

Sydney Amateur Sailing Club (SASC) Gaffers Day – 11th October 2026

The Organising Authority (OA) is SASC.

The OA appoints the Race Committee (RC) referred to in this Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI) consisting of the SASC Sailing Manager, Club Captain, Divisional Representative(s) and Race Officer(s).

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.
- 2.2. 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 Sailing Instructions will be available on the SASC website prior to the race <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/293/profile?tab=results>

4 COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 The RC intends to monitor VHF channel 72 and mobile 0419 625 883 from the start boat MV Kareela.
- 4.2 The RC will communicate race information to competitors via VHF channel 72.
- 4.3 VHF radios shall be always switched on and tuned VHF channel 72 during racing.
- 4.4 Any radio with dual watch should monitor VHF 16 as well.

5 ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 All boats shall meet Category 7 equipment level.
- 5.2 Boats shall be of mono-hull construction.
- 5.3 Specific Division eligibilities are specified in the respective SI.
- 5.4 All boats starting in a race shall have a minimum of two (2) persons on board.

6 INSURANCE

- 6.1 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.

7 ENTRY

- 7.1 Entries can be made up to 15:00 hours on the Friday 9th October 2026.
- 7.2 Only those boats nominated on an entry are permitted to race, (i.e. boats are not interchangeable) unless expressly approved by the RC beforehand.
- 7.3 Entries and payment of entry fees are to be made utilizing the online entry system which can be accessed via the SASC website at <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/293/entry?tab=entry>
- 7.4 For a valid entry in all race(s) or series, competitors shall:
 - 7.4.1 Complete the online entry in SailSys.
 - 7.4.2 Include the entry fee as detailed in SailSys.
 - 7.4.3 Accept the declaration detailed in SailSys.
 - 7.4.4 Upload a current insurance Certificate of Currency into SailSys.
 - 7.4.5 Upload a valid AS Special Regulations safety audit into SailSys.

8 DIVISIONS

- 8.1 The proposed Divisions are (but not limited to) as follows:

Division 1 / Metre Boats

Division 2 / E30

Gaff Division 1

Gaff Division 2/Cygnets 20

Ranger

Couta

Historic 18" Skiff

Yachts may elect to use a spinnaker and depending on numbers may be assigned to a specific division.

9 RACING AREA

- 9.1 Harbour Racing will be on the waters of Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour) as displayed in the chartlet(s) included in relevant SI's.

10 COURSES

- 10.1 The courses shall be as described in the SI for each division.
- 10.2 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

11 RESULTS

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 After any protests or corrections are resolved, the race results will be finalized and the handicaps for the next race generated.
- 11.3 Results are posted on the SailSys website:
<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/6/profile?tab=results>

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each division, on the day of the race. Skippers or a crew member must be present at the clubhouse to accept the prize (SASC will not hold or send any prizes).

13 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 13.1 **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.

- 13.2 **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:

- 13.2.1 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
- 13.2.2 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
- 13.2.3 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
- 13.2.4 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.

14 OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions RRS 1.2.

- 14.3 (DP) Boats shall not interfere with commercial or defence shipping and shall not sail between a pilot vessel and the ship it is piloting.
- 14.4 (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.
- 14.5 (NP) (DP) Boats shall not carry anchors protruding beyond the bow while racing.
- 14.6 Skippers and crew are required to be always dressed appropriately while racing. The minimum standard of dress shorts and t-shirt.
- 14.7 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.
- 14.8 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.
- 14.9 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.
- 14.10 The nominated skipper can be changed by race in the case of multiple boats owners or syndicates.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 15.1 Refer to relevant Appendices found on the SASC web site under Racing>Appendices
- 15.2 For further information please contact the Sydney Amateur Sailing Club Sailing Manager by phoning (02) 9953 6597 or emailing sailingmanager@sasc.com.au
- 15.3 Documents are also available via SailSys Noticeboard for each series.
<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/293/profile?tab=results>