



Skippers' Briefing 2025-26

August 2025



Agenda



SASC Skipper Briefing

- SASC 2025-25 Season sailing Program
- Season updates and entry
- Special Regulations Equipment Audits
- Insurance
- Racing
- Volunteers
- Questions

SASC Racing Naming Conventions



PROGRAM

The *full racing calendar* for the Season.
Example: 2025–26 SASC Racing Program

SERIES

Seasonal or format-based blocks of Races.
Examples: Spring Series, Summer Series, Twilight Series, Winter Series.

SUB SERIES

Sections of a Series split by dates, format or trophies.
Examples: Lady Helm Twilight – Summer Twilight, Combined Series.

RACES

Individual events within a Series/Sub-Series. Numbered or named
Examples: Lion Island Race, Race 1, 2, 3 etc. Commodore's Cup Race

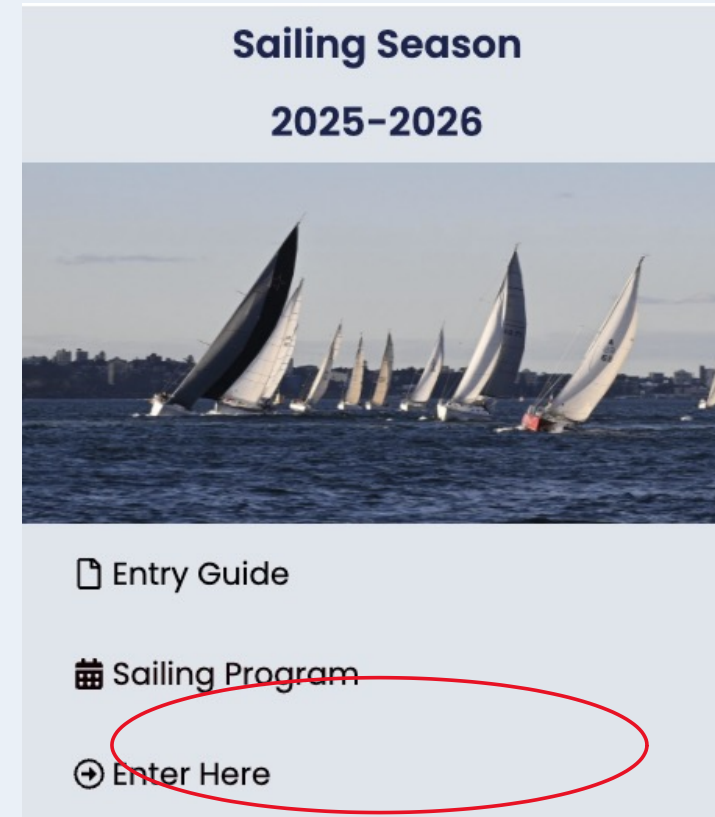
DIVISIONS

Groupings by boat type, rating, or performance.
Examples: Division 1 & 2, Classic Division, Non-Spinnaker Division.

SASC 2025-26 Sailing Program



- Sailing Program is available for download on the SASC website.
- Please read and keep a copy on your boat
- Make sure you heed emails from Racing Secretary about changes to the Program ...



SASC 2025-26 Sailing Program



SASC Sailing Programme 2025-26 - Spring										
AUG	Sat	9	Equipment Audits	Bookings via SASC WEB Site						
	Thur	14	Skippers Briefing (on-line)	Bookings via SASC WEB Site						
	Sat	16	Equipment Audits	Bookings via SASC WEB Site						
	Tue	19	Skippers Briefing Clubhouse	Bookings via SASC WEB Site						
Day	Date	Description	Friday	S30	Cav 28	CR	MF	CC	Classic	Sunday
AUG	Sat	30	Lion Island	Open to yachts with CAT 5+						
SEP	Sat	6	Saturday 1 - Opening Regatta	1	1	1			1	
	Sat	13	Saturday 2				1		2	
	Sun	14	RCF Sprints							1,2,3
	Sat	20	Saturday 1	2	2	2			3	
OCT	Sun	21	Sunday Series							1
	Sat	27	Saturday 1	3	3	3			4	
	Sun	28	Womens Keelboat Series							1
	Sat	4	October Long Weekend	Northshore Regatta RMYC						
	Fri	10	Twilight	1e						
	Sat	11	Saturday 1 (LH)	4	4	4			5	
	Sun	12	Centenarians Rally							CR
	Fri	17	Twilight	2e						
	Sat	18	Saturday 2 (Muriel, SS1)				2	1	6	
	Sun	19	WKBS / Sunday Series-Platypus							2, 2
	Fr	24	Twilight	3e						
	Sat	25	Saturday 1		5	5			7	
	Sun	26	Balmian Regatta	All Yachts invited to enter the Balmian Regatta						
	Fri	31	Twilight (LH)	4e						
	Sat	1	Saturday 1		6	6	6		8	
	Sun	2	WW Rally for Fun							WWR
	Fri	7	Twilight	5						
	Sat	8	Saturday 2 (Port Stephens)				3	2	9	
	Sun	9	Sunday Series							3
	Fri	14	Twilight	6						
	Sat	15	Saturday 1		7	7	7		10	
	Sun	16	Spare							
	Fri	21	Twilight	7						
	Sat	22	Saturday 2 (SS2)				4	3	11	
	Sun	23	Womens Keelboat Series							3
	Fri	28	Twilight	8						
	Sat	29	Saturday 1		8	8	8		12	
	Sun	30	Sunday Series (WOW)							4
DEC	Fri	5	Twilight	9						
	Sat	6	Saturday 2 (S30 W/L)		1,2,3			5	4	13
	Sun	7	Idle Hour	All Yachts invited to join the Idle Hour						
	Fri	12	Twilight	10						
	Sat	13	Saturday 1 - Spring Trophy		9	9	9			14
	Sun	14	Sunday Series - Spring Trophy							5

SASC Sailing Programme 2025-26 - Summer										
Day	Date	Description	Friday	Saturday						Sunday
				S30	Cav 28	CR	MF	CC	Classic	
JAN	Fri	9	Twilight	11						
	Sat	10	Saturday 1		10	10	10		15	
	Sun	11	Sunday Series							6
	Fri	16	Twilight	12						
	Sat	17	Saturday 2 (SS3)				6		16	
	Sun	18	Womens Keelboat Series							4
	Fri	23	Twilight	13						
	Sat	24	Saturday 1 - Round The Islands		11	11	11		17	
	Sun	25	Sunday Series							7
	Mo	26	Australia Day Regatta	All Yachts invited to enter the Australia Day Regatta						
	Fri	30	Twilight	14						
	Sat	31	Saturday 2 (SS 4)				7	5	18	
FEB	Sun	1	Womens Keelboat Series							5
	Fri	6	Twilight	15						
	Sat	7	Saturday 1		12	12	12		19	
	Sun	8	Sunday Series							8
	Fri	13	Twilight (LH)	16						
	Sat	14	Saturday 2 (Don Deller)				8	6	20	
	Sun	15	RANSA TBA	All Yachts invited to join the RANSA Regatta						
	Fri	20	Twilight	17						
	Sat	21	Saturday 1		13	13			21	
	Sun	22	Womens Keelboat Series / Metre Boat							6
	Fri	27	Twilight	18						
	Sat	28	Saturday 2 (SAIL GP)				9	7	22	
MAR	Sun	1	Sunday Series (SAIL GP)							9
	Fri	6	Twilight	19e						
	Sat	7	SHR / S30 W/L		1,2,3	Sydney Harbour Regatta MHYC				
	Sun	8	SHR / S30 W/L		4,5,6					
	Fri	13	Twilight	20e						
	Sat	14	Saturday 2				10	8	23	
	Sun	15	Sunday Series - Karoo Trophy							10
	Fri	20	Twilight	21e						
	Sat	21	Saturday 1 - Summer Trophy		14	14	14			
	Sun	22	Womens Keelboat Series							7
	Fri	27	Twilight (Final)	22e						
	Sat	28	Club Championship		Point Score Placegetters from each series					
APR	Sun	29	RCF Sprints							4,5,6
	Thur	2	Bob Brown Race	Open to yachts with Cat 5+						
	Fri	3	Bob Brown BBQ							

SASC 2025-26 Sailing Program



Important dates:

- **Lion Island Race** – Saturday 30st August
- **Season opening party** – Friday 5th September
- **Opening Day & Spring Series Point Score** – Saturday 6th September
- **Ranger & Couta, Folkboat sprints** – Sunday 14th September
- **Sunday Racing** – 21st September
- **Women's Keelboat Series (CCS)** – Sunday 28th September
- **Twilight Racing** – Friday 10th October (early start)

Racing Documentation for 2025-26



- SASC “Sailing Program Book” is no longer being published
- Replaced by a new document suite (in line with RRS Appendix J):
 - Notice of Race
 - Sailing Instructions
- Handy Course Guide developed to print/laminate for your boat
- All documents available on the website and updated regularly.

Events & Regattas

Sailing Season 2025-2026	Lion Island Race 30th August 2025	Opening Regatta 6th September 2025
		
Entry Guide	Notice Of Race	Entry Guide
Sailing Program	Sailing Instructions (Soon)	Enter Here
Enter Here	Enter Here	

Changes to Series for 2025-26






- **Super 30** - two Series with separate entry:
 - Gold Cup Saturday Point score – 14 Races
 - Windward Leeward (hosted by MHYC) – up to 9 Races.
- **Twilight Series** – trial of BB to EC (layoff mark) for 3 months.
- **Women's Keelboat Series** – Combined Clubs – 7 Races
- **Commodores Cup** – trial of sub series for Folkboats
- **Sunday Non-Spinnaker Series** – new Division structure being developed with feedback from last seasons boats to provide for more competitive and fairer racing.

SailSys - updates






- **‘Past Results’ is a new option:**
 - **SASC past results in Sailsys.**
(Previous TopYacht results on SASC website).
- **Crew Register:**
 - Add your regular crew
 - Add crew to a race
 - Mandatory for off-shore
 - Allows contact for Next of Kin in emergencies

Site Links

	Race Entry	Copy
	Entrants & Results	Copy
	Past Results	Copy

Crew Register

Invite your crew to create a SailSys account so they can keep their information and emergency contact details up to date. Once invited, you can add your crew to races.

Name	Email	AS Number	Account Status	Profile Status	Invite Crew
Allison Hession	alizandloz21@gmail.com	-	Registered		Remove
David Pryke	theprykes@gmail.com	1037066	Registered		Remove
Meaghan Pryke	meaghanpryke@gmail.com	-	Registered		Remove

[Back to Crew Lists](#)

SailSys - Season entries

Season entry allows you to enter some or all the Series for a fixed price, in one entry process



Season 2025-2026

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Includes: Lion Island Race 2025, Bob Brown Trophy 2026, Classics Overall Series 2025-26, Super 30, Cavalier 28, Cruiser Racer 2025-26, Mixed Fleet, Sheep Station 2025-26, Friday Twilight 2025-26, Sunday Series 2025-26, Winter 2026, Ranger Couta Sprints & Folkboat Sprints 2025-26, Idle Hour Trophy 2025-26, Super 30 Windward Leeward 2025-26 (Includes SHR), Commodore Cup (Folkboats) 2025-26, Compliance 2025-26, Womens Keelboat Series - Combined Clubs 2025-26
Next Race: Race 1, 30th August 2025

Enter

Lion Island Race 2025

Next Race: Race 1, 30th August 2025

Enter

Bob Brown Trophy 2026

Next Race: Race 1, 2nd April 2026

Enter

Classics Overall Series 2025-26

Next Race: Race 1, 6th September 2025

Enter

Super 30, Cavalier 28, Cruiser Racer 2025-26

Next Race: Race 1, 6th September 2025

Enter

Mixed Fleet, Sheep Station 2025-26

Includes: Sheep Station Series
Next Race: Race 1, 13th September 2025

Enter

Friday Twilight 2025-26

Includes: Lady Helm
Next Race: Race 1e, 10th October 2025

Enter

Sunday Series 2025-26

Next Race: Race 1, 21st September 2025

Enter

Winter 2026

Next Race: Race 1, 2nd May 2026

Enter

Ranger Couta Sprints & Folkboat Sprints 2025-26

Next Race: Race 1, 14th September 2025

Enter

Idle Hour Trophy 2025-26

Next Race: Race 1, 7th December 2025

Enter

Season entry
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(Block entry
fixed price)

Individual Series entry blue
(Individual Series pricing)

Season entries



Race entry completion

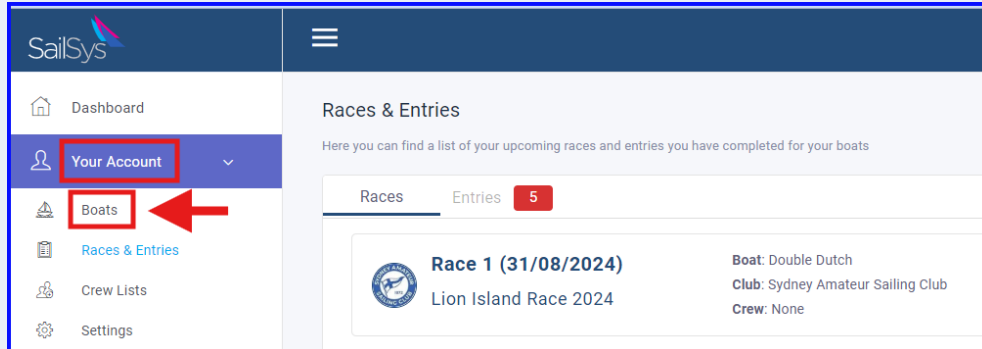
- After payment, the entry will be received by SASC as 'pending' for compliance checks:
 - Cat 4/5/7; and
 - Insurance
- You will receive an email per Series asking for the compliance documents to be uploaded.
- If you already have (current) compliance documents in Sailsys, SASC will transfer them to your entry(s). Nothing further for you to do.
- Expired compliance documents require the **updated** documents to be uploaded via your SailSys account.

Special Regulations Equipment Audits

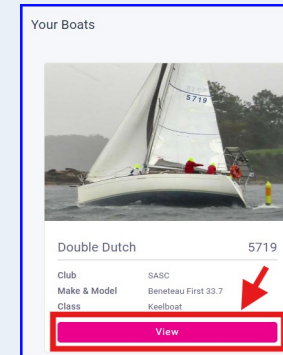
Equipment audit forms and insurance CoC must be uploaded to SailSys to complete your race entries.



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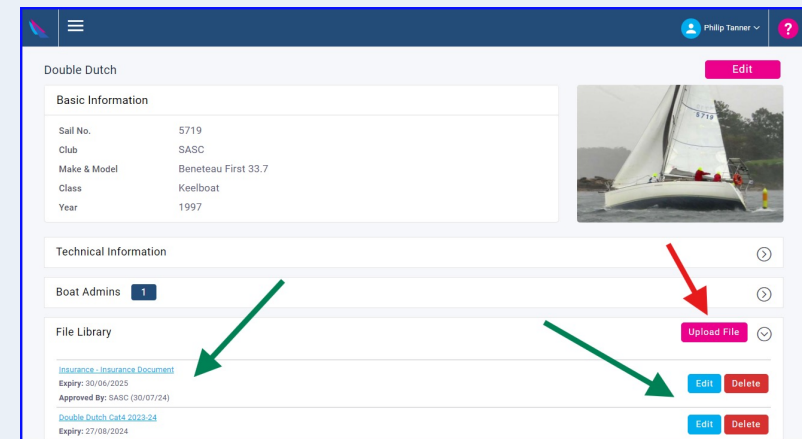
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For any issues, contact David Pryke at racing@SASC.com.au or (02)9953 6597

Special Regulations Equipment Audits



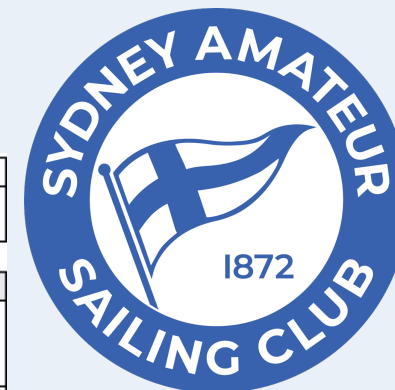
- Audit forms expire twelve months after the date of audit
- Equipment audits must be completed on the (current) official Australian Sailing (AS) form(s) with SASC appendices as required, such as:
 - PFD - proof of annual service
 - Category 5 Annex - TfNSW Maritime “Open Water” requirements
- All equipment shall be laid out neatly for inspection. Where equipment is not appropriately laid out, the auditor may refuse to continue the audit.
- The boat owner or person in charge must be in attendance during the audit

Special Regulations Equipment Audits



- Where a boat has outstanding items required as part of its audit, it shall be ineligible to race. Outstanding items shall be presented with the audit form to sign off, to an AS/SASC accredited auditor
- Inflatable life jackets – must checked annually with proof of annual check attached – see PFD checklist on the SASC web site
- Fire Extinguishers – must be checked annually and must be under 5 years old and showing green in the gauge
- All boats must be registered with TfNSW (Maritime)

Special Regulations Equipment Audits



Equipment Audit - Category 5

For Category 5, you must complete the official AS Category 5 form and the SASC appendices (TfNSW Maritime requirements for Open Waters)

Category 5 Addendum	Sail Number	Boat name
TFNSW Maritime - Equipment you must carry		
Lifejackets – Preference for 150n PFD For each person on board – also see When to wear a lifejacket	1 per person	P A
Anchor and chain/line	1	
Bilge pump (electric or manual) For vessels with covered bilge or closed underfloor compartments (other than airtight void spaces). Must be able to drain each compartment. Larger vessels may need additional bilge pumps	1	
Chart (map) For area of operation (printed or digital).	1	
Compass Fluid filled magnetic	1	
Distress flares Not expired.	2 Orange Smoke 2 Red Hand	
Drinking water	2 litres per person	
EPIRB – 406 MHz Must be registered with AMSA and not expired.	1 if more than 2 NM from shore	
Fire extinguisher	1	
Marine radio	1 if more than 2 NM from shore	
Sound Signal, air horn or whistle or bell	1	
V Sheet A minimum 1.8m x 1.2m	1	
Waterproof Torch Floating and working	1	
2 means of communication Marine Radio and Mobile Phone in waterproof cover	1	

Insurance



- All boat owners competing in SASC events must hold current third-party property liability and personal liability insurance cover of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars) for each and every separate incident.
- Important Notice to Skippers: while the SASC maintains insurance appropriate for Club activities, this cover does not automatically extend to individual skippers or their vessels. Skippers must not assume that the Club's insurance will respond to incidents or losses arising from their participation. It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure they have adequate personal and vessel insurance in place.

Insurance (policy details...)



- Have you paid your annual insurance premium?
- Have you renewed your boat (TfNSW) Rego?
- Is your boat fit for your intended purpose?
- Are you covered for change of skipper/helmsperson?
- Do you have sufficient cover - offshore, spinnaker, racing?
- Have you checked your policy for exclusions – PDS?
- Do your crew have accident/liability insurance?
- SailPASS provides (limited) personal insurance coverage to individuals who are participating in sailing activities as a temporary member of a sailing club.

Racing



Helmsperson

- Change of regular helmsperson must be notified to the Sailing Office at least 24 hours before the Race.
- A boat may be disqualified for failing to notify the Race Committee of a change in helmsperson
- Check if you need to let your insurance company/broker know about a change of helmsperson

Racing



Crew - SailPASS

- Australian Sailing prescribes (RRS 46) that:
 - A boat shall have on board a person in charge designated by the member ... that entered the boat.
 - All persons on board a boat while racing shall be members of a Club affiliated to Australian Sailing and have an Australian Sailing number **or** hold a valid SailPASS....
- A SailPass can be obtained via the SASC Web site, with the first three being free and each additional SailPASS being \$10.00.
- A season SailPASS can be purchased for \$160.00 which expires on 31st May each year.

Racing



Sailing Instructions

- Each Season there are changes to the Sailing Instructions and courses
- Read the Sailing Instructions and become familiar with the courses before you race !
- Check the SailSys noticeboard (part of the skipper's race entrants screen in SailSys) for any amendments or updates for your Series/Race
- The Sailing Office will email skippers with any notifications and advise of (commercial) shipping movements.



Race Cancellation

Racing

- Race cancellation will be at the discretion of the Race Officer on the day with reasons for cancelling a Race including (but not be limited to);
 - Gale Warning for inshore waters (average 34 - 37kn) - Mandatory
 - Strong wind warning (average 26 - 33Kn)
 - Poor visibility
- Notification of race cancellations will be via:
 - SailSys SMS,
 - Placement of a notice on the Club notice board.
- A Race cancelled and not re-run will be scored zero points.
- It's the **Skippers responsibility** to decide whether to participate in a Race.

Racing



Boats intending to Race

- Sign-on via SailSys
- Prior to entering the start area **remove the anchor from the bow.** This provision may be enforced by the Race Officer with a DNE - Disqualification that is not excludable.
- Ensure you have the SASC racing A Flag (available from SASC office) displayed at or near the masthead or from the backstay
- Report to the Race Officer aboard the Committee Vessel and receive acknowledgement.

Racing



Boats intending to race (Cont.)

- Check the flags for Division start and courses – don't just follow the boat in front or in your Division (flags are identified inside front cover of NoR).
- Shortening a course may be;
 - at the start
 - at a mark
- Boats not actually engaged in starting **MUST KEEP CLEAR** of the starting area and other boats starting.
- Boats should endeavor to not sail through other Clubs' starting or finishing lines.

Racing

Y Flag



- When the Y Flag is displayed with one sound signal before or with the Warning Signal, competitors in boats with open non-self-draining cockpits and which are not fitted with sufficient in-built buoyancy to stay afloat whilst flooded, shall wear appropriate personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment
- Skippers can mandate when all crew must wear PFDs even if the Y Flag not displayed.
- RRS 1.2: Each competitor is **individually responsible** for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions.



Y Wear a personal flotation device (see [rule 40](#)).

Racing



Boats retiring

- Boats retiring from a race are required to notify the Committee Vessel via:
 - the Race Officers mobile 0419 625 883, or
 - hailing on VHF Channel 73, or
 - by any other suitable means

Racing



Sail Numbers

- RRS 77 requires that a boat's sail number match the number on her official entry list.
- Sail numbers shall comply with RRS 77 and the AS Prescription to RRS Appendix G (1.2) requiring **sail numbers to be of a contrasting colour to the body of the sail**
- Non-compliant boats may be recorded as DNQ by the Race Officer

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Sail numbers must be in a contrasting color to the sail



Racing

Know the Rules of Racing ...

- Buy the RRS 2025-28 book or download from the SASC web site
- Come to the rule's nights
- Ask members at the Club
- Ask members of the Protest Committee



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Protesting...

- The SASC encourage skippers to protest infractions, even if unsure of the specific application of the rules applying – it's a good way to learn.
- Protests must conform to RRS Rule 61.
- Completed protest forms must be delivered to the SASC Sailing Office no later than 11:00 on the first working day following the day of the Race being protested.
- Hearings will be held on the following Tuesday at the SASC clubhouse or as directed by the Protest Committee.
- Resources available on the SASC WEB site:



Racing

Risk minimization on the water

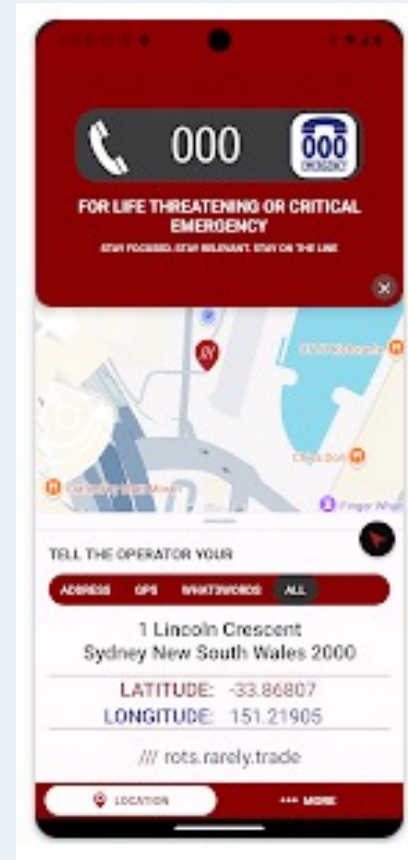
- Provide a safety briefing to your crew – each time !
- Train for on-water emergencies
 - person overboard
 - medical emergency
 - collision or grounding
- Ensure all crew can operate safety equipment
- Weather – check the forecast before you go out
- Check daily vessel movements on Sydney Harbour - advised via email
- SASC Safety Resources can be found on the WEB site -
<https://sasc.com.au/sailing/safety/>



Racing

Emergency Plus App

- Use Emergency Plus when calling 000 on the water.
- “What3words” – quote to the operator to determine your location.
- Proceed to the nearest ambulance pickup point or as directed.



Racing



Rendering assistance

- SASC Race Committee vessel is not designed as a rescue boat.
- RRS 1.1 Helping Those in Danger
 - A boat, competitor or support person shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger
 - If you see another boat in danger, you are required to stand by and render assistance as appropriate.
 - Redress can be sought from the Race Officer

Racing



Incidents

- Skippers must report all incidents that involve a fatality, serious injury and/or significant damage to NSW Water Police
- A written incident report must be emailed to the Sailing Office racing@sasc.com.au and to TfNSW within 24 hours if one of the following applies:
 - The incident has resulted in death or serious injury to a person
 - The incident has result in damage more than \$5,000 to a vessel or any other property
 - Damage or risk to the environment has occurred

Racing



Incidents Cont.

- The information you provide in your incident report plays an important part in supporting the way we improve safety on the water
- Report **all on-water incidents** to the Race Officer
- Following an incident that causes a loss, contact your insurance company ASAP
 - Check your specific policy(s) for details of reporting requirements

Volunteers



- The Club is always looking for new volunteers to join the Race Management team;
- Start boat volunteers (new start boat Kareela)
 - Friday twilights – all volunteer crew for the start boat.
 - Saturday and Sunday races.
- Race officers
- Equipment auditors
- Tender drivers (weekends)
- Training is available through the Club and on-line via AS



?Questions?

Thank you for your attention and please reach out to David Pryke at racing@SASC.com.au or by telephone on (02) 9953 6597 if you require any further information about the Clubs racing or to enquire about volunteering.