

The Sheep Station Trophy Series is an inter-club challenge between the Sydney Amateur Sailing Club (SASC) and the Blues Point Yacht Club (BPYC) consisting of four races (Series).

Boats entered in the SASC Mixed Fleet series may be selected to match the number of entries from the BPYC if there are not sufficient boats entered in the Series.

The Organising Authority (OA) are SASC and Blues Point Yacht Club (BPYC)

The notation '(NP)' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for infringing that rule. This changes RRS 60.1. '(DP)' denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

The OA appoints the Race Committee (RC) referred to in this Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI) consisting of representatives of both SASC and BPYC

A Protest Committee will be appointed by the OA.

1. TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 Unless otherwise specified, terms and definitions in this NoR are to be read as those in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-28 (RRS)
- 1.2 Other words and terms are used in the sense ordinarily understood in nautical or general use. For a source of the nautical sense of a word, a reader may refer to The Equipment Rules of Sailing

2. RULES

- 2.1. Racing will be governed by:
 - 2.1.1 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing.
 - 2.1.2 The Prescriptions and Safety Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) (2025-2028).
 - 2.1.3 The Marine Safety (General) Regulation 2016.
 - 2.1.4 SASC Sailing Instructions.
 - 2.1.5 RRS 52 is amended to permit the use of electric winches.
- 2.2. In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, the SI will prevail. This changes RRS 63.5(c).

3 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 The applicable Series Sailing Instructions will be the SASC 2025-26 Racing Program – Sailing Instructions Saturday Spring & Summer Series (v2.0-250913) available on the SASC website prior to the first race of the series <https://sasc.com.au/sailing/#SailingProgram>. The SI may be amended by the OA any time prior to 08:00 on the day of the race.
- 3.2 The SI will also be posted on the SailSys Noticeboard <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/6/profile?tab=results>.

4 COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 The RC intends to monitor VHF channel 73 and mobile 0419 625 883 from the start boat MV Kareela.
- 4.2 The RC will communicate race information to competitors via VHF channel 73.
- 4.3 If carried, VHF radios shall be always switched on and tuned VHF channel 73 during racing.
- 4.4 Any radio with dual watch should monitor VHF 16 as well.

5 ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 All boats shall have a valid AS Special Regulations safety audit Category 7.
- 5.2 Equipment Audit Forms will expire twelve (12) months after the date of the audit.
- 5.3 All boats which do not have navigation lights permanently fitted are required to comply with AS Special Regulations 3.23.4 and carry portable navigation lights capable of being attached to the boat.
- 5.4 Random equipment audits may be made throughout the Series. Any boat failing to comply with equipment requirements may be subject to protest by the RC.
- 5.5 Skippers and crew who are not financial members of an AS recognized yacht club shall apply for and receive a valid Sail Pass from SASC or BPYC before racing to comply with RRS 46.
- 5.6 Boats shall be of mono-hull construction, self-righting yachts.
- 5.7 Specific Division eligibilities are specified in the respective SI.
- 5.8 All boats starting in a race shall have a minimum of two (2) persons on board.

6 ENTRY

- 6.1 Only those boats nominated on an entry are permitted to race, (i.e. boats are not interchangeable) unless expressly approved by the RC beforehand.
- 6.2 Entries and payment of entry fees are to be made utilizing the online entry system which can be accessed via the SASC website at www.sasc.com.au.
- 6.3 For a valid entry in all race(s) or series, competitors shall:
 - 6.3.1 Complete the online entry in SailSys.
 - 6.3.2 Include the entry fee as detailed in SailSys.
 - 6.3.3 Accept the declaration detailed in SailSys.
 - 6.3.4 Have satisfied the requirements of clause 9 of this NoR in relation to skippers' briefings.
 - 6.3.5 Upload a current insurance Certificate of Currency into SailSys.

6.3.6 Upload a valid AS Special Regulations safety audit into SailSys.

6.4 No boat will be eligible to enter a series point score after the number of discard races for that series point score has been sailed . This changes RRS Appendix A2.2.

6.5 (DP) Any change of helmsperson from those listed shall be notified to the SASC Racing Office not later than 1500 hours on the day prior to the race.

7 ENTRY FEES

7.1 Entry fees are detailed in the online entry system which can be accessed through the SASC website.

8 RACING PROGRAM

8.1 The dates for the races are as follow:

DATE	RACE No.
18 th October 2025	Race 1
22 nd November 2025	Race 2
17 th January 2026	Race 3
31 st January 2026	Race 4

8.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal, unless notified otherwise, will be 1250:

9 SKIPPERS BREIFING

9.1 SASC will conduct briefings at 1900 hours on Thursday 14th August (online via Zoom) and Tuesday 19th August 2025 (the Mosman Rowers). It is compulsory for the skipper or their representative, or the person in charge of each boat entered to attend one of these briefings and register on the night by signing the attendance sheet.

9.1.1 There will be provision for skippers or persons in charge, who are unable to attend a briefing in person, to register through the Racing Office and request an online link to satisfy briefing requirements after the prescribed dates.

9.1.2 Entries will not be accepted for any race or series conducted by SASC without satisfactory evidence that a skipper or person in charge has attended a briefing or completed an online briefing

10 HANDICAPS

10.1 A Performance Handicap System (PHS) will be used based on a Time Correction Factor (TCF) derived from the SailSys database, which is applied at the finish, except if amended by the SI.

- 10.2 The RC will determine a boat's handicap in relation to its performance in previous races. Such determinations shall not be subject to protest or grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1 & 61.4(b).
- 10.3 Handicaps may be adjusted after each race has been finalised at the discretion of the RC.
- 10.4 If a boat is disqualified, its handicap may not be adjusted.
- 10.5 If a boat is granted redress and the finish time is amended by a protest committee, a new handicap may be generated.

11 RACING AREA

- 11.1 Harbour Racing will be on the waters of Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour) as displayed in the chartlet(s) included in relevant SI's.
- 11.2 Short offshore races shall be conducted between Port Jackson and Broken Bay or other areas as indicated in the applicable SI.

12 COURSES

- 12.1 The courses shall be as described in the SI for each series
- 12.2 Boats shall not sail within mooring areas. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be continuing obstructions. Naval and shipping moorings are excluded from this clause

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 Penalties shall be as stipulated in RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, including the provisions of Appendix A5.3, applies to all series except the Friday Twilight Series, subject to the amendments detailed in clause 15.2 below and those detailed in the respective SI for each series.
- 15 Upon prior application to the RC, a boat which starts in a conflicting event as determined by the RC may receive points for any races thereby missed, equal to the boat's average points. The number of races eligible will be determined by the RC. Average points will be based on points in all races in the series, including discards, except the race or races in question.

16 SAIL NUMBERS

- 16.1 (DP) Sail numbers shall comply with RRS 77 and the AS Prescription to RRS Appendix G which require sail numbers to be of a contrasting colour to the body of the sail and clearly legible. A boat infringing this rule may be recorded as a non-finisher and be scored DNF.
- 16.2 (DP) A boat shall sail under the sail number advised when entering and shall display identical sail numbers on its sails. Where the RRS require spinnakers to display sail numbers, they shall be the sail numbers stated when entering.

- 16.3 (DP) A request to use any sail displaying a different number shall be submitted to the SASC Racing Office not later than two (2) hours before the start of the race. Such requests will be considered only where the owner has been genuinely unable to have the correct numbers displayed on a sail - to this end, two consecutive weeks is considered sufficient.
- 16.4 (DP) A boat which displays an incorrect sail number, and which has not submitted a request to the Racing Office in accordance with clause 16.3 may be subject to protest by the RC.

17 CHANGES AFFECTING PERFORMANCE

- 17.1 (DP) Any changes to hull, propeller, trim, spars, sail area or significant changes to onboard skill level shall be notified in writing to reach the SASC Racing Office not later than 1500 hours on the day prior to the race affected by the changes. This may result in a change of handicap, and a boat failing to comply may be subject to action by the RC in accordance with RRS 60.2.

18 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 18.1 **Risk Warning** - 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.

- 18.2 **Competitors Declaration** — It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated complies with the 'rules' as defined in the RRS. The owner or person who enters the boat declares to the OA that the nominated boat will always while racing comply with the requirements of Australian Sailing, this NoR and the SI and that the owner or person who enters the boat:

- 18.2.1 Warrants to the OA that he or she will draw the attention of any person who competes on the boat the subject of the entry in any event conducted by the OA to the risk warning above, and
- 18.2.2 Acknowledging receipt of the risk warning above and releasing the OA, the RC and other race officials from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him or her, or by any person claiming through him or her, in any event conducted by the OA, and
- 18.2.3 Acknowledges the OA, the RC and other race officials are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment, and

18.2.4 Warrants all those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the Australian Sailing Special Regulations clause 1.02 Responsibility of the Person in Charge.

19 INSURANCE

19.1 Boats shall have adequate current third-party property liability insurance cover and third-party personal liability insurance cover of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million) for each separate incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing, and it is the owner's responsibility to ensure a current Certificate of Currency is lodged on SailSys.

20 RIGHTS TO NAMES AND LIKENESS

20.1 In participating in these events, a competitor automatically grants to the OA and the sponsors of these events the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said events in which the competitor participates and all material related to the said events without compensation.

21 OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

21.1 To ensure that rescue, medical and ambulance authorities can be properly informed as needed, all boats are encouraged to provide crew contact details (including the skipper) in the SailSys race management system prior to the boat's first warning signal on each day that the boat intends to race.

21.2 Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions RRS 1.2.

21.3 (DP) Boats shall not interfere with commercial or defence shipping and shall not sail between a pilot vessel and the ship it is piloting.

21.4 (DP) Boats must adhere to the TfNSW regulations for Priority Over Sail - indicated by ferries displaying an orange diamond shape. Boats must keep clear of these ferries during the day and maintain a minimum distance of 200 meters from the ferry's bow and 30 meters from its sides or stern. This rule applies when the orange diamond is displayed and does not apply at night or if the ferry is overtaking a sailing vessel.

21.5 (NP) (DP) All boats racing in the Series should display the SASC racing pennant or flag. Racing pennants are displayed to assist competitors distinguish between boats racing in other clubs races when on the racecourse.

21.6 (NP) (DP) Boats shall not carry anchors protruding beyond the bow while racing.

21.7 Skippers and crew are required to be always dressed appropriately while racing. The minimum standard of dress shorts and t-shirt.

21.8 Competitors' attention is drawn to *Appendix 4 - TfNSW Accident Requirements*, which outline the reporting of incidents involving injuries to any person or damage to boats.

- 21.9 Competitors' attention is drawn to *Appendix 7 –Weather Guidelines* which sets out guidelines for the RC to consider when deciding whether racing should proceed. The RC may decide not to start a race or may abandon a race after it has started in accordance with RRS 32.
- 21.10 Prior to each race (on the day of the race), SASC will send an SMS message to all nominated skippers to sign-on 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.
- 21.11 The nominated skipper can be changed by race in the case of multiple boats owners or syndicates.

22 RESULTS

- 22.1 Race results will be published on the SailSys results page after each race – initially as 'provisional'. An SMS message may be sent to skippers with a link to the race results.
- 22.2 After any protests or corrections are resolved, the race results will be finalized and the handicaps for the next race generated.
- 22.3 Results are posted on the SailSys website:
<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/6/entry?tab=results>

23 PRIZES

- 23.1 SASC prizes and trophies will be as described in *Appendix 9 - Prizes and Trophies* and will be presented at the SASC annual prizegiving function, except where the respective SI state otherwise.

24 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 24.1 Refer to relevant Appendices found on the SASC web site under Racing>Appendices
- 24.2 For further information please contact the Sydney Amateur Sailing Club Racing Secretary by phoning (02) 9953 6597 or emailing racing@sasc.com.au.
- 24.3 Documents are also available via SailSys Noticeboard for each series.
<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/6/profile?tab=results>