



Australian Sharpie Sailing Association
81st Australian Championship
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



29 December 2024 – 06 January 2025

Organising Authority:
Keppel Bay Sailing Club Inc.

on behalf of
Australian Sharpie Sailing Association (Queensland
Division)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 – Off the Beach Boats will apply.
- 1.3. [DP] Denotes a rule in the Sailing Instructions (SI) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification
- 1.4. [SP] Denotes a rule in the SI for which a standard penalty will be applied by Race Committee without hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- 1.5. a) RRS 42.3(c) is changed in accordance with the Class Association By-Laws, Part B, Clause 20(1) to allow “On a free leg of the course when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the leeward side of a wave) or planing is possible, the Yacht’s crew may, in order to initiate surfing or planing, pump the sheet, boom or guy, controlling any sail a maximum of three (3) times for each wave or gust of wind.”

b) Devices which indicate remotely or transmit or correlate data about wind direction, wind speed, boat speed or location shall be prohibited in accordance with the Class Association By-Laws, Part B, Clause 20(2).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on window of the Keppel Bay Sailing Club Regatta Office and on the What’s App group.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2. Competitors may be notified via the What’s App no later than 20:00 on the day preceding a race session, advising the earliest possible time of first warning signal and the likely number of races to be attempted after that time. The earliest possible time of first warning will be displayed on the official notice board at the club from 09:00 each day, and no redress will be granted for competitors who do not receive the What’s App notification.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal mast located adjacent to the southeast corner of the clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1.

Date	Time	Event
Sunday 29 December 2024	0900 - 1730	Registration & Measurement
Monday 30 December 2024	1000	Competitors Meeting
	1200	2 Invitation Races
	1730	Welcome Night
Tuesday 31 December 2024	1300	Race Session
	1700	New Year's Eve Party
Wednesday 1 January 2025		LAY DAY
Thursday 2 January 2025	1300	Race Session
Friday 3 January 2025	1200	Race Session
	1730	States Night
Saturday 4 January 2025		LAY DAY
Sunday 5 January 2025	1030	Race Session
Monday 6 January 2025	1100	Race Session
	1800	Presentation Evening

5.2. Competitor meetings may be held approximately 2 hours before each race session.

5.3. Flag L displayed on the race committee vessel indicates that another race will be started following the completion of the current race.

5.4. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

5.5. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

6. CLASS FLAG

6.1. The Class flag will be the Sharpie class flag.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the water of Keppel Bay east of Yeppoon main beach.

Racing Area is defined as:

Before the starting signal, the racing area is within 100 metres of the starting line or its extensions.

After the starting signal, the racing area is 100 metres outside any point where a boat might sail during normal racing and includes the area bounded by the marks of the course at all times when any boat is racing.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The diagram in Attachment B shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed.
- 8.2. The Course to be sailed will be identified by its number on a board displayed at the back of the Race committee vessel.
- 8.3. All marks should be rounded to port except where a gate is used.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks 1 and 2 will be Yellow inflatable buoys.
- 9.2. Mark 1a will be a Red inflatable buoy.
- 9.3. Marks 3S and 3P will be Orange inflatable buoys.
- 9.4. New marks, as provided in SI 11, will be an orange inflatable buoy.
- 9.5. The finishing mark will be a yellow pencil mark with a black and white checkered band.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel on the starboard end and a red inflatable buoy at the port end.
- 10.2. A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between the mast displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat at one end and the course side of the finishing mark at the other end.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14. TIME LIMIT AND TARGET TIME

- 14.1. Time limit and target time are as follows:

Course	Target Time	Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finish Window
Short	45	20 minutes	75minutes	20 minutes
Long	60	25 minutes	90 minutes	20 minutes

- 14.2. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 14.3. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15. ARBITRATION & POST RACE PENALTIES

- 15.1. Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply. Attachment C details RRS Appendix T, “Arbitration”.
- 15.2. RRS T1(b) Post Race Penalty of a 30% Scoring Penalty is replaced by a 20% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c).

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the Regatta Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the regatta office within the protest time limit.
- 16.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 16.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the observation room on the top floor of the clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.
- 16.4. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5. Breaches of SIs 19 and 22 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 16.6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request (by a party to a hearing) for reopening a hearing or a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered:
 - a. within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision the previous day.
 - b. no later than 30 minutes after the decision if it was posted on that day.

This changes RRS 62.2 and RRS 66.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. The regatta will consist of up to 10 races, not including the two (2) invitation races, of which four (4) championship races must be completed to constitute a series.
 - 17.1.1. When fewer than six (6) championship races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 17.1.2. When from six (6) to eight (8) championship races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 17.1.3. When from nine (9) to ten (10) championship races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two (2) scores.
- 17.2. Any handicap results will be determined by the Australian Sharpie Sailing Association (Qld Division).

18. PRIZES

- 18.1. The following prizes will be awarded;
 - The Addison Bros. Trophy to the winner of the Australian Championship.
 - The Geoff Augustine Trophy for the crew of the boat winning the Australian Championship.
 - The Alcorso Trophy to second place in the Australian Championship.
 - The Fred Meyer Trophy to third place in the Australian Championship.
 - The Phil Durham Trophy to fourth place in the Australian Championship.
 - The Golden Oldies Trophy to the competitor over 40 years of age with the best points score

over the ten (10) Championship races.

- The Erky Mitton Trophy to the competitor over 50 years of age with the best points score over the ten (10) Championship races.
- The Westpac Trophy for consistency on handicap over the ten (10) Championship races.
- The Ray Callard Trophy to the winner on handicap in the first practice race.
- The Bretts Plywood Trophy to the winner on handicap in the second practice race.
- The Graham Keys Trophy to the first Female Skipper in the Australian Championship with the best points score over the ten (10) Championship races.
- The Red Hand Trophy to the country representative with the best points score over the ten (10) Championship races.
- The Tomlinson Trophy to the junior representative with the best points score over the ten (10) Championship races.
- The Bishops Team Trophy for the best team effort over the ten (10) Australian Championship races. The first five (5) boats to finish from each State team to score points towards the trophy. The points score system to be as for the Australian Championship.
- The O'Grady Cup to the helmsman of the team representative boat who achieves the best score over all races of the regatta. The results of the practice races shall, for this purpose, be computed as for the Australian Championship races.
- The Don Shields Perpetual Trophy to the non-team representative in the Australian Championship with the best points score over the ten (10) championship races.
- The George Laurens Trophy to the non-team representative in the Australian Championship with the best points score over the ten (10) championship races on handicap.
- The Mark Peelgrane Memorial Trophy to the helmsman who achieves the most wins over all ten (10) races of the regatta, with a tie being decided by a count back of other finishing positions.

18.2. Other Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1. [SP] To Sign On for each race day session competitors shall personally use the Sign On/Off board that will be located at the top of the ramp on race days. This action may not be undertaken by a boat representative.
- 19.2. [SP] Failure to sign on will result in the boat having a 20% scoring penalty applied (but not worse than DNF) for the first race in the session. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 19.3. [SP] Failure to sign off within the protest time limit will result in the boat having a 20% scoring penalty applied (but not worse than DNF) for the last race in the session. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 19.4. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible and sign off on shore.
- 19.5. [DP] Personal Floatation Devices. Competitors are reminded that it is a requirement under Australian Sailing Special Regulations that they wear approved personal flotation devices at all times while afloat and not just when racing.

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1. [DP] Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 20.2. [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the technical committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the technical committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Requests can be lodged at the Regatta Office.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Ashore, a boat or equipment may be inspected or measured at any time for compliance with the class rules and these sailing instructions.

22. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 22.1. [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

23. ADVERTISING, MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

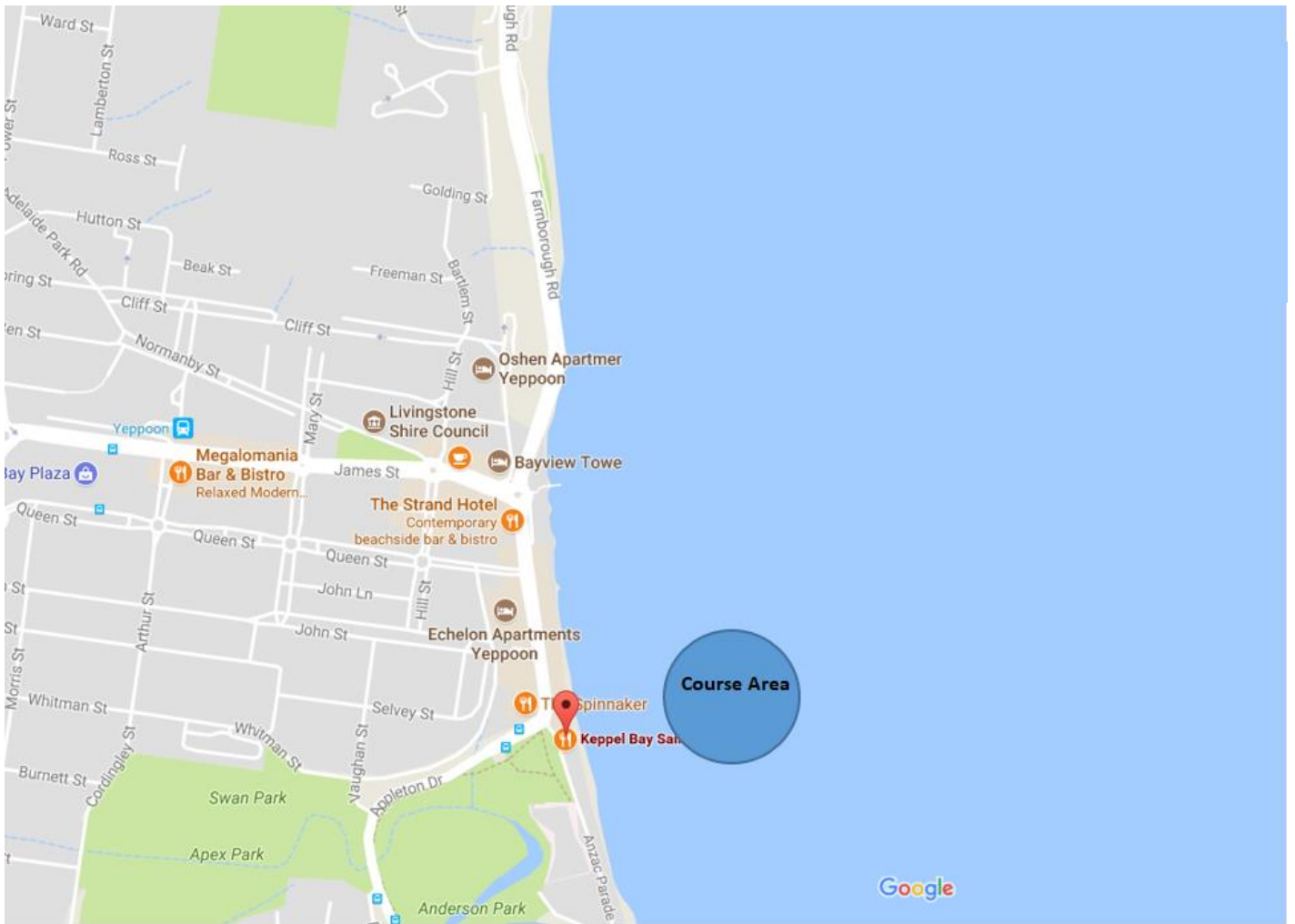
- 23.1. Advertising is permitted in accordance with WS Regulation 20 - Appendix 1 - Advertising.
- 23.2. The OA reserves the right to refuse advertising on any boat, if it is considered offensive to public taste or if it contravenes the laws of the state and/or federal government.
- 23.3. [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA. If this rule is broken World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.
- 23.4. The owner or charterer of a competing boat and all crew members shall grant the KBSC, QSSA and the Australian Sharpie Association unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any medium, names, images, data of the crew and still and moving images of the boat and its crew prior to, during and after the regatta.

24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 24.1. All those taking part in the race do so at their own risk and responsibility. By entering their names on a boats crew list, crew members acknowledge that by doing so they release the KBSC, QSSA and the Australian Sharpie Association, the race sponsor and any other sponsor of the regatta and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members, from all liability and grant the rights referred to in NOR 19.
- 24.2. Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3 (Decision to race), which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

ATTACHMENT A:

Racing Area



ATTACHMENT B:

Courses

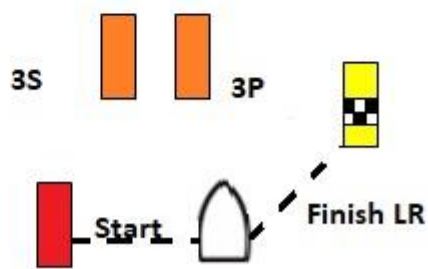
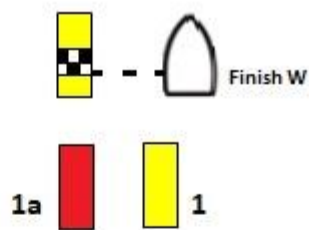
Courses designation and order in which marks shall be passed are:

Course 1: - 1-1a, 3s-3p, 1-1a, 2, 3p, 1-1a, 3p finish LR

Course 2: - 1-1a, 3s-3p, 1-1a, 2, 3p, 1-1a - 3s-3p finish W

Course 3: - 1-1a, 3s-3p, 1-1a, 2, 3p, finish LR

Course 4: - 1-1a, 3s-3p, 1-1a, 2, 3p, finish W



Triangle angles are approximate for 45 – 90 – 45

Diagram is not to scale

ATTACHMENT C:
ARBITRATION (RRS APPENDIX T)

T1. POST-RACE PENALTIES

Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.

A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies. (SI 15.2 changes this to a 20% scoring penalty)

A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the arbitrator or a member of the protest committee a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

T2. ARBITRATION MEETING

An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest by a boat involving one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31, but only if each party is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witnesses will be permitted. However, if the arbitrator decides that rule 44.1(b) may apply or that arbitration is not appropriate, the meeting will not be held, and if a meeting is in progress, it will be closed.

T3. ARBITRATOR'S OPINION

Based on the evidence given by the representatives, the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the committee is likely to decide:

the protest is invalid, no boat will be penalized for breaking a rule, or one or more boats will be penalized for breaking a rule, identifying the boats and the penalties.

T4. ARBITRATION MEETING OUTCOMES

After the arbitrator offers an opinion,

a boat may take a Post-Race Penalty, and a boat may ask to withdraw her protest. The arbitrator may then act on behalf of the protest committee in accordance with rule 63.1 to allow the withdrawal.

Unless all protests involving the incident are withdrawn, a protest hearing will be held