

Life and Times - Racing Rules

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Racing Rules	18730000	1873	Non-SASC members as crew are banned. Sail area rule repealed, and boats up to 26ft are now allowed to race.			Amora 1st	CB 15				
Racing Rules	18740310	1874	Rig size: A general meeting resolution was unanimously carried: That any boat or yacht being the bona fide property of any member of the Club be admitted without any restriction on the size or rig.			Amora 1st					
Racing Rules	18740509	1874	Boats' performances are now averaged for establishing handicaps. Method - present season results added together and divided by the number of races.			Amora 1st	CB 15				
Racing Rules	18780800	1878	Crew numbers allowed based on boat length. Experiment to limit crew numbers on their boats, not their sails, to bring them together.			Hyam 3rd	CB 16				
Racing Rules	18801105	1880	Exclude Professionals; Motion of Mr W. Johnson to exclude "professionals" was debated and finally withdrawn. Some thought it would split the Club.			Hyam 3rd	CB 19 20 130		Book 1 p5	Bk1p1 -19	
Racing Rules	18810431	1881	Close of season. At the Athol Closing, Mr E.M. Deitrich stated. 'He had done his best to remove the practice of professional racing, and he had hoped in the future all races would be amateur contested, and sailed in only for love, honour and glory of the sport.' (Cheers)			Hyam 3rd		Bk1p1 p19			
Racing Rules	18831207	1883	A new set of Rules were adopted for circulation and printing before the next Monthly meeting on March 7.			Elliot 4th	CB 20	Bk1p1 p19			
Racing Rules	18840307	1884	Skipper and Crew must be Members: At the March 7, Monthly General Meeting, Sailing Rule 6 was amended to read that every yacht or boat competing in a Club Race shall be sailed by a member and manned by members or amateurs. The word amateur shall exclude all fishermen, oystermen, boat builders, sail makers or others in water-based employment or any person receiving consideration for his professional knowledge.			Elliot 4th	CB 20 26				
Racing Rules	18840315	1884	Sailing Note By "Timon on SASC Amateur rule"- It was time something was done with this respect, and I fear some will be dissatisfied, but that cannot be avoided, as <i>quot homines et tot sententiae</i> are sure to entertain different views; and I am sure the definition of a <i>bona fide amateur</i> is not the easiest of things to decide.			Elliot 4th					
Racing Rules	18851125	1885	Amateur Definition. Carried that Rule 6 be amended. The word "amateur" shall exclude all fishermen, oystermen, boat builders, sail makers or others in water based employment or any person receiving consideration for his professional knowledge; but the forgoing expression shall not apply to Commanders, officers or midshipmen of any navy, any officer who holds a certificate for ocean service from the Board of Trade or any recognised maritime board or the masters, officers and midshipmen of British and foreign sailing vessels trading to any part of the world beyond the Australian colonies, or to maritime or naval architects.			Dietrich 5th					
Racing Rules	18860428	1886	Half-deckers proposal; Proposed new rule for half-deckers, unless decked in forward to within 18inches of the mast, shall not compete. Motion was lost.			Dietrich 5th					
Racing Rules	18870000	1887	Maximum crew numbers on boats:- Up to 20ft. - 4 hands, 20ft. to 23ft. - 5 hands, over 23ft. - 6 hands.			Dietrich 5th	CB 32	Bk12p1 32			
Racing Rules	18891029	1889	Sail dimensions to be declared. All boats in Jib and mainsail races must state the dimensions of their sails at the start of the season, and any boat carrying larger sails (without giving notice at time of entry) will be disqualified. An alternative proposal was discussed: Divide the fleet into three classes. A committee was to be formed. This amendment was carried.			Marshall 6th					
Racing Rules	18891127	1889	Monthly Meeting; carried unanimously "That a committee of three, who shall handicap for the season in all races they are not competitors."			Marshall 6th					
Racing Rules	18910000	1891	Boats still flying colours or flags but not sail numbers.			Kelly 7th	CB 32	bcrrftp24			
Racing Rules	18910000	1891	Members' Race Fees - a member free, others 1 shilling.			Kelly 7th	CB 34				
Racing Rules	18910000	1891	Decision to split fleet into two classes and boats were to be timed at the start. (Mark Foy start?)			Kelly 7th	CB 32				
Racing Rules	18920000	1892	Use the start time for Saturday races, but for the Championships, handicapping should remain a sliding-scale formula.			Pedley 8th	CB 34				
Racing rules	18920928	1892	In the 1992 season, 10 races were sailed with time at start retained for handicap races, but for the championship races, time to be finished on a sliding scale formula. $T = C + (t \times J) / Z$ Where T= Time allowance. C= 20 taking 20ft and 2 minutes, t=20 per ft. as basis for scale, J= excess length over 20 ft., Z=total length of boat whose time allowance is required. (No electronic calculators!)			Rae 9th					

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Racing Rules	18931205	1893		Sailing rule 1.1 should be amended as follows "A boat overtaking another shall keep clear out of the way of the overtaken boat, and a boat may luff as she pleases to prevent another from passing to windward, provided she begin to luff before an overlap has been established, but must not go out of her course to hinder another from passing to leeward, the lee side to be considered that on which the leading boat of the two carries her boom. The overtaking vessel if to leeward, must not luff until she has drawn clear ahead of the boat she has overtaken. An overlap is established when an overtaking boat no longer has a free choice on which side she may pass, and continues to exist as long as the leeward boat, by hitting, or the weather boat, by bearing away, is in danger of fouling.		Kelley 10th					
Racing Rules	18940000	1894		Handicaps to be based on " length of boat", sail area and the length of the course.		Kelley 10th	CB 34	Bkp2 34			
Racing Rules	18940000	1894		"Length of boat" changed to "waterline length" for handicapping.		Kelley 10th	Cb 34	Bkp2 34			
Racing Rules	18940131	1894		Rule 7 altered to read "All boats be answerable to the rules from the time the preparatory flag is hoisted in the Starter's Boat.		Kelley 10th		Bkp2 34			
Racing Rules	18941117	1894		First race under new rule -Time allowance is arranged, and the number of crew is fixed after a calculation affecting the length of the boat, sail area and length of the course.		Kelley 10th					
Racing Rules	18950400	1895		Problem obtaining a good Starter. An additional Blue Starting Flag was purchased to be raised one minute before the start and fly for half a minute.		Kelley 10th		Bkp2 34			
Racing Rules	18950400	1895		Crew limits in boats remain the same in number, but apply to waterline length, NOT overall length.		Kelley 10th		Bkp2 34	Bkp2 34		
Racing Rules	18950400	1895		Time allowance for Raters - Rule 37 amended- "Together with 1/5 of the overhang" amended to "the square root of the sail area, add the rating length, and divide the sum by two."		Kelley 10th			Bkp2 34		
Racing Rules	18981101	1898		Colours were not being flown and the Committee decided that the following be on the sails of:- <i>Wonga</i> 22ft. - A blue moon, <i>Kyrma</i> 18ft. blue moon and Maltese Cross, <i>Plover</i> 22ft. blue triangle & blue cross. Other boats flew theirs at the mast head.		Kelley 10th	CB 45				
Racing Rules	18990801	1899		Discussion on the best type of boat for the Club. The Restricted 21 ft Class is considered. Sub-Committee discussed at length the advantages of a double-hulled boats, and these were barred. Crew weight and ballast were also to be considered.		Kelley 10th	CB 45				
Racing Rules	19000201	1899		Resolved that Medals be given to boats scoring the highest points in scratch races.		Kelley 10th	CB 45				
Racing Rules	19000815	1900		Decision to allow 30 ft into the ranks of the club n3xt season.		Kelley 10th					
Racing Rules	19270800	1927		The final Version of the 21-foot Restricted Class rules has been agreed.		Down 18th					
Racing Rules	19490430	1949		Certificate of a season record to be presented on Prize Night. Proposed by E. J. Merrington.		Gale E C 21st	CB 42				
Racing Rules	19490831	1949		Racing Relegation 16. Changed to state "that boats will be divided into 1st, 2nd and 3rd divisions at the discretion of the Committee. 35ft shall not be eligible for racing.	Yachts over	Gale E C 21st					
Racing Rules	19490915	1949		Rules amended to allow R.A.N.S.A. boats to sail in SASC races..		Gale E C 21st	CB 43				
Racing Rules	19490920	1949		A member hoisted a spinnaker on a mast head halyard and then withdrew from the race. Against existing rules.		Gale E C 21st	CB 43				
Racing Rules	19500831	1950		Three handicaps to be established for each boat in a division:- wind velocity 0 to 15 m.p.h., 15 to 25 m.p.h. and greater than 25 m.p.h.		Merrington E 22nd	CB 43				
Racing Rules	19500831	1950		C. M. Gale appointed Starter and to provide his own boat.		Merrington E 22nd	CB 43				
Racing Rules	19501101	1950		Three handicaps revised back for each division: wind velocity 0 to 10 m.p.h., 10 to 25, and greater than 25, but reduced course lengths for light airs.		Merrington E 22nd	CB 43				
Racing Rules	19510900	1951		Request for 35ft rule to be lifted and mast head spinnakers be allowed.		Merrington E 22nd	CB 43	Book 1 p2			
Racing Rules	19520709	1952		Boat length restriction lifted from 35 to 42ft.		Merrington E 22nd	CB 43				
Racing Rules	19520916	1952		Boat length rule abandoned. Unanimously approved at General Meeting.		Merrington E 22nd	CB 43				
Racing Rules	19550415	1955		A Rule Book Committee was formed to incorporate all changes and to make recommendations for the Administration of a Clubhouse.		Merrington E 22nd	CB 44				
Racing Rules	19550830	1955		Rule 29. G. Chrichton, a motion to delete the reference to the height at which the spinner can be carried. Motion carried.		Merrington E 22nd					

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Racing Rules	19570419	1957		First Season where Point Score accumulation used to determine the Gold Medal winners.		Merrington E 22nd						
Racing Rules	19580110	1957		Supplementary Yacht Register to show Yachts owned by members but not racing.		Merrington E 22nd	CB 45					
Racing Rules	19580701	1958		The Nominated skipper must be a Club Member and a regular crew member on the boat.		Merrington E 22nd	CB 45					
Racing Rules	19590101	1959		New R.Y.A. rules require flags and sail numbers on spinnakers.		Fruse 23rd	CB 45					
Racing Rules	19590110	1959		Racing flags of a distinctive registered design are to be flown when racing. Disqualified if protested and without one.		Fruse 23rd	CB 45					
Racing Rules	19620401	1962		"Regular Crew Member" is defined as one who has crewed in the boat for 75% or more of the SASC races during the season prior to the event.		Merrington A 24th	CB 46					
Racing Rules	19630902	1963		Resolution that Point score Gold Medals and Perpetual Trophies can only be awarded to a Club Member.		Merrington A 24th	CB 49					
Racing Rules	19631102	1963		Ruling that a skipper must be a Club member, withdrawn.		Merrington A 24th	CB 49					
Racing Rules	19640901	1964		Handicapping system to be changed from 4, 2. 1 to 3, 2, 1 minutes. Plus arbitrary adjustment as required.		Cassim 25th		6202028				
Racing Rules	19650731	1965		The winners of each Point Sore Division will be starters in the Kelley Cup.		Cassim 25th	CB 50					
Racing Rules	19660101	1966		The starters boat problem resolved by use of G. Cambridge's boat in return for free mooring and dinghy storage.		Cassim 25th	CB 51					
Racing rules	19660301	1966		Sydney Flying Squadron and SASC round Neutral Bay Buoy on opposite hands. Request from this Cub to change was refused, so the matter was referred to Y.A. of N.S.W.		Cassim 25th						
Racing Rules	19670000	1967		A disqualification can be discarded.		Jackson J 26th	CB 52					
Racing Rules	19670000	1967		Motors or towing not allowed within 2 minutes of the start.		Jackson J 26th	CB 52					
Racing Rules	19680000	1968		Harbour Ferries must fly a "Red Diamond" for them to have the right of way.		Jackson J 26th	CB 52					
Racing Rules	19690000	1969		Points awarded - 1st- 3 points, 2nd -2 points & 3rd -1 point. The aggregate for season points determines the overall placing.		Jackson J 26th	CB 53					
Racing Rules	19690530	1969		Bluebirds & Thunderbirds request Skite Plates - approved.		Jackson J 26th	CB 53					
Racing Rules	19690900	1969		Sail Numbers to be shown on overlapping genoas.		Schneider 27th	CB 53					
Racing Rules	19701001	1970		AYF Prescription:- Yachts with 20% overlapping headsail to carry sail numbers on both headsail and main.		Schneider 27th	SASC News	10197001				
Racing Rules	19820900	1982		Race Results - Computer on Starters Boat not able to calculate race results.		Jeremy 33rd						
Racing Rules	19840800	1984		AYF TL4 program training held by Vic Dibben		Jeremy 33rd						
Racing Rules	19850401	1985		The computer handicapping system now averages a boat's past 4 performances.		Jeremy 33rd						
Racing Rules	19850420	1985		M.S.B. requires fleets be directed away from shipping channels. Eastern Chanel pile light and Nielsen Park gas buoy no longer able to be use. This will necessity course changes.		Jeremy 33rd						
Racing Rules	19860930	1986		Computer handicapping - Calculation, the average of the last 4 races for 85/86 season.		Garrow 36th						
Racing Rules	19960401	1996		Helm person change - notifiable to Racing Secretary 24hrs. prior to race.		Bevis 39th						
Racing Rules	20020511	2002		Keeping clear of other division starting boats. If infringed, penalty disqualification, not penalty, turns that only apply when boats ARE racing. Article by David Willis.		Maclurcan 41st	2200611					
Racing Rules	20031201	2003		ACA Marine Operators VHF Certificate of Proficiency introduced.		Maclurcan 41st	2200422					
Racing Rules	20060801	2006		YA Special Regs. Yachts with movable ballast new rules. Effective July 1 2005.		Evans 42nd	8200621					
Racing Rules	20060924	2006		PF Discussion paper		Evans 42nd		10200614				
Racing Rules	20100201	2010		MSB. All competitors must maintain 500 m from the bow of any ship, 200 m from a ferry, and 20 m from the side of a ship or ferry.		Crawford 43rd	2201036					

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Racing Rules	20100210	2010	The Cremorne Clubhouse sewerage system replacement cost \$10,000.			Crawford 43rd					
Racing Rules	20100400	2010	RRS rule changes. No tacking just before mark.			Crawford 43rd					
Racing Rules	20100901	2010	Mandatory Skippers' briefings.			Hogan 44th		6201222			
Racing Rules	20101101	2010	New Life Jacket rules for dinghies.			Hogan 44th		12201010			
Racing Rules	20121001	2012	Type 2 life jacket RMS requirement if in a dinghy - at night, on open (ocean) waters, alone or more than 400m offshore.			Hogan 44th		10201218			
Racing Rules	20121030	2012	Rule 46 - All racing crew need to be a member of a sailing club or hold a Sail PASS.			Hogan 44th		10201233			
Racing Rules	20200301	2019	Incident Reporting. Under NSW Roads and Maritime Services regulations, competitors are required to notify the Sailing Office of incidents, which, in turn, must lodge those reports as part of its Aquatic Licence conditions.			Dover 46th					
Racing Rules	20200401	2020	At the time of the publication of this edition of the SASC News, all Club events are suspended until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic.			Dover 46th					