



# SB20 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER TO MONDAY 11 DECEMBER

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority: The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania

[DP] Discretionary Penalty

[NP] Not protestable by a competitor

### 1. Organising Authority

Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania.

### 2. Rules

The Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Class Rule C.5.1 is deleted and replaced with the safety equipment list in Appendix C of the Notice of Race.

Appendix P will apply to this regatta changed so that P2.1 is changed to a one-turn penalty, and P2.2 will apply to second and subsequent penalties. P2.3 is deleted.

Appendix T Arbitration will apply to this regatta as changed below.

There may be on-water rules observers, who may notify competitors on the water, by blowing a whistle, that a rule breach was observed. In this case competitors may consider taking a penalty at the time or initiating a protest. Protests arising from these observations may be initiated by the Protest Committee under RRS 60.3.

### 3. Entries

Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the organising authority in accordance with the Notice of Race.

### 4. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the south-western end of the RYCT clubhouse.

### 5. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board not less than 60 minutes prior to the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

### 6. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flag pole at the RYCT marina entrance.

Flag AP with two sound signals (one when lowered) means "The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after AP is lowered." This changes *Race Signals*.

Flag T means towing is allowed to and from the racing area.

### 7. Schedule of Races

Day	Time	Event
Fri 8 Dec	0900 – 11:00	Registration & Crew Weigh-In at RYCT
Fri 8 Dec	11:00	Competitor Briefing
Fri 8 Dec	13:00	Championship Races
Sat 9 Dec	13:00	Championship Races
Sun 10 Dec	13:00	Championship Races
Mon 11 Dec	13:00	Championship Races
Mon 11 Dec	After Race	Prize Presentation

The Warning Signal for back to back races will be made not less than five minutes after the last boat has finished the previous race. Competitors are expected to remain afloat and in the vicinity of the starting line.

There will be no more than four races on any day.

After a long postponement, to alert boats that a start sequence will begin soon an orange flag will be displayed with one sound. The orange flag will be displayed for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1530 hours.

## 8. Class Flag

SB20 Class insignia on a white background.

## 9. Racing Area

As shown in NoR Appendix B.

## 10. Course

The course shall be as set out in Attachment 1.

## 11. Marks

**1, 1a, 2S & 2P** Yellow inflatable buoy

**Starting Line** Pin Boat with an orange staff or a yellow & red inflatable buoy

**Starting distance mark** Green flag mark

**Finishing Line** Black & white chequered inflatable.

**Change of Course** Orange inflatable.

NB: In a change of course, Mark 1a will not be deployed.

## 12. The Start

The starting line will be between orange poles on race committee boats at each end of the starting line, or an orange pole on a race committee boat at the starboard end and a starting mark at the port end. A green distance mark may be laid, to be left on the same side as the RC boat.

**[DP] [NP]** A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

Information may be relayed to competitors using VHF Channel 10.

## 13. Change of Course After the Start

A change of course after the start will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark. This changes Rule 33.

In a change of course, mark 1a will not be deployed.

## 14. The Finish

The finishing line will be between an orange pole on the race committee finishing boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

Code Flag L when flown from a race committee boat at the Finish shall mean **Another Race will start as soon as practical**. This changes Race Signals.

## 15. Time Limit

**[NP]** The time limit for the first boat to reach Mark 1 is 30 minutes and for the first boat to *Finish* is 75 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Rule 35.

Target time for a race will be 55 minutes. Failure to meet a target time will not be grounds for redress.

## 16. Support Boats [DP][NP]

A boat shall receive no outside assistance from support boats or support persons or otherwise once she has left the dock for the day until the finish of the last race of the day, except in the case of emergency and/or towing where the Race Committee has communicated to the fleet that all competitors may accept a tow. For the avoidance of doubt, outside assistance includes verbal communication and the transfer of physical items. Notwithstanding the above, toilet stops are permitted as required on designated boats.

No support boat will go within 100 metres of the course, any racing boat or a *mark* of the course while boats are *racing* unless requested by the Race Committee to do so or in an emergency.

Penalties for a breach of this Sailing Instruction will be at the discretion of the National Jury up to and including disqualification of all boats associated with the team or private support boat.

At all times, support boats must be on call on VHF channel 10.

In the State of Tasmania, the law requires that all occupants of powered craft under 6m in length shall wear an approved lifejacket at all times when underway.

## 17. Measuring & Equipment Checks

All boats and equipment shall be available for measurement where the following measurements will be taken:

- a) Crew weighing according to the SB20 Class Measurement Rules. For this item the full crew shall be presented at the same time.
- b) Safety and Equipment checks.
- c) Boats should be prepared for full inspection, including hull weight control.
- d) Random measurement checks may be made during the regatta at the discretion of the Race Committee.

Competitors are reminded of the Limitations on crew and equipment imposed by Section C of the Class Rules.

## 18. Penalties

Rule 44.1 is amended so that one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

Appendix P will apply to this regatta modified so that P2.2 will apply to second and subsequent penalties, and P2.3 is deleted. In P2.1 a two-turns penalty is replaced by a one-turn penalty.

A schedule of boats penalised under Rule 42 & Appendix P will be posted on the Jury noticeboard.

Decisions of the national jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

## 19. Protests & Requests for Redress

Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the race office no more than 60 minutes after the last boat's finish in the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals 'no more racing today'.

Protests & requests for redress will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible. Protests will be held in the Jury Room at the northern end of the RYCT site.

Within 30 minutes of the end of Protest Time, a schedule will be posted on the Jury noticeboard listing the parties to the protests and any witnesses.

On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

In the case of requests for redress relating to Rules 30.3 and 30.4, the requesting party shall hear the race officers' recordings of the starts prior to requesting redress. The recordings will be available at the race office before the end of Protest Time.

Appendix T Arbitration will apply to this regatta amended so that an arbitrator may be part of a protest committee in a subsequent protest.

## 20. Electronic Communications [DP]

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive electronic communications while racing which are not available to all boats. This includes mobile phones. Race information may be broadcast on VHF Ch 10.

## 21. Scoring

Three races will constitute a series. Where six or more races are completed a boat's worst score will be excluded. There will be a maximum of 10 races. Where fewer than six races are completed there will be no discard. This changes Appendix A.2.

Requests for scoring review may be lodged with the Race Office on the Scoring Review form.

## 22. Trash Disposal [NP]

Trash may be put on board RC boats.

## 23. Safety Sign-on and Sign-off [NP]

Daily collection and return of each boat's tracker as described in SI 24 is the safety sign-on and sign-off. Failure to comply with this sailing instruction will incur a 5 point scoring penalty, but not exceeding DSQ, in her first race of the day.

## 24. Trackers [NP]

Each boat shall carry GPS tracking equipment supplied by the Organising Authority (OA). Each helm shall collect their tracker each day from the

board at the club house and attach it as described in Attachment 2.

After racing each day, each helm shall return their tracker to the board in the club house area within the protest time limit.

## 25. Haulout Restrictions [DP][NP]

Boats shall be launched by 1200 on Friday 8 December 2017 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta (wet regatta) except with prior permission of the Race Committee. Boats will be berthed at RYCT and DSS.

## 26. Prizes

Overall prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> on line honours.

First placed Women's (minimum 50% of crew must be female including the skipper)

First placed Masters (skipper over 50 years of age and average age of crew over 50)

First placed Youth (skipper under 26 years of age and average age of crew under 26)

Age date is at 8 December 2017.

There will be a Corinthian prize for the first Corinthian boat in the fleet. Corinthian crews will contain no sailors who are or would be classified Group 3 in the World Sailing Sailor Classification Code.

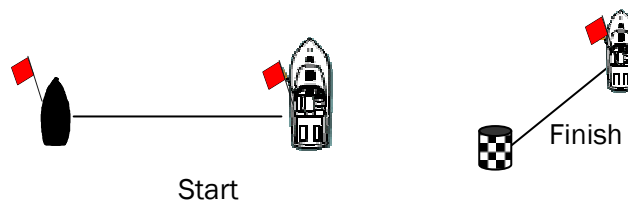
Division prizes will be awarded to the highest placed Women's, Masters', Youth and Corinthian in the overall results in the whole fleet.

## 27. Responsibility

All those taking part in the SB20 Australian Championship 2017 races do so at their own risk and responsibility. RYCT is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4 which states ***The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.***

## Attachment 1

Course – Not to scale.



**Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2p – Finish**

Marks 1, 1a and 2p are to be left to port and Mark 2s is to be left to starboard.

If a gate mark is missing, the remaining mark will be left to port.

## Attachment 2 - Trackers

### Attachment Instructions [NP]

Trackers are to be collected personally by each helm from the Trackers Board at the club house each day and attached securely to the boat, using the snap shackle at the top of their waterproof case, or stowed securely in a garment pocket. See image below.

At the end of racing each day, the tracker is to be returned in its case, by each helm personally, to the Trackers Board at the club house.

