



COUTA BOATS, NOTICE OF RACE (NOR) for the SSCBC 2023-24 season. V1

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.
- 1.3** - [SP] Rule 40.1 (wearing PFDs) applies at all times while racing.
- 1.4** The penalty for a breach of the AS Prescription to RRS 46 shall be a Discretionary Penalty [DP]
- 1.5** - Appendix T Arbitration as modified in SI 23 applies.
- 1.6** - Appendix UF Couta Boat Association 2023-24 Season Edition shall apply when stated in a Notice to Competitors.
- 1.7** - [SP] Boats shall carry VHF radios and monitor Ch.73 at all times while afloat.
- 1.8** - [DP] The SSCBC Codes of Conduct apply to all Competitors and Support Persons.
- 1.9** - [DP] A boat shall not commit a breach of sportsmanship or inappropriate behaviour.
- 1.10** - [DP] Boats shall promptly co-operate with any request by a Committee to inspect or audit a boat.
- 1.11** Attention is drawn to Couta Boat Class Rule 3.3: Where the Jibboom is defined as part of the hull.
- 1.12** - Boats shall not use electronic navigation or tactical equipment while racing unless permitted by class rules.
- 1.13** - Recording and uploading tracking information is permitted, provided it is not accessed while racing.

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

- 2.1** The Official Notice Board (ONB) shall be www.sscbc.com.au/coutaboats/
- 2.2** Any change to the NOR or SI will be posted 1.5 hours before the warning signal of the race it will affect or 10 minutes before AP 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.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1** - [SP] A boat shall complete her online entry, submit her safety declaration before her first race and complete a Man Overboard declaration before starting a third race in the season.
- 3.2** - Boats may be entered by a current member of the SSCBC using the links on the ONB. When a boat is agreed to be sold to a new owner, the initial entry is cancelled, and the new owner must complete a new entry before racing again.

3.3 - Boats on the Couta Boat Association (CBA) register may be entered for a CBA Race. Races noted "CBA" in the calendar are organised in conjunction with the CBA.

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

4. RACE SCHEDULE

See the Calendar on the ONB for dates and 1st warning signals.

5. RACING AREA

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

6. SEASON SERIES

- 6.1** A prize will be awarded for each completed series detailed in the Calendar.
- 6.2** 1 race constitutes a series (unless varied by an RSI)
- 6.3** Club Aggregate Scoring
- The Club Aggregate comprises 8 Trophy series notated in the Calendar (A1-A8).
 - Each Trophy will be scored as a Series.
 - RRS Appendix A is changed so that a boat's series rank in a Trophy Series will be used as the equivalent of a race score in the Club Aggregate Series.
 - Some Trophies, such as the Portsea Cup are a 1 race Trophy.
 - A boat's worst 3 Trophy Series will be discarded from the Club Aggregate Series
- 6.4** The Passage Aggregate Trophy Series notated PA in the calendar is not a Trophy in the Club Aggregate.

7. SCORING

- 7.1** - After 3 races are completed a boat's worst score will be excluded, from her series score, increasing by 1 more exclusion each time a further 3 races are completed.
- 7.2** - 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.
- 7.3** - The scores for DNC, DNS, OCS, UFD, BFD, DNF, NSC, RET, DSQ shall be 1 point more than the number of boats that come to the starting area.
- 7.4** - This SI changes RRS 35, A2.1, A4 and A5

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

- 8.1** - 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.
- 8.2** - 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.
- 8.3** - These penalties may also include handicap penalties

9. HANDICAPS

9.1 - [DP] Couta Boat races are performance handicapped based on the AS Performance Handicap System with specific parameters defined by the SSCBC Handicapping Committee.

10. CHANGES TO COMPETITORS AND EQUIPMENT

[SP] At the first reasonable opportunity, usually at least two hours before a warning signal, 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.

11. 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

12. DISCLAIMER

Competitors participate in a race entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, 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.