



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
FOR
VAUCLUSE AMATEUR 12FT SAILING
CLUB (VA12SC)
RACES

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2020) Vaucluse Amateur 12ft Sailing Club (VA12SC)

Wharf Road, Vaucluse

Sailing Instructions for Vaucluse Amateur 12ft Sailing Club (VA12SC) Races

1. EVENTS

1.1 The events (Regattas or Series Longer Than a Regatta) covered by these Sailing Instructions are:

- i. the VA12SC Club Championship series of races; there being a separate Club Championship series of races for each of the Sabot 1Up, Sabot 2Up, Flying 11 and Cherub classes.
- ii. the VA12SC Sprint series of races; there being a separate Sprint series of races for each of the Sabot 1Up, Sabot 2Up, Flying 11 and Cherub classes, and,
- iii. any other races as announced by the Sailing Committee that will be governed by these Sailing Instructions.

2. RULES

2.1 The Events will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing of the International Sailing Federation (RRS), the prescriptions and special regulations of the Australian Yachting Federation (AYF), under the authority of Yachting NSW, the current rules and appendices of the Australian National Sabot Council, The Governing body of the Flying 11 Association of Australia, the rules of the Cherub Association of NSW, the Notice of Race (except as any of these are altered by these Sailing Instructions) and by these Sailing Instructions.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 The site of the Regattas/Series will be at Vaucluse Amateur 12' Sailing Club (VA12SC), Vaucluse NSW 2030

3.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, which is located in the clubhouse. Sign ON and OFF sheets will be located within the clubhouse.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than 1 hour prior to the Warning Signal of the race.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Officials Flag Pole (upper level of club).

5.2 Flag AP with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means, "The race is postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered." (Amends Race Signals.)

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6. RACE DAYS AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 Administration of the events will take place at the Race Office located in the Clubhouse of VA12SC.

6.2 The Race Days for the events will be published in the VA12SC "Calendar of Events", posted on the Website of the Club.

6.3 Races on Race Days will be scheduled as follows

Event	Class	Time	Activity
Club Championship	Sabot	Not before 11am	First warning signal
Club Championship	Flying 11	Not before 2pm	First warning signal
Club Championship	Cherub	Not before 2pm	First warning signal
Sprint Series	Sabot	Not before 11am	First warning signal
Sprint Series	Flying 11	Not before 2pm	First warning signal
Sprint Series	Cherub	Not before 2pm	First warning signal

7. RACING AREAS

7.1 The racing area will be on Sydney Harbour, near Vaucluse and Watsons Bays.

7.2 The Starting Area shall be an area of approximately 100 metres to windward, 100 metres to leeward and 100 metres radius from each end of the Starting Line.

7.3 The Finishing Area shall be an area of approximately 50 metres to windward, 50 metres to leeward and 50 metres radius from each end of the Finishing Line.

7.4 The Course Area shall be an area extending approximately 100 metres beyond the course that could reasonably be taken by a boat when racing. The Course Area shall include the Starting Area when any boat has received her Preparatory Signal prior to starting. The Course Area shall include the Finishing Area when any boat is racing to the Finishing Line.

8. PROHIBITED WATER (WHICH RANKS AS AN OBSTRUCTION)

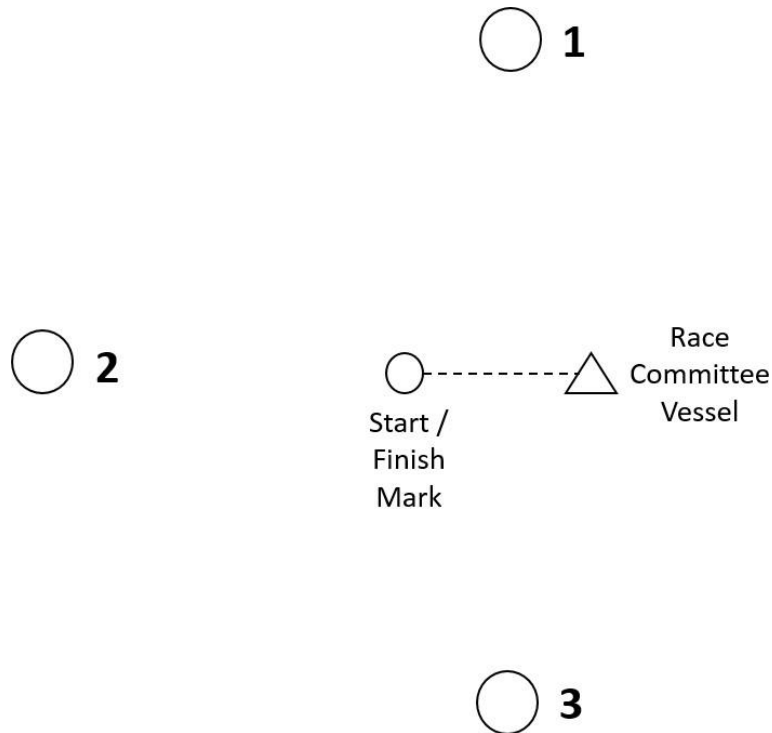
8.1 The area of water between registered moorings and the adjacent shoreline shall be considered PROHIBITED WATER (i.e. continuing obstruction for the boats that are racing). Boats that enter Prohibited Water may take penalty in accordance with RRS 44.1. This amends RRS 44.1.

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9. THE COURSE

9.1 The course will be set within the region of the designated racing area.

9.2 i. The courses for classes will be as follows. (Note that the course shown following is for a course signalled as marks to be rounded to port. A mirror image of the following course would be used for a course signalled as marks to be rounded to starboard.)



ii. Long Course:

Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3 Finish

iii. Short Course:

Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3 Finish

iv. Unless otherwise specified, the Cherubs, Flying 11s and the 1-Up Sabots will complete the Long Course, and the 2-Up Sabots will complete the Short Course.

v. The finish for the Flying 11s and Cherubs may be set in the vicinity of rounding mark at position 1, as described by the PRO during the race briefings.

10. MARKS

10.1 Original Marks may be displayed at the Competitors' Briefing at the sole discretion of the Principal Race Officer (PRO).

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11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started as follows. Times shall be taken from the Visual Signals (as defined in the Race Signals section of the RRS); the absence of a Sound Signal shall be disregarded.

Signal	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Time in Minutes to Starting Signal
Warning Signal	Display of Division flag	1 Sound	5
Preparatory Signal	Display P or I or Black Flag	1 Sound	4
Preparatory Signal withdrawn	Lowering P or I or Black Flag ,	1 Sound	1
Starting Signal	Lowering of Division flag	1 Sound	0

11.2 Divisions may start together.

11.3 There will be a minimum of 1 minute between the Starting signal for the first division to start and the Warning Signal for the next division.

11.4 The starting line will be between a staff or mast displaying a VA12SC burgee on a Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and a mark displaying a yellow flag with a black "12" at the port end.

11.5 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall remain outside the Starting Area and clear of all boats whose Warning Signal has been made.

11.6 Boats failing to start within 5 minutes of their Starting Signal will be scored Did Not Start.

12. CLASS FLAGS

Division	Division Flag
Sabot 1 Up	Red flag with one black Sabot insignia
Sabot 2 Up	Yellow flag with two black Sabot insignia
Flying 11	White Flag with Flying 11 insignia
Cherub	Red heart shape on a white background or a white heart shape on a red background

13. OFFICIAL VESSELS

13.1 Official boats may display a VA12SC Burgee.

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14. THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff or mast displaying a VA12SC burgee on a Race Committee vessel at the starboard end a mark displaying a yellow flag with a black 12 flag at the port end.

15. TIME LIMIT

15.1 For long courses the time limit will be 105 minutes for all Divisions. Where one or more boats finish within the time limit, subsequent boats will be finished for a further 15 minutes from the finishing time of the first boat or until the expiry of the time limit.

15.2 For short courses the time limit will be 90 minutes for all Divisions. Where one or more boats finish within the time limit, subsequent boats will be finished for a further 5 minutes from the finishing time of the first boat or until the expiry of the time limit.

15.3 Boats still racing after the time limit has expired will be allocated a point score equal to the number of boats that have started the race + 1 (ie SRS). This changes Rules 35 and A4.

16. SAFETY

16.1 Personal Buoyancy (amends AYF Special Regulation Addendum A Part 2, R1).

- i. All competitors at all times while afloat shall wear Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) Type 1 or Type 2 or equivalents that are approved for that competitor's actual body mass.
- ii. Attention is drawn to AYF Addendum A; the AYF recommends that children under the age of 12 years wear PFD Type 1.
- iii. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from the race concerned either as a direct result of investigation and decision by the PRO or another competitor may protest under this rule. Any protest would be heard under the RSS and AYF rules.

16.2 Retirement Afloat. Any boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible, and preferably before leaving the Course Area.

16.3 Signing On.

- i. All Skippers must personally Sign On the sheets provided located within the vicinity of the regatta notice board prior to going on the water for the scheduled races. Failure to comply may result in the competitor being scored as Did Not Come to The Start (DNC).

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- ii. If a sailor signs-on prior to going on the water as per 16.3.i but after the Race Committee Vessel is already on or heading to the course then the sailor must inform the PRO that they have signed on. Failure to do so may result in the competitor being scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

16.4 Signing Off. Within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race for the racing session in her division (and immediately when coming ashore in the case of Abandonment in Adverse Weather) all competitors shall personally Sign Off on the sheets provided located within the vicinity of the regatta notice board. Failure to comply may result in the competitor being scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

16.5 Patrol Boats. Competitors in difficulty are requested to respect the instructions of the official boat.

16.6 Abandonment in Adverse Weather. In the event a race is abandoned due to adverse weather conditions, all competitors must proceed directly to the onshore rigging area and sign off at the first available opportunity.

17. PROTESTS

17.1 The racing rules will be modified in accordance with rule 86 as follows: Rule 61.1, Protest Requirements, will be altered by deleting the sentence "However, boats of hull length less than 6 metres need not display the flag"

17.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Regatta Office and delivered there within 30 minutes after the time of the last boat to finish the race. (Amends RRS 61.3.)

17.3 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible, which may include during the week(s) following the protest being lodged.

17.4 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest or named as witnesses.

17.5 Protests of infringements of SI's Safety (15), Support Boats (21) and Electronic Communication (22) may only be brought by the Race Committee. This alters RRS 60.1.

18. TAKING A PENALTY

18.1 A boat may take a Two-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing or a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken rule 31. This alters RRS 44.1

19. IMMEDIATE PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RRS 42

19.1 RRS 63.1 - Rule 42 and Hearing Requirement shall apply.

- i. The protest committee may penalise without a hearing a boat that has broken rule 42, provided that a member of the committee or its designated observer has seen the incident and a disqualification under this rule shall not be excluded from the

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boat's series score. A boat so penalised shall be informed by notification in the race results.

19.2 RRS Appendix P - Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rule 42 shall apply.

i. A member of the protest committee or its designated observer who sees a boat breaking rule 42 may protest her by, as soon as reasonably possible, making a sound signal, pointing a yellow flag at her and hailing her sail number, even if she is no longer racing. A boat so protested is not subject to another protest under rule 42 for the same incident.

ii. When a boat is first protested by the protest committee or its designated observer for breaking Rule 42 she may acknowledge her breach by taking a 720° Turns Penalty under rule 44.2. If she fails to do so she shall be disqualified without a hearing.

iii. When a boat is protested a second time during the series she may acknowledge her breach by immediately retiring from the race. If she fails to do so she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excluded.

iv. When a boat is protested for a third time during the series she may acknowledge her breach by immediately retiring from the race and from all races in the series. If she fails to do so she shall be disqualified without a hearing from all races in the series, with no score excluded, and the protest committee shall consider calling a hearing under rule 69.1(a).

v. If a boat has been protested under rule N1 and the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, the penalty from her first or second protest is cancelled, but the protest is counted to determine the number of times she has been protested during the series.

20. SCORING

20.1 Scoring System

- i. Each event will be scored independently.
- ii. Each race in each event will be scored as provided in RRS 90.3 but applying *A9 Race Scores in a Series Longer than a Regatta*.

20.2 Races to Count

i. The VA12SC Club Championship (for the Sabot 1 Up, Sabot 2 Up, Flying 11 and Cherub classes) will consist of eight races, of which four races shall be completed to constitute a series. If five, six or seven races are completed a boat may discard her worst race. If eight races are completed a boat may discard her worst two races. The lowest score wins.

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20.3 Eligibility to Receive a Final Club Championship Series Score

i. No helmsman shall receive a final series score in the Club Championship series for Sabots or Flying 11s unless he/she has participated in races on 75% of the Club race days in the current season (see 6.2). For clarity:

a. A helmsman who does not meet the 75% rule in 20.3.i may nonetheless still race and still be scored in a Club Championship race and the scoring of that race will stand in the series score and the series scores will not be recalculated if it emerges at the end of the season that a helmsman does not meet this rule.

b. Until the end of the Club Championship the scores for the series will be provisional.

ii. For the purposes of this calculation, if any Club race day (Sprint Series or Club Championship) conflicts with the Sabot, Flying 11 or Cherub National, State or Zone Titles or the VA12SC Head of the Harbour and the helmsman is entered in and races in the Sabot, Flying 11 or Cherub National, State or Zone Titles or the VA12SC Head of the Harbour on that day instead of attending that Club race day then that day (and not the number of races on that day) will be included in the count of Club race days used in calculating the percentage in 20.3.i.

iii. Redress. If the dates for the Sabot, Flying 11 or Cherub National, State or Zone Titles or the VA12SC Head of the Harbour regatta change to a day on which a VA12SC Club Championships race(s) is scheduled to be raced and the club cannot reschedule the Club Championship race then a participant who races in the Sabot, Flying 11 or Cherub National State or Zone Titles or the VA12SC Head of the Harbour regatta instead of the Club Championship may be awarded average points at the discretion of the Sailing Committee and 20.3.ii will also apply. Discard(s) shall be made before the average points are calculated, if sufficient races have already been run such that discard(s) can be made. The Sailing Committee's decision will be final.

20.4 Eligibility to Receive a Final Club Championship Series Score

i. If an entrant to the Club Championship finishes in 1st place in the Club Championship scratch results, they shall be ineligible to place in the Club championship Point Score. Their handicap results will be calculated in the normal way.

21. ELIGIBILITY TO RACE

21.2 Crew Membership

i. All crew of a boat entered in and competing in a series or regatta must be financial members of the Club unless they are Sailing by Invitation.

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21.3 Boat Registration

- i. All boats entered in and competing in a series or regatta must be registered for that series or regatta unless they are Sailing by Invitation.
- ii. A boat is registered when its Entry Form is accepted by the Sailing Committee and the relevant Race Fee is paid.

21.4 Sailing by Invitation

- i. A boat which is not registered may still compete in a race in a series or regatta by applying to sail by invitation. Such application shall be made to the Sailing Committee which shall have final discretion. A boat sailing by invitation will not have its result included in the Series or Regatta results.
- ii. Any or all members of a boat's crew who are not financial members of the Club may still compete in a race in a series or regatta by applying to sail by invitation. Such application shall be made to the Sailing Committee which shall have final discretion.

21.5 Age of 1 Up Sabot Skipper

- i. A sailor may skipper a 1 Up Sabot at an age younger than 12 years of age by applying to the Sailing Committee which shall have final discretion. This changes the ANSC – Sabot Age rule for 1 Up Sabot sailors.

22. CHANGE OF CREW AND EQUIPMENT

22.1 Change of Crew. There shall be no change of crew without prior written permission from the Race Committee. A request for permission for a change of crew shall be lodged at the Race Office no later than one hour before the scheduled Warning Signal of the first race to which the request applies.

22.2 Change to Equipment. Requests to use replacement equipment shall normally be made in writing to the Race Committee and approval to use replacement equipment shall normally be obtained at least one hour before the Warning Signal of the first race in which such equipment is to be used.

23. SUPPORT BOATS

23.1 Coach and Safety Boats. Unless directed by the PRO, Race Committee, or to render immediate assistance in the interests of safety, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not enter the Course Area or go within 50 metres of any boat that is racing. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may, after protest, be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel.

23.2 Spectator Boats. Unless directed by the PRO, Race Committee, or to render immediate assistance in the interests of safety, Spectator Boats shall remain 50 metres outside the Course Area during racing or between races. The penalty for failing

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to comply with this requirement may, after protest, be the disqualification of all boats associated with the spectators on the Spectator Boat.

24. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

24.1 No competitor shall have on board any electronic communication device within 30 minutes of that division's earliest scheduled warning signal and for the duration of the competitor's race.

25. WIND SPEED LIMIT, SEA AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

25.1 If in the opinion of the Principal Race Officer (PRO) weather conditions are unsuitable for racing, the PRO may postpone or abandon racing at their sole discretion, and without any requirement to provide an explanation.

26. PRIZES

26.1 The VA12SC Committee may award prizes for races and series covered by these Sailing Instructions at its discretion.

27. RISK WARNING

This risk warning is issued jointly by the Organising Authority (VA12SC) and Roads & Maritime Services (RMS), pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by the Organising Authority. 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 or 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.

The Organising Authority and RMS 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 any events with the Organising Authority. Participants are also advised that although the Organising Authority is covered by third party liability insurance that this

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insurance does not extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer.

28. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & INDEMNITY

The attention of all participants in activities of the Organising Authority is drawn to the above Risk Warning in addition to the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) promulgated by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF), specifically Part 1, Fundamental Rule - Rule 4 which covers the decision to race. By entering any race organised by the Organising Authority each participant and his or her parent or guardian (where the participant is younger than 18 years old) acknowledges that he or she has read the Risk Warning

- participates in activities conducted by the Organising Authority at his or her own risk and responsibility
- excludes the Organising Authority from all liability including but not limited to liability for negligence
- accepts that the Organising Authority are not responsible for the seaworthiness of any boat whose entry to race is accepted or adequacy of its equipment but that Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse any entry,
- accepts that Organising Authority may limit activities of entrants under 18 years old as it sees fit,
- indemnifies the Organising Authority from any claims arising from an act or omission of the participant, and
- accepts that the Organising Authority, its executive, boards, committee, servants and agents and all other parties involved with the conduct and organisation of activities conducted by the Organising Authority disclaim any and every responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage, injury, death or inconvenience that might occur to persons or property, both ashore or at sea as a consequence of participation in activities conducted by the Organising Authority.