

Hi All,

We are all 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 Vacluse Bay and Watsons Bay in November 1958.

Following is important information about the 2018 Sabot Head of the Harbour Regatta on Sunday 2nd December to be held at Vacluse Amateur 12ft Sailing Club:

- Arriving via Water or via Road
- Registration
- Safety check
- Competitors Briefing (Compulsory)
- Sign on and Sign off
- The Racing schedule
- Storage
- Leaving on Sunday afternoon

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

Please make your way to Gibson's Beach which is north of the club house. The rigging area is in the Reserve (Park) behind this small harbour beach. Please anchor a good distance off the beach, and be aware of swimmers. Dogs are discouraged and not permitted at the club house.

The Council has issued a permit for the use of Gibson's Beach Reserve. For rigging and storage of boats and cradles

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

We will require all attending competitors with boats arriving by road to make their way to Marine Parade, Watsons Bay – you 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. Pedestrian access will have right of way. Cars and trailers are not permitted in the reserve so as soon as possible please move your car and trailer to a parking spot in the surrounding streets. There will be many cars arriving via road, parking marshals will be available to assist with unloading and directions. Plan on arriving early as parking can be tight in the surrounding streets, particularly if it's a sunny day.

[Google Map – Street View of Unload turning point for Gibson's beach reserve](#)

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 Cars or trailers are to access Wharf Road.

Please check signage when parking and please do not block or impede anyone's driveways

Pedestrian access to Gibson's Beach Reserve from Hopetoun Ave is via a path at the end of Palmerston St (there is no parking in Palmerston St).

As soon as you are able, make your way to the Registration Desk at the Club House at VA12SC. Complete your Registration and Competitors safety check.

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

Registration commences on Sunday at 9.00am at the VA12SC Club House

Registration will be in the club house. Safety checks will occur on Gibson's Beach Reserve (and Kutti Beach for VA12SC Sailors). Please pre-print and fill out your registration and safety check list to save time on the morning. (These forms will be available to download from the VA12SC web site)

Insurance

Please take a photo of your insurance paperwork on your phone, as this will assist the registration process.

Support Boats

A Support boat flag will be available at the registration desk A \$20 bond is required and is refundable once the flag has been returned at the end of the regatta.

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 at all times. Rigging or storage of boats on the Promenade is prohibited. Beach Marshals will be available on shore to assist with launching and retrieving boats at conclusion of sailing. Please take direction from the parking and beach marshals.

Cradle Tag

A plastic cardboard tag & cable tie will be issued at registration for boats who do not have a tag. The boat name & sail number needs to be written on the tag & this needs to be attached to the boat cradle or trolley. This will assist the beach marshals retrieving cradles and trolleys when boats return to shore.

No Litter

Please keep beach & reserve tidy and remove any rubbish and place in bins.

Competitor Briefing

The competitor briefing will be in the VA12SC clubhouse. Sunday 11.00 AM for the Open fleet and immediately followed by the Green Fleet briefing. Attendance is compulsory.

Sign-on & Sign-off

All Sabot Skippers must personally SIGN ON and SIGN OFF on the Sheets provided located within the vicinity of the Regatta Notice board.

Racing schedule

Racing will not commence before 12.00pm on Sunday
No warning signal will be made after 3.30pm on Sunday

Storage – Saturday night

All visiting boats overnighing will be stored on Kutti Beach (All storage at the beach is at the owner's risk).

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.

Bathroom and Change Facilities

Bathroom & change room facilities will be available at Vaucluse Amateur 12 Sailing Club and 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) [Google Map Street view of the Council Change rooms and toilets at "The Tea Gardens"](#)

Departing on Sunday afternoon

After the conclusion of the Presentation and the sausage sizzle, 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.

Traffic Flow management – Marine Parade

Subject to the numbers of boats arriving and departing via road the club may need to station a volunteer to manage the traffic flow in Marine Parade. Please listen to their directions.

Club House – Food and Drinks

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.

Please reach out to all your Sabot fleets and help us plan a successful and fun event.

VA12SC like all of your clubs is run by a collection of volunteers, and we aim to make this Regatta a fun experience for all.

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

Questions

If you have any questions, please make contact with:

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

