

Sailing Instructions 2009-10

DSS/RYCT Dinghy Group & SBSC Combined Events

1 Organising Authority

The Organising Authority is the Joint Sailing Committee made up of delegates from Derwent Sailing Squadron/Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania Dinghy Group (herein referred to as 'Dinghy Group') and Sandy Bay Sailing Club.

2 Rules

All races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats. The races are designated Category 'C' unless Class restrictions apply.

The Race Committee may apply changes to Rule 42 as allowed by various Class Rules. Changes to Rule 42 will be applied and signalled as described in the various Class Rules.

3 Entries

Eligible boats and competitors may be entered for the season by completing registration and entry formalities at their home club. Entries for individual races can be lodged by completing the Entry Form at the Race Office at their club.

To be eligible boats must comply with the relevant class association rules.

Eligible competitors are competitors who are not under suspension applied by any club affiliated with Yachting Tasmania. All crew members shall be a current member of either Dinghy Group, SBSC or a YT/YA affiliated Club.

To be eligible, skippers who are not members of Dinghy Group or SBSC will have paid the prescribed non-member race fee of \$50 per pennant series, and will be a financial member of a Club affiliated with Yachting Tasmania/Yachting Australia.

4 Sign On – Sign Off

All competitors must Sign On before the start of their race and must Sign Off on the Declaration Form no later than one hour after the finishing time of the last boat in the class in which they sail. When races are sailed back to back, competitors need only Sign On and Off once for the back to back races.

Competitors who have not Signed-On at the start of their first race of the day will be penalised five (5) places (but not worse than DNF) for that race, without a hearing. Competitors who do not Sign-Off within one (1) hour of the last boat in their last race of the day will be penalised five (5) places (but not worse than DNF) for that race, without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1. A breach of this SI will not be subject to protest by another boat.

All boats must also sign on verbally at the Committee Boat, by hailing their sail number.

5 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at DSS and/or RYCT (as applicable) and outside the Secretary's Office at SBSC.

6 Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted 90 minutes before the race in which it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800hrs on the race day before it will take effect.

7 Signals Made Ashore

- 7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagmast at DSS and/or RYCT, and at the SBSC Starting Box.
- 7.2 Flag AP with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means 'The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered.'
- 7.3 Flag D with three sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means 'No yacht shall leave the shore and all yachts on the water shall immediately return to the shore'.

8 Schedule of Events

See attached Schedule.

9 Starting Times

For Pennant & Trophy Races, the Warning Signal for the first race of the first class will be no earlier than 1330hrs except where part of a series for which separate Sailing Instructions have been issued. For races not part of a series for which separate Sailing Instructions have been issued, such as resails of abandoned or postponed races, the time of the first Warning Signal will be included in the Change to the Program posted in accordance with SI 6 'Changes in Sailing Instructions'. All other Starting Times will be included in Sailing Instructions issued for separate events.

Where more than one race is scheduled for a particular day, races may be conducted Back to Back, with the second and subsequent races commencing as soon as practicable after the completion of the preceding race. Starting order may be altered to avoid unreasonable delays. Alterations will be advised to competitors verbally.

10 Class Flags

CLASS	CLASS SIGNAL
Senior Sabot	White Flag/ One Sabot
Junior Sabot	White Flag/Two Sabots
Int. Cadet Gold	Code flag 'Y' and gold flag
Int. Cadet Blue	Code flag 'Y'
Int. Optimist	Optimist Class Flag
Int. 2.4mR	2.4mR Class Flag
Flying 11	Code Flag 'F'
Int. 420	420 Class Flag
Int. 470	470 Class Flag
29er	29er Class Flag (Pink/Black)
Laser	Laser Class Flag
Windsurfer	Code Flag 'G'
Sharpie	Sharpie Class Flag
Open	Code Flag 'H'

11 Racing Area

The racing area will be the part of the Derwent Estuary between Battery Point and a line between Cartwright's Point and Droughty Point.

12 The Start

12.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 in the following order:

'A' Course Area

Senior Sabot
International Cadet Gold
International Cadet Blue
Flying 11
International 420
Sharpie/29er/Int. 470
Laser
Windsurfer
Open

'B' Course Area

International Optimist
Junior Sabot
Senior Sabot
International Cadet Gold

If small class numbers, the Race Committee may combine two or more classes. If a class is not represented there shall be no signal made for that class and the Warning Signal for

the next class in order will be made. The order may be changed by the Race Committee without notice to facilitate the smooth conduct of the race program.

- 12.2 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.
- 12.3 A boat shall not start later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal.
- 12.4 Start lines are described in each Course Description (SI 13).

13 The Courses

'A' Course Area

The diagram in Illustration 'A' shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Mark 1 will be approximately 800 metres from Mark 4.

Illustration 'A'



(S – Mark 1 approx 800m. S – Mark 1 A approx 1100m)

Course 1 (Numeral Pennant 1)

International Cadets, Senior Sabots:	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – Finish
Int. 420, Flying 11:	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – Finish
Sharpie, 470:	Start – 1A – 2 – 4 – 1A – 4 – 1A – 2 – Finish
Laser & Laser Radial:	Start – 1 – 4 – 1 – 4 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
Laser 4.7:	Start – 1 – 4 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
Windsurfer, B14, 29er:	Start – 1A – 4 – 1A – 4 – 1A – Finish

Course 2 (Numeral Pennant 2)

International Cadets:	Start – 1 – 2 – 4 – 1 – 4 – 1 – Finish
Sabot:	Start – 1 – 2 – 4 – 1 – 4 – 1 – 2 – Finish
Laser & Laser Radial:	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – Finish
Laser 4.7:	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – Finish

Course 3 (Numeral Pennant 3)

International Cadets, Senior Sabots	Start – 1 – 4 – 1 – Finish (2 laps)
Int. 420, Flying 11, Laser, Windsurfer:	Start – 1 – 4 – 1 – 4 – 1 – Finish (3 laps)
Sharpie, 470:	Start – 1A – 4 – 1A – 4 – 1A – Finish (4 laps)

13.1 Marks ('A' Course)

Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be yellow pyramid inflatable buoys. Mark 1A will be an orange cylindrical inflatable buoy. Change of course mark will be a fluoro orange inflatable.

13.2 The Start

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a fisherman's buoy bearing an orange flag at the port end.

When starting, all yachts shall pass to port of a fisherman's buoy bearing a green flag which may be laid approximately on the starting line.

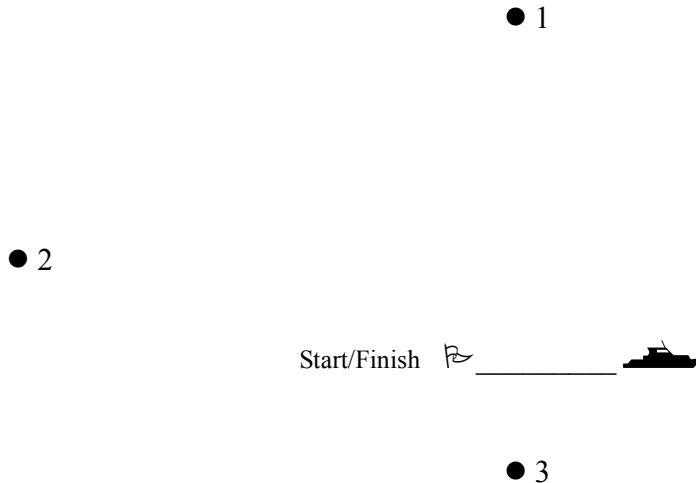
13.3 The Finish

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on a race committee boat and a fisherman's buoy bearing an orange flag at the port end.

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.

Note: Windsurfers must remain clear of the start-finish line at all times unless starting or finishing the race.

‘B’ Course Area



Course 1 (Numeral Pennant 1)

Optimist	Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish
Sabot	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
Int. Cadet	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish

Course 2 (Numeral Pennant 2)

Optimist	Start – 1 – 3 – Finish
Sabot	Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish
Int. Cadet	Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish

13.4 Marks (B Course)

Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be orange and white inflatable buoys.

13.5 When shortening course at Mark 3, a Race Committee boat will fly code flag ‘S’ and make two (2) sound signals. Boats shall proceed directly to the Finish line. This changes RRS 32.2. When shortening course at all other Marks, RRS 32.2 shall apply unaltered.

13.6 The Start

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a fisherman's buoy bearing Code Flag 'O' at the port end.

When starting, all yachts shall pass to port of a fisherman's buoy bearing a green flag which may be laid approximately on the starting line.

13.7 The Finish

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on a race committee boat and a fisherman's buoy bearing Code Flag 'O' at the port end.

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.

14 Sabot Divisions

Sabot Junior

Sailing two up, both crew members under 12 or whose twelfth birthday falls within the 2009-2010 season.

Sabot Senior

Over 12 and under 16 sailing one up, or whose sixteenth birthday falls within the 2009-2010 season. Junior sailors, as above, whose twelfth birthday falls in the current sailing season have the option of sailing as a one-up senior.

15 Time Limit

The time limit for each class will be 90 minutes. For boats failing to finish within 30 minutes (15 minutes for Windsurfers) of the first boat to finish or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Racing Rule 35.

16 Declarations

- 16.1 Helms who, to the best of their knowledge, have sailed the correct course without infringement of rules or sailing instructions shall sign the "Sign Off" form located at the RYCT dinghy sheds within 60 minutes of the finishing time of the last boat to finish in their class. All other helms should sign this form as RETIRED.

It is incumbent on each helm or their crew to complete the "Sign Off" sheet in legible handwriting showing surname and first initial, whether or not the boat completed the course, within 60 minutes of the finishing time of the last boat to finish in their class. Initials are not adequate.

- 16.2 See SI 4 for consequences of failure to Sign On or Off .

- 16.3 Boats returning to venues other than Dinghy Group or SBSC should make every effort to advise the Race Committee in the event of retirement.

17 Protests

- 17.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Race Office (either Dinghy Group or SBSC) and delivered there within one hour after the time of the last boat's finish in the last race of the day. Boats wishing to protest under Part 2 of the RRS or RRS 31 must hail their intention to do so to the Race Committee boat before leaving the vicinity of the finish. Boats must ensure that their hail is acknowledged by the sailing staff on board the Race Committee boat.
- 17.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 17.3 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.
- 17.4 Mediation

Mediation will be conducted for all protests purportedly lodged in accordance with Racing Rule 61. This procedure will be conducted subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing. The time and place will be decided by the mediator. Such advice will be given verbally. One representative of each party to the protest may attend the mediation meeting and no witnesses will be allowed. The mediator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.

The mediator shall be appointed by the Joint Sailing Committee. Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the mediator shall not be a member of the protest committee nor be called as witness at that hearing. Mediation proceedings are confidential and shall not be used as evidence at a subsequent protest hearing.

After taking testimony the mediator shall make one of the following conclusions:

- The protest does not comply with Racing Rule 61 and the protester may withdraw the protest.
- The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. This may be because one or more of the parties to the protest decline involvement in the mediation process, or because the evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a timely conclusion, or due to the severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason decided by the mediator.
- There was no infringement and the protester may withdraw the protest.
- There has been an infringement by one or more yachts. The infringing yacht(s) may accept scoring points equal to a finishing place mid-way between the yachts actual finishing position and a disqualification. If so accepted the protester may withdraw the protest. The scores of other yachts shall be adjusted accordingly.

A mediation hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of the mediator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.

18 Handicapping

The Dinghy Group and SBSC may decide to handicap designated races.

Races in which more than one class compete may be handicapped using yardsticks approved by Yachting Tasmania.

19 Results

Provisional results may be posted on the notice board after each race or, if more than one race on any day, after the last race of the day. The time of posting shall be noted thereon and protests arising from information on the result sheet may be lodged up to twenty four hours after the time of posting. Results may also be published in the daily press during the week following the race.

20 Pennant Scoring (SBSC Classes)

The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if six (6) races have been completed and her two worst scores if eight (8) or more races are completed. Ten (10) races are scheduled, of which five (5) races shall be completed to constitute a series.

The following clause is to replace the first sentence of Rule A4.2:

A boat which came to the starting area but did not *start*, did not *finish*, retired after *finishing* or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of all boats that came to the starting area. A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered for the series.

Pennant Points shall accrue to the Helm.

21 Pennant Scoring (Dinghy Group)

The Pennant Series will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the RRS using the Bonus Point System. Three races shall be completed to constitute a series, and if only four races are sailed, all shall count.

22 Prizes - SBSC (Note SBSC and Dinghy Group will be responsible for determining their own trophies)

22.1 Pennant Series

Trophies will be awarded for club pennants as follows:

If in total 10 or more individual yachts of a particular class start in the first four scheduled races, not abandoned, in the pennant series for that class then trophies will be awarded to the first three (3) places, both helm and crew if applicable.

If in total between six and nine individual yachts of a particular class start in the first four scheduled races, not abandoned, in the pennant series for that class then trophies will be awarded to first and second place, both helm and crew, if applicable.

If in total between three and five individual yachts of a particular class start in the first four scheduled races, not abandoned, in the pennant series for that class then trophies will be awarded to first place, both helm and crew, if applicable.

No trophies will be awarded if in total less than three individual yachts of a particular class start in the first four scheduled races, not abandoned, in the pennant series for that class. However, as with all pennant winners, the winner of the pennant series shall be entered on the Pennant Shield in the Clubhouse.

For yachts using multiple crews during the season or a series, trophies will be awarded to both helm and one crew (two for Sharpie), nominated by the helm.

22.2 Other Trophies

The Sailing Committee may decide to award any of the following trophies, among others, when considered appropriate:-

Geoffrey Corkhill Memorial Trophy, Peacock Trophy for Best Club Person of the Year; Steve Balcombe Trophy, O'Reilly Family Trophy, and Muir Trophy for Most Improved.

23 Prizes - Dinghy Group

In addition to the club pennants series described in 22.1 the Dinghy Group Committee will award the following prizes: The Bill Watson Perpetual Trophy for the senior sabot winner of combined pennants, TGIO Perpetual Trophy for the overall senior sabot handicap winner, Gibsons Ltd Perpetual Trophy for overall winner of the intermediate combined pennant series, Cheverton Perpetual Trophy for the intermediate sabot overall winner on handicap, The Bill Gillham Perpetual Trophy for the two handed encouragement award, the DSS Vice Commodores Forward Hand Trophy for excellence as a forward hand, the DSS Dinghy Group Perpetual Trophy to the two-handed winner overall on handicap, the Fooks Perpetual Trophy for outstanding achievements in their first year, the Fiberglass Shop Perpetual Trophy for the best all-round performance in a youth class boat, the Makepeace Perpetual Trophy for a most determined effort, the Tim Gourlay Trophy for best intermediate achievement, the Tassie Trophy for consistent crew work, the Les Speakman Perpetual Trophy for best interclub sabot performance, the Peter Fitzgerald Perpetual Trophy for most determined sailor and the A. Hargraves Encouragement Trophy.

24 Liability

All persons taking part in all races, whether as entrants or otherwise, do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Clubs are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The Clubs reserve the right to refuse or withdraw an entry.

Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4 which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".