

Sydney Amateur Sailing Club – Bob Brown Race 2026

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Sydney Amateur Sailing Club SASC.

1. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 1.1. Notices to competitors will be placed on the online notice boards in SailSys and on the SASC website.
- 1.2. A list of entries will be available to all entrants, via SailSys no later than two (2) hours before the start of a race.
- 1.3. Entries and results will be posted on the SailSys website site.

2. CHANGES TO PROGRAM OF RACING AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

- 2.1. Racing is scheduled as detailed in the racing program posted on the SASC website.
- 2.2. The OA reserves the right to change the racing program and the sailing instructions.
- 2.3. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 1000 hrs on the day it will take effect.
- 2.4. Any change to the racing program will be posted by 1800 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

3. SPECIAL SIGNALS.

- 3.1. Signals made on the committee vessel will be displayed on the start boat MV Kareela.
- 3.2. These signals will remain displayed during the entire starting sequence and the order of starting will not be altered.

4. STARTING TIMES AND SIGNALS.

- 4.1. The starting signals will be in accordance with RRS Rule 26.

4.2. **The Warning signal is 11:55am – FLAG – “F”**

4.3. **The Starting time is 12:00**

5. COURSE.

- 5.1. The course to be sailed will be from Watsons Bay to Pittwater, rounding Barrenjoey Headland.

6. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. (NP) (DP) The following areas are prohibited and deemed to be continuing obstructions. Boats infringing this rule will be subject to protest:
- 6.2. **Long Reef** – don't hit Long Reef.
- 6.3. **Pittwater** - note there are some shallow areas adjacent to Palm Beach (**Pittwater Side**)

7. ASSISTANCE IN RECORDING STARTERS

7.1. Prior to each race (on the day of the race) day, SASC will send an SMS message to all nominated skippers to sign-on (via SailSys) for the race. The options are **Yes/No** to compete in the race. This assists the starters to record which boats are racing for the day.

7.2. (DP) Boats are requested to sail past the starboard side of the committee vessel with their sail number visible prior to their starting sequence to assist race officials identifying starters in all races. In so doing, boats must keep clear of boats already in their starting sequence.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

8.1. Radio Communications are via VHF 73.

9. BEFORE THE START

9.1. All boats are to contact the committee vessel before the start and advise the number of persons on board.

10. THE START

10.1. The start line is between an orange flag on the committee vessel and an orange inflatable buoy. The start line will be in the vicinity of Watson Bay.

10.2. Alternate start line for light winds is off North Head adjacent to the Sewerage Works Signal Tower. There will be no laid mark – the start line is between the orange flag on the committee vessel and the Signal Tower at the Sewerage Works.

10.3. In the event of a light wind start the committee will advise via VHF 73 and hoist an L flag (follow me). Boats are to follow the committee boat to North Head.

11. RECALLS

11.1. In the event of a general recall, the order of starting will not be altered.

11.2. To assist competitors the race committee may advise individual and general recalls over VHF channel 73. This changes RRS 29.

11.3. Any error or omission in the advice referred to in clause 11.1 or 11.2 above will not be grounds for protest or redress.

12. BOATS RETIRING

12.1. (DP) Boats retiring from a race shall notify the Committee Vessel by direct contact or on VHF channel 73 or by phoning the starter's mobile 0448220507.

12.2. Boats not complying may be scored DNC.

13. THE FINISH

13.1. For 2026 there is no designated finish boat at The Basin.

13.2. The finishing line is in the vicinity of Palm Beach Ferry Wharf: a transit between Red Lateral beacon 002 (a red post with a can top mark) and red lateral mark 003 (immediately east of 002), passing 002 to Port.

13.3. Yachts to take note of their finish times and send via text (SMS) to 0448220507.

13.4. After finishing, boats are to proceed to The Basin (Coasters Retreat) for the overnight stay and raft up.

14. TIME LIMIT

14.1. The absolute time limit will be 19:00 hours.

15. PROTESTS AND REDRESS

15.1. Protests are to be lodged in accordance with RRS 60 and requests for redress in accordance with RRS 61 as amended by clauses 15.3 and 15.4.

15.2. Protests must be lodged on the protest form <https://sasc.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Protest-Form-1.pdf>

15.3. Protests and requests for redress shall be lodged in writing at the SASC Sailing Office or by electronic means. If the SASC Sailing Office is closed, protests and requests for redress may be placed in the Sailing Office letter box.

15.4. The time limit for the lodging of protests, and requests for redress based on an incident in the racing area, shall be 1100 hours on the first working day after the event. This changes RRS 60 and 61.

15.5. Protests and requests for redress will be heard at the clubhouse of the conducting club on the following Tuesday unless otherwise decided by the protest committee. The hearing time will be advised to the parties involved.

15.6. Any boat which lodges a protest or request for redress, and which is not represented at the hearing without informing the protest committee by 1100 hours on the day of the hearing shall be scored DNE for the race to which the protest or request for redress is related. This changes RRS 63.1(b)

16. RESPONSIBILITIES

16.1. The attention of all competitors is drawn to the responsibilities of owners and skippers as detailed in in the Notice of Race clauses 18.1 – Risk Warning and 18.2 – Competitors' Declaration.

16.2. The owner, charterer or representative acknowledges the possibility of and accepts the risk associated with the perils of the sea; the seaworthiness or otherwise of any other boat participating in any race comprising part of the Sydney Amateur Sailing Club races.