



# **SASC SKIPPERS' BRIEFING**

## **2023-24 SEASON**

**Club Captain**

**17<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – via Zoom**



# Agenda

1. Introduction
2. TFNSW Maritime Briefing
3. SASC 2023-24 Sailing Program
4. Getting Started
5. Safety – Incidents & Protests
6. Insurance
7. SailPass – Rule 46
8. Questions – via chat

## NOTE

**This skippers briefing is a requirement of the SASC Aquatic Event Licence exemption, given under the Marine Safety Regulation 2016, Exemption Order, Clause 140(1) under Schedule 1: General Conditions - Clause 6.**

[Clause 6. The Organiser must ensure that an Adequate Safety Briefing is provided to all participants prior to allowing participants to take part in the Sailing Event]





## TRANSPORT FOR NSW MARITIME SAFETY BRIEFING

BOATING SAFETY OFFICER - RIANNA JAMES







# RACING ADMIN

# Resources – SASC Home page

Visit the SASC Home page (<https://sasc.com.au>) for all things racing and Club related!





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2023-24 SAILING PROGRAM



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# Sailing Program



- **Lion Island Race**  
**Saturday 2nd September**
  - Boats with Cat 4 Compliance
- **Opening Day & Spring Series**  
**Saturday 9th September**
- **Ranger & Couta, Folkboat Sprints**  
**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September**
- **Sunday Racing**  
**24th September**
  - Combined with RPEYC Women on Water Regatta
- **Idle Hour Race**  
**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September**
  - Long weekend
  - Handicap start – BBQ at clubhouse after race
- **Twilight Racing**  
**Friday 6th October**
  - Early start at 5.30 –first 3 races
  - 2 x lady helm races

# Resources – online entries (TopYacht)



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## Entries for the SASC 2023-2024 Season:

- Block or Series Entry – [HERE](#)
- Individual Race Entry – [HERE](#)

## Documents – 2023-24 Season:

- [SASC Sailing Programme 2023-24](#)
- [Sailing Instructions](#)

Contact David Pryke with any queries: [racing@sasc.com.au](mailto:racing@sasc.com.au)

# Race entries online via TopYacht



1. 2023-24 Program will be mailed to all members and available on the website – please read and keep a copy on your yacht.
2. Download racing calendar from the SASC website
3. If you have previously raced with SASC your boat will already be in TopYacht
4. Enter as:
  - I. Block entry,
  - II. Single Series, or
  - III. Casual race entry
5. Equipment Audit forms can be uploaded
6. Insurance Certificate can be uploaded

Enter now online 😊

Queries or additional copies of Program contact  
David [racing@sasc.com.au](mailto:racing@sasc.com.au)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS					
* Upload relevant forms as per NOR/race documentation.					
Boat Photo (if required): jpg or png photos less than 3M					
Other documents: single pdf, jpg or png file less than 2M					
Important: try to scan docs other than photos in black and white at 200 dpi resolution to keep the upload small.					
Item	Form	Upload	File Date	View	status
Insurance Cert		<input type="button" value="upload"/>		<input type="button" value="view"/>	⊖
Equipmt Audit Form	<a href="#">Click</a>	<input type="button" value="upload"/>		<input type="button" value="view"/>	⊖





# Getting Started



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The Amateurs offers an active and successful sailing program on most weekends during the Spring/Summer season. Once daylight saving starts in October, the popular Friday night twilight races return. Our series offer competitive racing for Classics, Mixed Fleet, Cavalier 28 and Super 30 divisions as well as non-spinnaker divisions for the Sunday fleets.

We also run special events including the Lion Island and Bob Brown offshore races in addition to the popular Ranger & Couta Boat Sprints on Sydney Harbour.





# Race Management



**Volunteers don't get paid,  
not because they're  
worthless, but because  
they're priceless**

**Join the Race Management Team**

**Training will be provided**

**Contact David at [racing@sasc.com.au](mailto:racing@sasc.com.au)**

# Resources – Rules



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## 2021-24 Racing Rules of Sailing

The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) governs the sport of sailboat, sailboard and kite board racing. It is revised and published every four years by World Sailing. The 2021-2024 version with Australian Sailing prescriptions has been published and is now available to download below.

A copy of the RRS 2021-24 is required as part of your Equipment Audit. **Copies are available from the SASC Office at \$25.00 each.** An electronic copy is acceptable and can be downloaded by clicking on the image below:



### ADDITIONAL RRS RESOURCES:

An illustrated guide to rules applying around the course:



How good is your knowledge of the Rules? Play this animated quiz [Test your Rules Knowledge](#)

## Starting a Race – View Zoom Recording

Race Officer Mike Warner provides an overview of the starting sequences and flags used during the start of a race. Download the [recording](#) here: [Getting Started - Mike Warner Recording of Presentation](#)

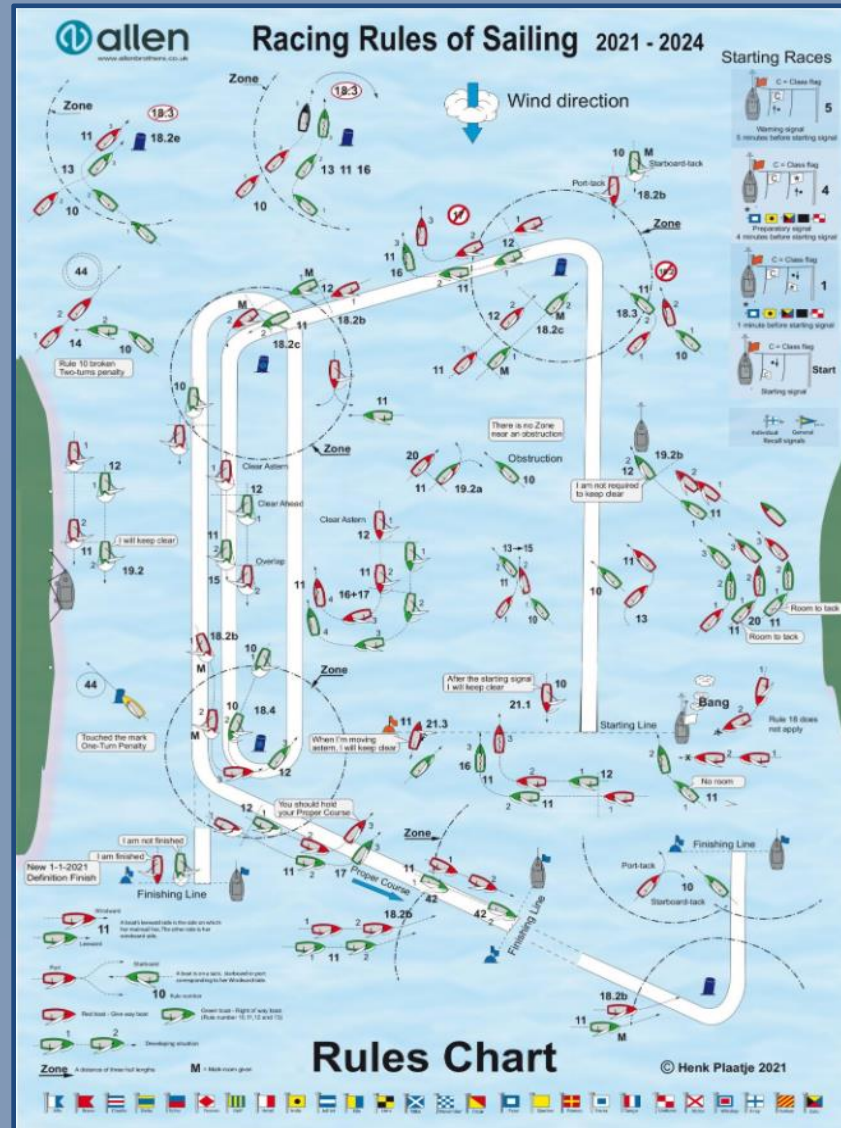
Download the presentation as a [PDF](#) here: [Getting Started - Mike Warner](#)

## Protests

Protests must conform to RRS Rule 61. Completed Protest forms must be delivered to the SASC Sailing Office no later than 1100 hours on the first working day following the day of the race protested. Hearings will be held on the following Tuesday at the SASC clubhouse or as directed by the Protest Committee.

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# Race Preparation

1. Read the Sailing Instructions and Courses - including the SASC General Sailing Instructions
2. Review the 'Getting Started' Zoom recording and PDF on website
3. Get a racing 'A Flag' available from SASC office
4. Remove your anchor from the bow
5. Communication before a race – email from Sailing Office with notifications to skippers and now advising of shipping movements.
6. Race Abandonments – text from Sailing office
  - I. Gale Warning for inshore waters
  - II. Strong wind warning or poor visibility

# Change of regular helmsman



1. Change of regular helmsman must be notified to the Sailing Office at least 24 hours before the race.
  - I. Have you told your insurance company/broker?
  - II. Person in Charge - Australian Sailing prescribes that the person in charge shall be a member of a Club affiliated to Australian Sailing and an Australian Sailing card holder
2. A yacht may be disqualified for failing to notify the Race Committee
3. The Committee reserves the right to alter the handicap.



# Safety Preparation



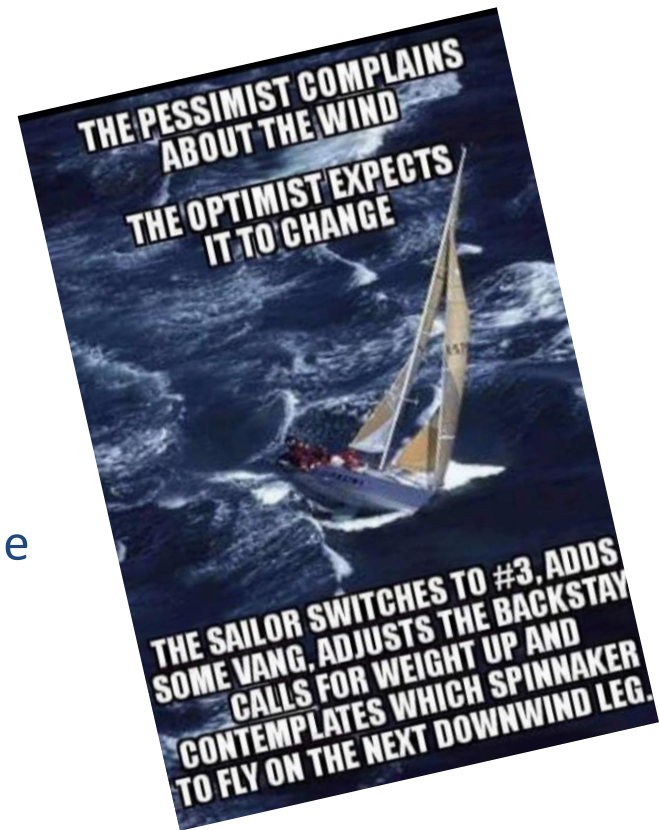
1. Brief your crew
2. Train for on-water emergencies
  - I. man overboard
  - II. medical emergency
  - III. collision or grounding
3. Can all crew operate safety equipment
4. Weather – check the forecast
5. Daily (commercial/navy) vessel movements in the harbour are advised via email



# On water safety



1. Yachts should be aware that Race Committee vessel & Nancy K **are not rescue boats.**
2. The responsibility during a race lies with other competitors to stand by or provide assistance if safe to do so
3. 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.
4. Report all on-water incidents to the Race Officer





# On the water

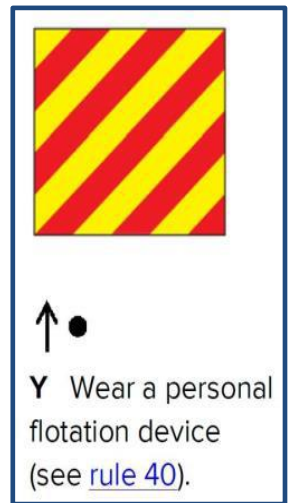


1. Yachts intending to race must report to the Race Officer aboard the Committee Vessel and receive their acknowledgement
2. Check the flags for Division start and courses – don't just follow yachts in your Division (inside front cover of SI's – general recall AP flag 😊)
3. Shortening course
  - I. At the start (Saturday races)
  - II. At a mark
4. Yachts not actually engaged in starting **MUST KEEP CLEAR** of the starting line and other yachts starting.
5. Yachts should endeavour to not sail through other clubs' starting or finishing lines.
6. Yachts retiring from a race are required to notify the Committee Vessel on Starter's mobile 0419 625 883, or by any other means - VHF Channel 73

# Y Flag



1. Each season there are changes to the Sailing Instructions and courses
2. Y Flag: When flag Y is displayed with one sound signal before or with the warning signal, competitors in yachts with open non-self-draining cockpits and which are not fitted with sufficient in-built buoyancy to stay afloat whilst flooded shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment
3. Skippers must decide when you and your crew need to wear PFDs even if Y Flag is not displayed





# Sail numbers must be a contrasting colour to the body of the sail and clearly legible



1. General Sailing Instruction 19 regarding permission to carry a sail displaying a different number to that shown on the list of entries must be observed
2. 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**
3. Yachts persistently displaying non-contrasting sail numbers may be marked DNF by the Race officer



# Equipment Audits



1. Owners are responsible to ensure that all equipment is kept up to date and in serviceable condition throughout the season.
2. Equipment audits are valid for 12 months from date of audit
3. Self-servicing personal flotation devices (PFD) is accepted at SASC – check if racing at other clubs...
4. Navigation lights – the General Sailing Instructions require all yachts which do not have navigation lights permanently fitted to comply with AS Special Regulations 3.23.4 and 3.23.5 and carry portable navigation lights capable of being attached to the boat.
5. You must display navigation lights:
  - I. at night (from sunset to sunrise)
  - II. at times of restricted visibility, such as when there's fog, smoke or glare.
6. The types of navigation lights you must display depend on your vessel type and size.





# Incidents & protests



**If you witness an incident  
requiring assistance,  
stand-by to provide  
assistance if safe to do so**

**(and request redress from the  
racing committee)**



# Incident Reporting

1. The skipper of each vessel must submit a Vessel Incident Report to the Sailing Office [racing@sasc.com.au](mailto:racing@sasc.com.au) and to Maritime (TfNSW) within 24 hours if:
  - I. a person is killed or injured.
  - II. there's more than \$5000 worth of damage to a vessel or other property, or
  - III. there's damage or a risk of damage to the environment
2. Contact your insurance company ASAP
3. A detailed incident report can help with an insurance claim, maritime investigation or protest result
4. The information you provide in your incident report plays an important part in supporting the way we improve safety on the water.
5. Incident reporting resources (Inc. forms) are on the SASC website







# Protesting

1. **Racing is a self-regulating sport – it's up to you to protest if there is an infringement.**
2. Protests must conform to RRS Rule 61.
3. Completed Protest forms must be delivered to the SASC Sailing Office no later than 11:00 hours on the first working day following the day of the race protested.
4. Hearings will be held on the following Tuesday at the SASC clubhouse or as directed by the Protest Committee.
5. Where there has been an incident that requires reporting to Maritime (TfNSW), SASC reports the results of findings of an inquiry (protest hearing) in writing to Maritime within 28 days of the incident

## **!Know the rules!**

# Resources – Protests



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# Insurance, RRS 46 and SailPass

# Yacht Insurance/Registration



1. Owners of yachts competing in SASC events must hold Third-Party Property Liability insurance cover (Inc. Personal Liability) cover of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars) for each separate incident. GSI Item 34
2. Check that you have;
  - I. paid your annual premium
  - II. renewed your boat registration
  - III. coverage for change of skipper
  - IV. sufficient cover for the type of sailing you undertake – offshore, spinnaker, social racing, etc.
  - V. checked your policy for exclusions – look at the PDS
3. Skippers are advised that although SASC is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover DOES NOT extend to participants in racing related events

# Crew Insurance



## RRS 46 - PERSON IN CHARGE (abridged)

1. A boat shall have on board a person in charge designated by the member or organization that entered the boat.
2. AS prescribes that the person in charge shall be a member of a Club affiliated to AS and have an AS number
3. Furthermore, any crew member who sails in more than 3 races in a season shall be a member of a Club affiliated to AS and have an AS number.
4. From 1st January 2022, all persons on board a boat while racing shall be members of a Club affiliated to AS and have an AS number or hold a valid SailPass. This is the skipper's responsibility.
5. Your boat insurance does not cover your crew

**AS insurance cover for members while racing has been increased**



# Australian Sailing Membership Options



1. SASC Crew membership - \$308
2. SASC Season SailPass - \$150
3. SailPass – 3 free then \$8 day

If your crew are sailing regularly **encourage them to take either a yearly sail pass or crew membership**

We will be running a crew list again in 2023-24 and encourage you to give people a run where you can and develop membership opportunities.



# Summary

1. Check the SASC website or the Sailing Program
2. Complete your equipment audits
3. Enter your races via Top Yacht
4. Join the SASC volunteer team with training provided
5. Watch out for emails from Sailing Office
- 6. Season Opening Party – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September from 7pm**
7. Contact David with any queries at [racing@sasc.com.au](mailto:racing@sasc.com.au)



**Thank you!**  
**Enjoy your**  
**sailing season**



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