



## **V1 NOTICE OF RACE (NOR) and SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI) for the SSCBC 2017-18 season.**

Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club is the Organising Authority (OA) for races it conducts at the Club.

### **1. RULES**

**1.1** - The Rules are as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing](#).

**1.2** - [SP/DP] Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 apply to Couta Boats and Jubilees;

**1.3** - [SP/DP] AS Special Regulations Part 2 apply to Off The Beach Boats (Dinghy Sailing).

**1.4** - [SP/DP] Class Rules apply.

**1.5** - Race Sailing Instructions (RSI) may be issued for particular races to provide details not included in these SIs, or to vary them for a specific race or regatta such as a Passage Race or Dinghy Sailing Regatta.

**1.6** - Rule 40 (wearing PFDs) applies at all times while racing without the display of Y Flag – This changes rule 40.

**1.7** - Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.

**1.8** - Add to RRS 41: (f) help in navigation or trim, or to recover from a capsize from an appointed Race Committee Member given to a junior or beginner boat that is struggling to stay with the fleet.

**1.9** - Couta Boats and Jubilees shall carry VHF radios and monitor Ch.73 at all times while afloat. This change to the Couta Boat Class Rules has been approved by the CBA.

**1.10** - [SP/DP] Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep well clear of other boats that are racing or in their starting sequence.

**1.11** - [DP] The SSCBC Member Protection Policy Codes of Conduct apply to all competitors and participants.

**1.12** - [DP] The Protest Committee may apply a discretionary penalty including a 0 point penalty or warning when a boat commits a breach of sportsmanship.

**1.13** - Appendix T Arbitration as modified in SI 23 applies.

**1.14** – Boats shall promptly co-operate with any request by the Technical Committee to inspect or audit a boat.

### **2. CHANGES TO NOR/SI & NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

**2.1** Notice Boards shall consist of the web pages

[www.sscbc.com.au/coutaboats/](http://www.sscbc.com.au/coutaboats/) and

[www.sscbc.com.au/dinghy-racing](http://www.sscbc.com.au/dinghy-racing)

**2.2** Any change to the NOR/SI will be posted 2 hours before the warning signal of the race it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

**2.3** Given the long distances that some competitors travel to compete, races may be postponed or abandoned well before the warning signal. Such signals may be replicated on Facebook, the club website, texted or verbally advised through contact with the Tower - 5984 8207

### **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

**3.1** - Boats may be entered by a current member of the SSCBC.

**3.2** - Boats on the Couta Boat Association (CBA) register may be entered for a CBA Race. Races marked "CBA" in the Calendar are organised in conjunction with the CBA

**3.3** - Visiting Australian Sailing cardholders are welcome to enter a boat, subject to approval of their entry by the OA and payment of the prescribed fee.

**3.4** - Boats shall maintain \$5m public liability insurance cover at all times.

**3.5** - Entries are not accepted and boats will be scored DSQ [SP] until these requirements are completed:

\* Block Entry / Casual Entry or Dinghy season pass lodged;

\* Safety Declaration lodged; and

\* Entry fees paid;

This may be completed online or at the office.

### **4. RACE SCHEDULE**

The scheduled 1<sup>st</sup> warning signal and locality of racing for each day is specified in the Calendar

### **5. SERIES**

A prize will be awarded for each completed series detailed in the Calendar (1 race unless varied in an RSI).

Trophies or prizes shall be awarded at presentation functions to be advised.

### **6. HANDICAPS**

**6.1** - Couta Boat races are performance handicapped based on the AS Performance Handicap System with specific parameters defined by the SSCBC Handicapping Committee. Boats may be inspected at any time for compliance. [DP].

**6.2** - Performance handicaps are allocated to a boat / crew combination and rely on the notification of changes to equipment, helmsman or crew to maintain fairness. [SP/DP]

**6.2** - Dinghies sailing in a mixed class division will be scored using a YV Yardstick.

### **7. VOLUNTEERS**

Any boat that does not race in an aggregate race due to the skipper and/or crew's participation as a volunteer(s) engaged in Club sailing activities (for example patrol boat roster) shall, at the discretion of the race committee, be awarded average points for that race. This changes rules 35, A4, A5

### **8. DISCLAIMER**

Competitors participate in a race entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authorities will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunctions with or prior to, during, or after the race.

## 9. SAFER, FAIRER and MORE FUN FOR EVERYONE

All participants at our sailing club are expected to help our club sailing become even safer, fairer and more fun for everyone. [DP]

## 10 CHANGES TO COMPETITORS AND EQUIPMENT

At the first reasonable opportunity, usually at least an hour before racing: [DP]

- a) Couta Boats must advise any change of equipment, helmsman or crew that may have a material change in performance to the Tower; or
- b) Dinghies shall request permission to change equipment or competitors.

## 11. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

**11.1** - Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Eastern signal mast.

**11.2** - When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

**11.3** - When a numeral is displayed with an AP it shall apply to that division, this changes Race Signals AP over numeral pennant.

## 12. SIGN-ON [DP / SP]

**12.1** - Boats shall sign-on before leaving the beach, moorings or jetty.

**12.2** - Boats shall sign-off upon return to the beach, moorings or jetty and no later than the protest time limit.






**12.3** - A boat that retires or stops racing shall notify the tower or a Race Committee Vessel as soon as reasonably possible.

**a) Dinghies** shall sign-on and sign-off at the training centre.

**b) Couta Boats and Jubilees** shall sign-on and sign-off with the tower on VHF Ch. 73 or 5984 8206  
If the tower cannot be reached, contact the Race Committee Vessel.

## 13. CLASS FLAGS

Divisions and their flags are: -

Division	Numeral Pennant	Classes
1		Div 1 Couta Boats
2		Div 2 Couta Boats
3		Jubilees
4		49er/FX, 29er & Foilers
5		Laser, 420, Sabre, Fast Monos & Pacers
6		Minnow, Opti
7		Multihulls
Green		Minnow, Opti – Novice

## 14. RACING AREA

The racing area shall be generally as set out in the course map diagram or as detailed in an RSI.

## 15. LAID COURSES

There are special provisions for **Fixed (BOX) Starts**, **Fixed Marks**, and **Fixed (BOX) Finishes** – All of these are contained in the **Fixed Course Section** at the end of the SIs.

**15.1** - The courses are described in the course diagrams or RSI.

**15.2** - Prior to or at the warning signal, the course signal will be displayed.

**15.3** - Divisions may have different courses.

**15.4** - WA and LA Courses Mark 1A: an inflatable buoy: may be laid in the vicinity of Mark 1 and shall be rounded after Mark 1 to port. If not laid, proceed to the next mark.

**15.5** - WA and LA Courses Mark 2p: If a matching inflatable mark is laid in the vicinity of Mark 2s, those inflatables will form a gate, to be passed through from the direction of the last mark. Otherwise Marks 2p is rounded to port.

## 16. LAID MARKS

**16.1** - Laid Course Marks will be inflatable buoys

**16.2** - If other marks are used they will be described in the RSI.

**16.3** - New marks may be similar to the original marks and may be identified by a contrasting band, different colour or shape. When, a subsequent change is required or a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## 17. LAID (OW) START

**17.1** - Races will be started by using rule 26

**17.2** - The warning signal for each succeeding division shall be made with the starting signal of the preceding division.

**17.3** - The starting line will be between the starting mark (pin end) and a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel.

**17.4** - The starting mark for Laid Courses is a black and white chequered inflatable buoy.

**17.5** - The starting line will close after 10 minutes.

## 18. RECALLS

**18.1** - Boats may be notified that they have been recalled. Failure to notify is not grounds for redress.

**18.2** - For **Laid Course Starts**, recalls shall be made using rule 29.

## 19. THE FINISH

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

## 20. TIME LIMITS

**20.1** - The Dinghy finish window is 15 minutes after the first boat finishes.

**20.2** - The Couta Boat finish window is the elapsed time of the first boat that sails the course and finishes plus 50%.

**20.3** - Boats still racing at the finish window will be scored 2 points more than the number of boats that finish, but no more than the number of starters. The Race Committee may allocate such a score before the finish window closes.

**20.4** - Boats not racing when the time limit expires will be scored DNF.

**20.5** - This SI Changes rules 35, A4 and A5

## 21. PENALTY SYSTEM TURNS

**21.1** - For Couta Boats and Jubilees rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only a part-turn is required.

**21.2** - On a leg to a windward mark, a part-turn is a gybe and luffing to a close-hauled course as soon as reasonably possible.

**21.3** - On other legs a part-turn is a tack and bearing away as soon as reasonably possible to more than 90 degrees from the true wind.

**21.4** - For Catamarans, skiffs and foilers rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## 22. POST-RACE, STANDARD [SP] and DISCRETIONARY [DP] PENALTIES

**22.1** - The Post Race Penalty in T1 (b) is changed to increase a boat's score by 25% of the difference between her score without the penalty and the score for retirement.

**22.2** - The Race Committee may apply a Standard Penalty [SP] without a hearing or the Protest Committee may apply a Discretionary Penalty [DP] where a rule is notated that way. This changes Rules 35, 63, A4 and A5.

## 23. PROTESTS

**23.1** - Protest forms are available at the race office.

**23.2** - For each division, the protest time limit and redress time limit is one hour after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. "or two hours after the incident, whichever is later" is deleted from rule 62.2

**23.3** - Notices will be posted or phone calls made to registered skippers made within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform boats of hearings that will be held that day in which they are parties.

## 24. SCORING

**24.1** - Aggregate races for the season are denoted in the Calendar. In addition, individual regattas will be scored and awarded separately.

**24.2** - After 3 races are completed a boat's worst score will be excluded, and after each further 4 races are completed a further worst score will be excluded, from her series score.

**24.3** - Rule A9 is changed so that a boat that does not come to the starting area will be scored 3 more points than the number of boats that came to the starting area.

## 25. USE OF ENGINE TO AVOID COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

**25.1** - Boats with a reasonable apprehension of interfering with commercial shipping shall use their engine to stay clear:

**25.2** - A boat shall inform the Race Committee by radio when she uses her engine under this instruction [DP]

**25.3** - After engine use, a boat shall not have gained an advantage in the race.

## 26 USE OF ELECTRONIC AIDS

**26.1** - Boats shall not use electronic navigation or tactical equipment while racing unless permitted by class rules.

**26.2** - Recording and uploading tracking information is permitted, provided it is not accessed while racing.

## 27 LAID COURSES & DIAGRAMS

See 2017-18 Season Course sheets for TW, TL, WA, LA and I/O Courses

## 28. FIXED STARTS (BOX), MARKS, COURSES AND FINISHES (BOX) - SPECIAL PROCEDURES

### 28.1 - Fixed starts (BOX)

a) rule 26 is replaced with these starting signals

	Minutes	Sound/ Lights
Warning	5	1 Sound / 5 Lights
Preparatory	4 3 2	4 Lights 3 Lights 2 Lights
1 Minute Start	1 GO!	1 Light 1 Sound No Lights, or 5 Lights if another start follows

b) For Fixed Starts, the starting line is between Mark X and the White line on the wall of the control box tower. To start, a boat shall pass between Mark Y and Mark X.

**28.2 - Fixed Start recalls** will be signalled as follows.

a) Individual recalls will be signalled by 1 additional sound and 1 flashing red light for ten seconds. This changes rule 29.1.

b) General recalls will be signalled by 2 additional sounds and 2 flashing red lights for ten seconds. The recalled division shall restart five minutes after their original start. Starts for any succeeding divisions shall follow the new start. This changes RRS 29.2.

c) A race may be postponed or abandoned by using the General Recall signal. This changes race signals.

d) An X Flag may be flown from a vessel at the start line, however this is only a courtesy when it can be done.

**28.3 - Fixed Marks** are

X, Y, C, N, S, E, W, are yellow conical buoys with a cross labelled with the mark letter and "YACHTING MARK"

- BYS marks do not have a cross on them.

8 is Sorrento Channel No.8 pile.

**28.4 - Fixed Courses** – Are in the fixed course table. The Couta Boat Course will be announced on VHF before the Warning Signal. Dinghy Courses will be posted on the coloured wall.

**28.5 - Shorten Fixed Course to Home** - If S Flag over H Flag is displayed with 2 sound signals boats shall round that mark, round mark 8 and then finish at the Box Finish line. This changes rule 32.2.

**28.6 - Fixed Finishes (BOX)** – The Box Finish line is between Mark X and the white line on the control box tower. To finish, a boat shall pass between Mark X and Mark Y.



## Some helpful rules from the rulebook.

### RRS 26 - STARTING RACES

Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Signal	Minutes	Flag	Sound
Warning*	5	Class Flag displayed	1
Preparatory	4	P, I, Z, U or Black displayed	1
1 Minute	1	P, I, Z, U or Black removed	1 long
Start	GO!	Class Flag removed	1

\*or as stated in the sailing instructions

The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.

### RRS 29 - RECALLS

**29.1 Individual Recall** – When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or she must comply with rule 30.1, code flag X shall promptly be displayed with one sound. The flag shall be displayed until all such boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions and have complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, but not later than four minutes after the starting signal or one minute before any later starting signal, whichever is earlier. If Rule 30.3 or 30.4 applies, this rule does not.

**29.2 General Recall** - When at the starting signal, boats that are on the course side of the starting line, or to which rule 30 applies, are unable to be identified, or there has been an error in the starting procedure, a general recall may be signalled by displaying the First Substitute with two sounds. The warning signal for a new start for the recalled division shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed (one sound), and the starts for any succeeding divisions shall follow the new start.

### RRS 32 - SHORTENING OR ABANDONING AFTER THE START

**32.1** After the starting signal, the race committee may shorten the course (display flag S with two sounds) or *abandon* the race (display flag N, N over H, or N over A, with three sounds), as appropriate,  
(a) because of foul weather,  
(b) because of insufficient wind making it unlikely that any boat will *finish* within the time limit,  
(c) because a *mark* is missing or out of position, or  
(d) for any other reason directly affecting the safety or fairness of the competition,

In addition, the race committee may shorten the course so that other scheduled races can be sailed, or abandon the race because of an error in the starting procedure. However, after one boat has sailed the course and *finished* within the time limit, if any, the race committee shall not *abandon* the race without considering the consequences for all boats in the race or series.

**32.2** If the race committee signals a shortened course (displays flag S with two sounds), the finishing line shall be,

(a) at a rounding *mark*, between the *mark* and a staff displaying flag S;

(b) a line boats are required to cross; or

(c) at a gate, between the gate *marks*.

The shortened course shall be signalled before the first boat crosses the finishing line.

**[NOTE: SI 28.5 has a special option for shortening course in fixed courses]**

### RRS 33 - CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

The race committee may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding *mark* or at a gate by changing the position of the next *mark* (or the finishing line) and signalling all boats before they begin the leg. The next *mark* need not be in position at that time.

(a) If the direction of the leg will be changed, the signal shall be the display of flag C with repetitive sounds and one or both of

(1) the new compass bearing or

(2) a green triangle for a change to starboard or a red rectangle for a change to port.

(b) If the length of the leg will be changed, the signal shall be the display of flag C with repetitive sounds and a '–' if the length will be decreased or a '+' if it will be increased.

(c) Subsequent legs may be changed without further signalling to maintain the course shape.

### RRS 34 - MARK MISSING

If a *mark* is missing or out of position, the race committee shall, if possible,

(a) replace it in its correct position or substitute a new one of similar appearance, or

(b) substitute an object displaying flag M and make repetitive sound signals.

### CLASS RULE 14.3 COUTA BOATS

14.3. When racing in Couta Boat Races, electronic instrumentation of any kind to aid sailing shall not be permitted. Masthead wind indicators shall not be permitted, excepting for wool or ribbon or a soft burgee. A compass shall not include electronic tacking data. However, a boat may carry a VHF radio.