



Hi All, we are looking forward to you joining us in celebrating Sabot sailing, where we will continue the tradition of Sabot racing and Junior training that started on the waters of Vaucluse Bay and Watsons Bay in November 1958.

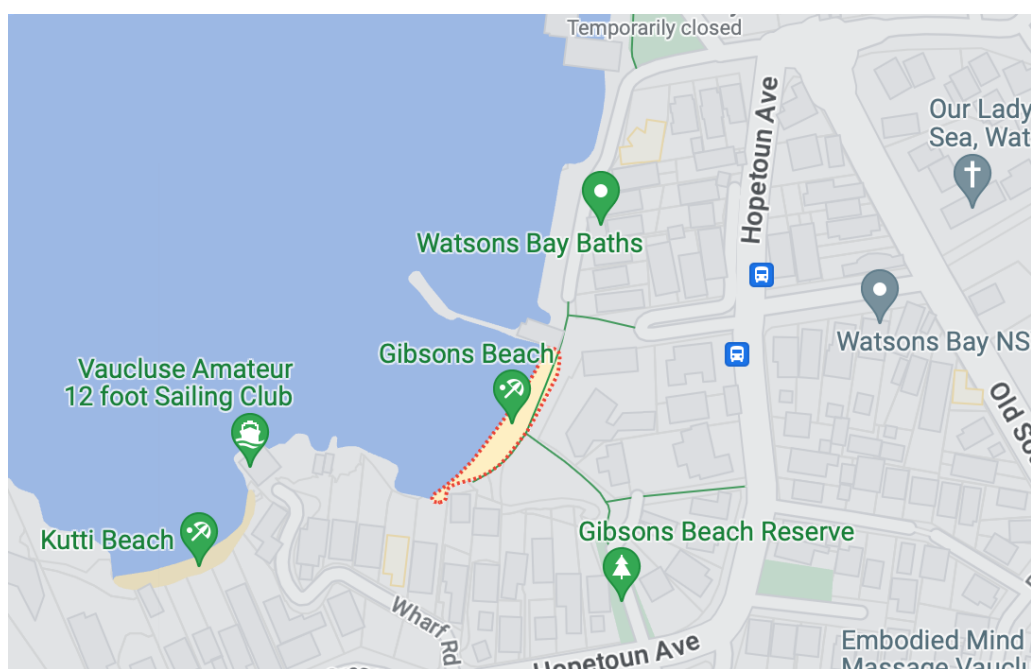
We are all looking forward to welcoming you to our Annual Head of the Harbour Invitational regatta at Vaucluse Amateur 12 ft Sailing Club.

Please read on and take note of this important information:

- Arrival
- Parking
- Registration and Briefing
- Rigging, Launching & Cradle Storage on the beach
- Food and Drinks, Bathroom and Change Facilities
- Sign on and Sign off
- Racing Schedule
- Leaving on Sunday afternoon

Boat Rigging area

Please make your way to Gibson's Beach which is north of the clubhouse. The rigging area is on the reserve and park and small harbour beach.



[Link to map of Gibsons Beach Rigging Area](#)

Arriving via water to Gibson's Beach – Arrival time from 8AM

Boats can be delivered to Gibson's Beach via boat. Access to the Reserve is via the beach, there is no jetty access to the beach or reserve.

Please anchor a good distance off the beach and be aware of swimmers.

Arriving via road – Arrival from 8AM (See Map)

Access to the boat rigging areas is via Marine Parade, Watsons Bay. Competitors will need to unload & wheel your boat into Gibson's Beach Reserve. All care is to be taken when accessing the area to deliver and collect boats. Pedestrians will have the right of way at all times. Please move your vehicle and any trailers to parking spots in the surrounding streets.

Plan to arrive early as parking can be tight in the surrounding streets, particularly if it's a sunny day.

[Location of Loading and Unloading point for Boat rigging area access](#)

Parking

You will be able to find parking in Hopetoun Ave or The Crescent near the access to the VA12SC Club house - which is accessed via Wharf Road off Hopetoun Avenue (corner of The Crescent).

Access to the club house from Wharf Road is via foot. NO competitor cars or trailers are to enter Wharf Road.

Please check signage when parking and please do not block or impede anyones driveway. Pedestrian access to Gibson's Beach Reserve is from Hopetoun, via a path at the end of Palmerston St (there is no parking in Palmerston St).

IMPORTANT – There is no parking available in Wharf Road and access through the club for boats is not permitted. Access to the club via wharf Road is via foot only. Thank you.

Dogs

Dogs are discouraged and not permitted at the club house, or the Pilot Station. At all times dogs must be kept on a lead.

Registration, Insurance, Risk Warning and Disclaimer

Please ensure you have entered the series via the online entries and results platform prior to the 30th of November. This is separate to event registration and can be done via this link: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/145/entry/series/3116/pricing>

Competitors Briefing

The Competitor briefing will be in Gibson's reserve at 11am.

Racing schedule

Please refer to the NOR and Sailing Instructions for the Racing schedule.

Support boats

VA12SC will provide on water support and race committee vessels.

Rigging and Launching

Rigging and launching for all visiting competitors will be from Gibson's Beach Reserve. Please store boats & cradles in an orderly fashion. Public access along the foreshore must be maintained always. Rigging or storage of boats on the Promenade is **strictly prohibited**. Beach Marshals will be available on shore to assist with launching and retrieving boats at the conclusion of sailing. Please take direction from the parking and beach marshals.

Cradle Storage

The Council has issued a permit for the use of Gibson's Beach Reserve for rigging and overnight storage of boats and cradles. Storage of boats is at the owner's risk.

No Litter

Please respect the local environment and ensure that there is no litter left on the beach & reserve. Please also be mindful of plastic tape and drink straws and minimise their use. Please place any rubbish in the bins provided.

Food and Drinks

There will be a sausage sizzle on Sunday afternoon for the kids and parents to enjoy. The sausage and bread is free for the competitors. Adults and accompanying children will be able to purchase from the canteen or BBQ. Drinks will also be available to be purchased.

A Breakfast BBQ including bacon and egg rolls will be available to purchase each morning at the club from approx. 8.30AM. Lunch such as filled rolls, sandwiches, drinks & other items will be available to purchase from the Canteen for all competitors and supporters.

Club House

Our club house has a great view of most of the course area. Please come and enjoy watching the racing from the deck while having a bite to eat. We will have our canteen staffed serving hot and cold food, as well as hot and cold drinks.

Alternative viewing areas

The club will outline the course area at the briefing each day and make recommendations for viewing the course area.

Bathroom and Change Facilities

There are limited bathroom & change room facilities available at Vaucluse Amateur 12 Sailing Club. There are excellent bathroom and change room facilities opposite the Watsons Bay Baths in the Council public toilets and change rooms at "The Tea Garden" Coffee Shop at 8 Marine Parade (2 mins walk North from Gibson's Beach Reserve)

[Public change rooms near Gibsons Reserve](#)

Departing on Sunday afternoon - Traffic Flow management – Marine Parade After the conclusion of racing please de-rig on the grass at Gibson's Beach Reserve and exit via Marine Parade, Watson's Bay.

Remember parking is limited in Marine Parade so do not leave your vehicle unattended while loading your trailer or car. Please be mindful of others accessing the parking in Marine parade. The club may need to station a volunteer to manage the traffic flow in Marine Parade. Please listen to their directions.

Regatta management

VA12SC like all your clubs is run by a collection of volunteers and we aim to make this Regatta a fun experience for all. Please reach out to all Sabot fleets and help us plan a successful event.

Thank you all for your help and see you at the club.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Please be respectful of our neighbours, the volunteers and your fellow competitors.

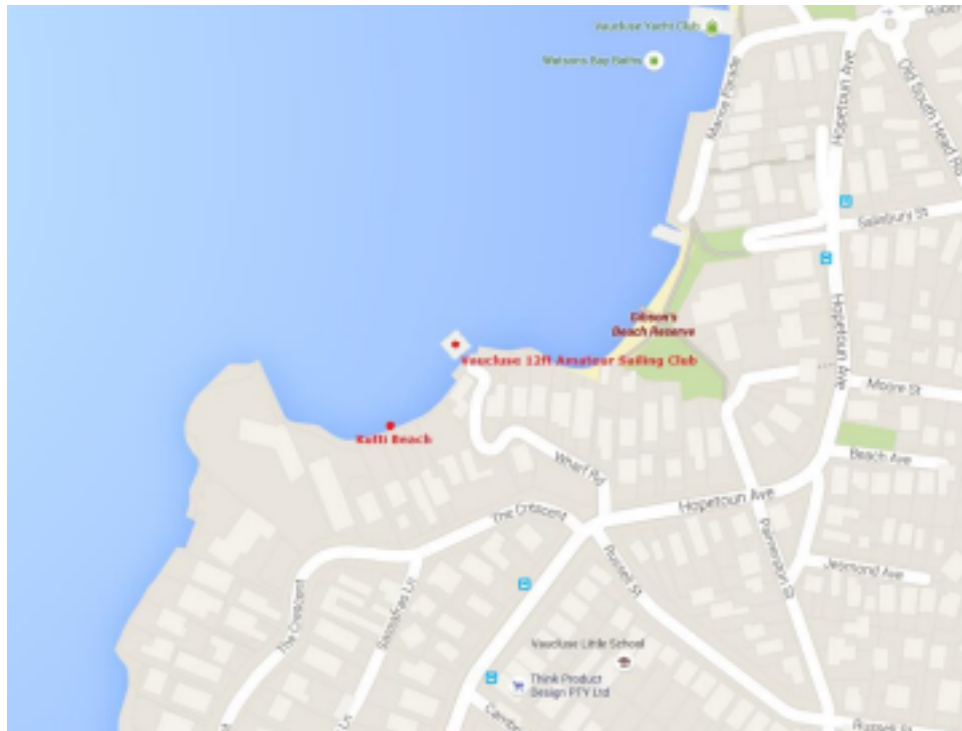
Vaucluse Amateur 12ft Sailing Club would like to acknowledge the support of the Boating Industry Association and Woollahra Municipal Council.



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Map – Watsons Bay - Gibson's Beach Reserve – VA12SC



Vaucluse Amateur 12ft Sailing Club would like to thank the Boating Industry Association for the support of our community event by allowing our regatta to be managed from Pilot Station facility.

Please respect the Pilot Station and its environment.