



## **COUTA BOATS, NOTICE OF RACE (NOR) and SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI) for the SSCBC 2020-21 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] Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 and class rules apply
- 1.3** - [SP] Rule 40 (wearing PFDs) applies at all times while racing without the display of Y Flag – This changes RRS 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** The penalty for a breach of the AS Prescription to RRS 46 shall be a Discretionary Penalty [DP]
- 1.6** - Appendix T Arbitration as modified in SI 23 applies.
- 1.7** - [SP] Boats shall carry VHF radios and monitor Ch.73 at all times while afloat.
- 1.8** - [DP] The SSCBC Member Protection Policy Codes of Conduct apply to all competitors and participants.
- 1.9** - [DP] A boat shall not commit a breach of sportsmanship or inappropriate behaviour.
- 1.10** - Appendix T Arbitration as modified in SI 23 applies.
- 1.11** - [DP] Boats shall promptly co-operate with any request by a Committee to inspect or audit a boat.
- 1.12** Covid supplements will be issued to change any rules to suit the health and safety requirements as they change.

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

- 2.1** The Official Notice Board (ONB) shall be [www.sscbc.com.au/coutaboats/](http://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 affect or 10 minutes before AP/H 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** WhatsApp messages 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**

See the Calendar on the ONB for dates and 1<sup>st</sup> warning signals.

### **5. SERIES**

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

### **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]

### **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 protest 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**

[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 using the form on the ONB.

### **10. CREW REGISTER SIGN-ON [DP]**



#### **10.1 – Boats shall sign on using the crew register process on the ONB**

**10.1** - Boats shall sign-on before leaving the moorings or jetty.

**10.2** - Boats shall sign-off upon return to the moorings or jetty, before having a refreshment and no later than the protest time limit.

**10.3** - A boat that retires or stops racing shall notify the Race Committee as soon as reasonably possible via VHF on Channel 73.

### **11. CLASS FLAGS**

Division	Numeral Pennant	Classes
1	1 	Div 1 Couta Boats
2	2 	Div 2 Couta Boats

## 12. RACING AREA

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

## 13. LAID COURSES

**There are special provisions for Fixed (BOX) Starts, Fixed Marks, and Fixed (BOX) Finishes – All of these are contained in the Fixed Mark Addendum**

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

**13.2** - Prior to the warning signal, the course will be broadcast on CH 73

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

**13.4** - WA and LA Courses Mark 1A: If Mark 1A is not laid in the vicinity of Mark 1, proceed to the next mark.

**13.5** - WA and LA Courses Gate Marks: If only one gate mark is in position, that mark shall be rounded to port.

## 14. INFLATABLE MARKS

Start Pin	Orange
Finish Pin	Blue
Mark 1A /P	Orange
New Mark	Pink and Black
Other Marks	Pink

## 15. THE START (RRS 26)

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

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

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

**15.4** - A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## 16. RECALLS (RRS 29)

The Race Committee will attempt to notify OCS boats by sail number on VHF, which may be up to a minute after the starting signal. RRS 60.1 (b) is changed so that a boat may not request redress for an action or inaction under this SI.

## 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%.

## 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.

**19.4** – Penalties shall not be taken in the zone of a mark or between marks 1 and 1A (Hitch leg)

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

**20.1** - 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.

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

**20.3** – These penalties may also include handicap penalties

## 21. PROTESTS

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

**21.2** - 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.

**21.3** - Notices will be posted and communications made within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform boats of hearings that will be held that day.

## 22. SCORING

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

**22.2** - 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.

**22.3** - Boats still racing at the finish window will be scored TLE, 1 point more than the number of boats that finish. The Race Committee may allocate such a score before the finish window closes.

**22.5** – The scores for DNC, DNS, OCS, UFD, BFD, DNF, RET, DSQ shall be 1 point more than the number of boats that come to the starting area.

**22.6** - This SI changes RRS 35, A2.1, A4, A5 and A9

## 23. USE OF ENGINE TO AVOID COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

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

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

**23.3** - After engine use, a boat shall not have gained an advantage in the race. [DP]

## 24 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.