

NOTICE of RACE

2023 VA12SC Sabot Head of the Harbour
Sunday 3rd December 2023



Organising Authority
Vaucluse Amateur 12ft Sailing Club
In conjunction, with
Southern NSW Sabot Sailing Association



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1. Organising Authority

The Organising Authority is the Vaucluse Amateur 12 Foot Sailing Club.

2. Venue

2.1 The venue for the Head of the Harbour Regatta is the Vaucluse Amateur 12 Foot Sailing Club, Wharf Road, Vaucluse, NSW, 2030.

3. Rules

3.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), 2021 – 2024 as amended by the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2, for Off the Beach Boats will apply, the Sabot Class Rules (These rules are the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules of Measurement, and Builders Guide of Sabot Class Dinghies in Australia as amended– Revision AA Issued 21/12/2015 by the Australian National Sabot Council).

3.2 Racing rules will be changed as follows:

3.2.1 When flag AP is flown ashore, the warning signal will be made no earlier than 30 minutes after its removal (amends Race Signals).

3.2.2 RRS 61.1(a) 2 “if the hull length of the protesting boat is less than 6 meters, she need not display a red flag” is deleted.

3.2.3 A boat that does not sign on shall be scored DNC for the first race of the day without a hearing (amends RRS63.1). See Sailing instructions for Sign on process

3.2.4 A boat that does not sign off shall be scored DNF for the last race of the day without a hearing (amends RRS63.1). See Sailing Instructions for Sign off process.

3.3 Subject to the approval of the Race Committee a boat chartered or loaned for the Regatta may declare at the time of entry or registration a sail number which may be different from the registered number of the hull provided that the number declared shall not be the sail number of any other boat competing in the regatta (References RRS 77, Appendix G3). Sails with sail numbers belonging to another boat that have been suffixed with an extra digit will not be accepted. Boats shall display the same declared identification numbers on all sails used.

3.4 Each Sabot entered in the Junior Division in the Regatta shall display on its transom the numeral two in contrasting colour to the hull, minimum 50mm high with at least an 8mm-brush stroke.

3.5 Further amendments to the rules may be set out in the Sailing Instructions.



4. Advertising and Media

4.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. If required, the Organising Authority will supply advertising items to be affixed as described in the Sailing Instructions.

4.2 By entering the Regatta competitors are consenting to:

- being photographed and/or videotaped whilst sailing or racing and/or using the Regatta facilities; and
- to the use, reuse, publication and reproduction of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

5. Eligibility

5.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Sabot class.

5.2 All Sabots shall be entered and crewed by financial members of a sailing club and must be members of Australian Sailing and registered with either the Southern NSW Sabot Sailing Association or Northern NSW Sabot Sailing Association.

5.3 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD\$10,000,000. All Sabots must be able to produce a current insurance certificate at time of registration if requested by the organising authority, an electronic copy will suffice.

5.4 It will be a condition of registration and entry that the parents/guardians of a competitor execute a disclaimer of liability and an acknowledgement of receipt of a risk warning under the Civil Liability Act (NSW) 2004. The disclaimer and the risk warning will form part of the registration documents.

5.5 Racing will be in two divisions (Senior and Junior) as per the Sabot constitution.

5.6 Eligible boats must register for the event and pay via the online registration platform:

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/va12ftsc/eventsregister/213710/>

5.7 Entries open Thursday 9th Nov 2023.

5.8 All competitors must enter the series via the online entry and results platform

<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/145/entry/series/3116/pricing>

6. Fees

6.1 Fees for the Regatta are as follows:

Senior (one up): \$50

Junior (two up and Green fleet): \$50

6.2 Entries for the Regatta will be accepted at the standard fee up to midday 30th November 2023. After this date a late entry will be accepted with a late fee of \$20.

7. Decision to Race

It is the competitor's decision to enter the Regatta or to start and continue in any race; see RRS 4, Decision to Race.

8. Schedule

8.1 The schedule for the Head of the Harbour Regatta Vaucluse Amateur 12ft Sailing Club is as follows:

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Registration and safety checks 9:00 – 10:00

Competitor Briefing 11:00

Not before 12.00 Race 1

Followed by Back-to-back races to be sailed (minimum 2, maximum 3)

8.2 No warning signal will be made after 3:30pm

8.3 Number of Races:

Open fleet Sabot (1-up) - minimum 2, no more than 3

Junior fleet Sabot (2-up and Green fleet) - minimum 2, no more than 3

9. Briefing - All competitors shall attend the briefing

10. Measurement

10.1 Boats shall comply with all relevant ANSC rules and YA Safety Regulations.

10.2 Boats shall complete safety checks prior to registration and confirm they comply with all requirements.

10.3 Boats shall use only a single hull and sail, and a single set of spars and foils throughout the Championship.

10.4 The Organising Authority may carry out measurement checks at any time.

10.5 Applications to substitute equipment due to damage or loss must be submitted to the race committee in writing at the first reasonable opportunity and prior to the protest time limit on the day it was first used. Replacement equipment must be presented to the measurer, and if accepted, approval will be given in writing and displayed on the official noticeboard.

10.6 Changes of crew may be permitted at the discretion of the race committee on application in writing.

11. Sailing Instructions, Racing Area and Courses

11.1 Sailing Instructions will be available for download from the VA12SC web site. The sailing instructions will describe the courses, penalty system, scoring system, prizes and information relating to the regatta.

11.2 Courses will, to the extent possible having regard to the limitations of the sailing waters, be of triangle and/or windward/leeward configuration as set out in the Sailing Instructions.

11.3 Copies of the Sailing Instructions will be available at the venue.

12. Penalty System

12.1 The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty (amends RRS44.1).

13. Scoring

13.1 RRS A9 Race Scores in a Series longer than a Regatta will apply.

13.2 2 races must be completed to constitute a series.

13.3 There will be no drops for the series.

14. Liability / Disclaimer

14.1 Disclaimer: It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated on the entry form complies with the 'rules' as defined in the RRS.

14.2 All competitors who sign the entry form, in doing so, have made a declaration to the Organising Authority that the nominated boat will, at all times while racing, comply with the requirements of Australian Sailing, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, including:

14.2.1 RRS 46 and it is the responsibility of the person in charge of the boat to ensure that the crew complies with RRS75;

14.2.2 The Australian Sailing Special Regulations;

14.2.3 Adequate current Third Party Property Liability Insurance and Third Party Personal Liability cover of not less than AUD\$10,000,000 (Ten million dollars) for any one incident. All insurance shall be maintained during the period of racing;

14.2.4 The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment;

14.2.5 The person who signs and lodges the entry form with the Organising Authority, warranting to the Organising Authority that he or she will draw to the attention of any person who competes on the yacht, the subject of the entry form in any event conducted by the Organising Authority of the risk warning below;

14.2.6 The person who signs and lodges this entry form with the Organising Authority, acknowledging receipt of the risk warning below and releasing the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him, or by any person claiming through him, in any event conducted by the Organising Authority.

14.2.7 All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". Vaucluse Amateur 12ft Sailing Club, Southern NSW Sabot Sailing Association, Northern NSW Sabot Sailing Associations, Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore prior to, during or after the event.

15. Risk Warning

15.1 Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.

As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- The extremes of weather and sea conditions. The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
- The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
- The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before

medical care is available.

- Exposure to the elements for extended periods.

Vaucluse Amateur 12ft Sailing Club, Southern NSW Sabot Sailing Association and NSW Roads and Maritime Services also warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in the Vaucluse Head of the Harbour Regatta.

Participants are also advised that although Vaucluse 12ft Amateur Sailing Club is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover DOES NOT extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer.

16. Insurance

16.1 Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid Third-Party Liability Insurance of not less than AU\$10,000,000 for any one event. Such insurance shall cover all risks arising from participation in the racing program whether ashore or afloat.

16.2 Proof of current insurance must be able to be produced at the time of registration, or at any other time if requested by the race committee.

17. Further Information

Please contact:

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