finishes with a raft-up in Coasters Retreat and a BBQ and Prizegiving at The Basin picnic ground on **Good Friday 18th April**

Yachts entering the race will need a Cat 5 Equipment Audit.

If you are not racing and would like to follow the race fleet to Pittwater or join the raft up and BBQ at The Basin, you are very welcome.

Yachts following the race fleet should comply with TFNSW Maritime Open Water Requirements

Tender services will be available on Thursday 17th in Mosman Bay (9am-1pm) and on Good Friday 18th at The Basin (10am-4pm)

The BBQ is self-catering with electric barbeques available so remember to BYO food and drinks.

If you have any queries about the race, raft up or BBQ please get contact David Pryke in the Sailing Office - racing@sasc.com.au or 9953 6597.

Additional Information:

Entry is via SailSys: [Bob Brown Race Entry](#)

Sailing Instructions are attached to this document or found in the SASC Sailing Book pages 32 and 33.

Contacts for the Bob Brown Race:

- The site contact for this event is Phil Tanner – Club Captain captain@sasc.com.au / 0418 665 000.
- Tender Service Mosman Bay - 17th April (9am to 1pm) – 0418 678 690
- The start boat will be **Kareela** - VHF Ch 73, 0419 625 883
- The finish boat will be **Bordeaux** (Beneteau Oceanis 43) - VHF Ch73, Mike Warner 0400 298 023, Alice Murphy 0401 946 246
- The Tender for Friday 18th April (10am to 4pm) at The Basin – 0418 678 819

Kareela



Bordeaux

Reporting to the Starter: Yachts that are racing are required to notify the starter of the number of People On Board (POB). This can be done as follows:

- Contact the starter on VHF Ch 73 at the start line.
- Via SailSys – crew list function.

Bob Brown Race Sailing Instructions

(Extract of pages 32,33 of the SASC Sailing Book)

1. RULES

This event will be governed by:

- (a) The World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021–2024, except that the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1983 will replace RRS Part 2 between official sunset and sunrise;
- (b) The Prescriptions and Safety Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) 2021–24;
- (c) The Marine Safety (General) Regulation 2016;
- (d) The SASC General Sailing Instructions; and
- (e) These Sailing Instructions for this event.

2. ELIGIBILITY

No entry will be accepted unless a current equipment audit certificate to at least Category 5 plus Maritime Open Water requirements has been lodged with the SASC a minimum of three (3) days prior to the event.

3. STARTING LINE

The committee vessel will display the SASC Burgee. The starting line will be between the Signal Mast on the Committee vessel and an orange inflatable buoy marked SASC in black, in the vicinity of Watsons Bay.

Light Wind Alternate Starting line off shore

In the event that the race cannot be started in the vicinity of Watsons Bay, the Race Officer on the committee vessel will announce their intentions on VHF Ch 73 and fly code flag L (Follow me) before proceeding to sea off the North Head Sewage works. There will be no laid pin mark and start line will be between the Signal Mast on the Committee vessel the signal tower on Blue Fish Point.

4. STARTING TIMES & SIGNALS

Starting signals will be in accordance with RRS Rule 26.

The scheduled time of the warning signal is as follows:

SCHEDULED TIME		WARNING SIGNAL (FLAG DISPLAYED)
1155		F

5. FINISHING LINE

Between the ferry wharf on Soldier's Point (to the South of the finishing boat) and the white light on the finishing boat in Coaster's Retreat, Pittwater. Boats shall cross the line in a westerly direction. The finishing boat will be flying a large SASC burgee.

6. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 Radio communications for this event will be conducted on VHF Channel 73. This channel will be monitored by the committee vessel and all competing vessels must monitor the channel until finished or until they have advised the committee vessel that they have retired from the event.

6.2 INTENTION TO RACE

All competing boats shall report their intention to race by calling the start boat *Kareela* on VHF Radio Channel 73 before the start and advising the number of persons on board.

6.3 Boats must maintain a listening watch for the duration of the race on VHF Channel 16.

6.4 Schedule times

There will be no scheduled position reports except that, after rounding Barrenjoey Light, competitors shall contact the finishing boat and advise their position on VHF Channel 73.

7. TIME LIMIT

No boat will be finished after 1900.

8. RETIREMENT

Boats retiring shall notify the finishing boat on station at the Finishing Line on VHF Channel 73 or by phone. The name of the finishing boat and contact details will be provided to competitors prior to the event.

9. RESPONSIBILITY

All entrants are reminded that the decision to start or to continue the race is the sole responsibility of the skipper of each boat.

10. SOCIAL

Competitors are invited to raft up in Coaster's Retreat for dinner after the race

11. TENDER SERVICE

A tender service at Coasters Retreat will be provided by the Club on Good Friday

12. GOOD FRIDAY BBQ

All competitors and SASC members with boats on Pittwater are invited to a BBQ to be held ashore at The Basin at 1130 Friday, when the Race Results will be announced. BYO food and refreshments. Family and friends can reach The Basin via the regular ferry service from Palm Beach.

The Basin comes under the control of the National Parks and Wildlife and a fee for use is required. The SASC will pay the Ranger the required fee for those attending from competing boats.