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Potentially unsuitable weather predicted. If on the day of racing the BOM 5 am weather forecast includes a Strong Wind Warning (or higher) for Port Philip, racing shall be abandoned for Couta Boats for that day.

If the weather forecast suggests it is unlikely that racing will be possible on an upcoming day (too much or too little wind) the schedule may be changed to sail more races in a day or postpone a future day of racing. Often the weather model updates and the 16:45 forecast update will mean that decisions on convincingly unsuitable weather may be made and announced by 18:00 the day before.

Standard Course set up

- Gates – 10 hull lengths – 80 M
- Hitch on first W/L beat – 80 M
- Hitch 5 degrees below 90 degrees
- Start Line calculation is $2.5 * 8 * \text{boats}$
- Default Target time 75 -90 minutes for a single laid Aggregate race
- Multiple race sessions races and pursuit races will have shorter target times – around 60 minutes. Couta Boat Association guideline: Do not start in winds above 22

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Fairness of a race in a dying breeze. The SSCBC fleet has a variety of boats of different size and speed, therefore the RC should consider the conditions (wind and tide) and ability for all boats to complete the race even if larger boats have completed the course.

Starting in marginal conditions. Sometimes the conditions suggest a fair start can be achieved. The preferred approach is that RC try to start, but abandon and try again if the conditions don't work. – This should be announced over VHF.

Potentially unsuitable weather predicted. The RC will attempt to ensure that racing is fair and conducted within safe wind limits. SSCBC and all the participants recognize that it is each boat's sole decision to race (Rule 4) and that the person in charge is responsible for determining whether the boat and crew are fit to face the expected conditions (Australian Sailing Special Regulations 1.02)

Key Series

Aggregate Series

Sam Byrne & Ted Silbereisen Trophy
Wooden Boat Shop Series
Couta Boat National Championships
South Channel Race
Portsea Cup
Sorrento Cup
Three Piers Race
Around Mud Island
Sanpelligrino Cup
Yabby Lake Race
Coastal Living Race
Couta Boat State Championships
Queenscliff Race
Great Fort Run
Other Listed Couta Boat Races



Key Series

Passage Aggregate Series

South Channel Race
Three Piers Race
Around Mud Island
Great Fort Run

Pursuit Series

2 x Races Before Christmas
Boxing Day Twilight
4 x January Friday Night Twilights
Lady Skipper Race

Lacco Cup

3 x Sunday races in February / March



Other Racing

Winter Series

4 x Sunday Races in May / June

Midwinters – 2 days 4 races

Other Races

Tune Up Race – 10th November 2018

Dash to the Heads – 27th December 2018

KPMG Day – 3rd January 2019

Next Gen – 19th January 2019

Short Handed Race – 22nd April 2019



Pursuit Series

9 x race series

Stern chaser format

Start times will be available online and at the front office

Start time is + the scheduled start time

- 1st place will have 3 minutes added
- 2nd place will have 2 minutes added
- 3rd place will have 1 minute added
- Last place will have 3 minutes removed
- 2nd last place will have 2 minutes removed
- 3rd last place will have 1 minute removed

In the event of less than 6 boats steps will be removed from the bottom of the list.

The first boat home will be awarded “Cock of the Deck”. A mug will be given to each crew member of the winning boat for 1 hour. The cup must be filled by anyone on the deck during that hour when asked to do so by the recipient of the “Cock of the Deck” mug. All mugs must be returned to the bar at the end of the hour which will be signalled by the sounding of a bell.

No crew member changes need to be submitted for this series. The outcome of this series is a stand alone handicap, it will not affect a boats handicap in any other series. We encourage you to grab people from the deck and fill your crew list. Competitors must have fun!



Couta Conversations

Max Chester



Couta Conversations

Start at 1030 meeting in the Lacco Room

Saturday 10th November 2018

Aaron Cole from North Sails Followed by a tune up race

Saturday 1st December 2018

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Saturday 16th February 2019

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Saturday 16th March 2019

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Crew Register



Back to basics

Black board next to the bar

Crew wanting boat/Boat wanting crew

Ring the office during the week to have updates made

Photograph board and put up on Facebook

Rub your details off once you find boat/crew

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In this section we will cover

- Entry
- Safety Declarations and Inspections
- Incident and Incident Control
- Sailing Instructions
- Incident de-briefs
- Umpiring
- Duck and Tinnie Inductions – Restrictions on use
- Jetty Hazards

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- Entry opens 1 November
- Safety Inspection (self) and Declaration must be completed before entry
- Block entry via Topyacht link
 - It will be easier because your boat is now in the system.
- Casual entry – via the website
 - \$55 per race must be paid and registered before racing.
- Changes to crew and equipment – Notifications.
 - When first known – almost never when signing on

Safety Declarations

- Must be completed properly
- You must check dates of PFDs and Flares
- Buoyant equipment to have boat name
 - Floorboards, fenders...
- Sharp knife – readily accessible in cockpit
- Engine and battery must continue to work
- Safety Audits will be conducted weekly
- Focus on being safe, not on giving penalties



We are following three investigations with fatalities and the PFD did not inflate

Incident and Incident Control



- D - Check for danger
- R – Response – is the person responding
- S – Send for help
 - VHF Radio, Whistle (in PFD), Flares, Wave arms, Yell, Mobile Phone
- VHF
 - All boats, All Boats This is Darney, Darney, Darney,
 - We are at the Top Mark, at the Top Mark,
 - Man Overboard, Man Overboard
 - Crew OK but needs help, Crew OK but needs help
 - or
 - Crew in Danger, Crew in Danger

D
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Incident Response



- Race Management will acknowledge
- An Incident Controller will respond
- Ribs and any other appropriate boats dispatched
- Nearby Couta Boats must help if they can – RRS Rule 1
- Couta Boats that help get redress from Protest Committee

NOR & SIs – 2 Pages !!



COUTA BOATS, NOTICE OF RACE (NOR) and SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI) for the SSCBC 2018-19 season.

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

1. RULES

1.1 - Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing](#).

1.2 - [SP/DP] Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1: Category 7 and class rules apply.

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

1.4 - 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.

1.5 - Boats shall carry VHF radios and monitor Ch.73 at all times while afloat.

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

1.7 - [DP] A boat shall not commit a breach of sportsmanship or inappropriate behaviour.

1.8 - Appendix T Arbitration as modified in SI 23 applies.

1.9 - [DP] 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 & SIGNALS ASHORE

2.1 Notice Boards shall consist of the web pages www.sscbc.com.au/coutaboats/

2.2 Any change to the NOR/SI will be posted 2 hours before the warning signal of the race it will effect or 30 minutes before APH is removed ashore, 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 Text and emails are a secondary courtesy notification.

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

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

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

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 DNC (SP) until these requirements are completed online.

* Block Entry / Casual Entry lodged;

* Safety Declaration lodged; and

* Entry fees paid;

4. RACE SCHEDULE

The scheduled 1st 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. [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]

7. VOLUNTEERS

A 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. CHANGES TO COMPETITORS AND EQUIPMENT

[DP] / [SP] At the first reasonable opportunity, usually at least an hour before racing a boat must advise any change of equipment, helmsman or crew that may have a material change in performance on line through the notice board

are contained in the Fixed Mark Addendum

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

13.2 - Prior to or at the warning signal, the course signal will be displayed and broadcast on CH 73

13.3 - Divisions may have different courses.

13.4 - 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.

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

14. INFLATABLE MARKS

Start Pin Black and White

Finish Pin Blue

Mark 1A Orange

New Mark Pink and Black

Other Marks Pink

15. THE START (RRS 26)

15.1 - 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.

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

15.4 - The starting line will close after 10 minutes.

16. RECALLS (RRS 29)

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

17. 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.

18. TIME LIMITS

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

18.2 - Boats still racing at the finish window will be scored 1 point 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.

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

18.4 - This SI Changes rules 35, A4 and A5

19. PENALTY SYSTEM TURNS

19.1 - Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only a part-turn is required.

19.2 - 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.

19.3 - 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.



NOR and SI Key enhancements



- Dinghy Racing removed.
- 2 Pages is simple enough to read
- BOX Courses and Fixed Mark instructions in separate Addendum
- SIs 1.7 & 1.9
- Sis 2.1 & 2.3
- SI 9 - Leaving the jetty is almost never the “first reasonable opportunity”
- SI 14 - Standard mark colours
- SI 18.2 - Fairer TLE score
- SI 20.3 - New type of penalty

De-Briefs and Umpires



- If there is no protest, and boats are still unclear on rules a de-brief will be available
- Most often, sailors just want the other boat to know the rules properly for next time
- If Damage, Injury or Dangerous – Club Captain may request boats attend a de-brief....
- Umpiring – Continuing as less incidents happen when they are there

Duck and Tinnie Inductions

- Introducing a program to better control use
- Members will need a Licence
- Induction to cover safe use and proper use
- At some stage, induction will become mandatory.



Jetty Hazards



- Despite the signage there are swimmers in the vicinity of Jetty
- We cannot stop people swimming around the Jetty
- Always have your crew lookout as well
- On approach, plan another escape route
- Help each other with dock lines

Key Points



- Fun and enjoyable season
- Safety at all times
- Competitive and fair sailing
- Increase participation by encouraging more members to sail
- Increase on water participation plan your season
- Build friendships and make new ones

