

ABBOTSFORD 12 FOOT FLYING SQUADRON INCORPORATED
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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1* All racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia Inc will apply.

1.2* The rules of the competing classes will apply except:

Sabot Class age limits may be varied by application in writing to the Sailing Committee.

Competitors in the Laser class may select any Laser class size sail in any race.

There are no restrictions on sail area for 12 Foot Skiffs

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located within the clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1200 on the day it will take effect,

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- Signals made ashore will be displayed at the race official's room in the clubhouse.
- When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

As per Sailing Programme.

6* CLASS FLAGS

<i>Class</i>	<i>Flag</i>
Sabot	Class insignia
Flying 11	Class insignia
420	Class insignia
Laser	Class insignia
12 foot skiff	Black 12 on yellow background
Open	Code letter "O"

7 RACING AREAS

Courses are sailed on Parramatta River between Gladesville Bridge and Putney Point.

8 THE COURSES

- Class Course sheets are available at the clubhouse after registration day.
- No later than the warning signal, the committee boat will display the course to be sailed.
- The Principal Race Officer (PRO) may shorten courses in accordance with rule 32.
- The PRO will use his/her discretion to manage racing in adverse weather conditions.

9 MARKS

Marks will be a yellow buoy displaying a yellow flag with a black 12, except that Glades Bay (mark 7) and Putney (mark 9) will be orange posts. Note these two marks are shared with the Parramatta River Yacht Club.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- Competing boats shall not sail through mooring areas.
- As per the aquatic license issued by the Maritime Authority of NSW, all competitors must keep 200m from the bow and at least 30m from the sides/stern of any ship or ferry underway.

11 THE START

- Races will be started in accordance with rule 26. Rule 30.1 applies.
- The starting line will be between a club mark at the port end and an orange flag displayed on the committee boat.
- Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

12* THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the designated white post on the northern shore and the eastern end of the Race Official's room at the clubhouse. Results are provisional until accepted by the Sailing Committee. Any challenge to the eligibility of a skipper or crew to compete shall be resolved prior to the acceptance of the result of that race.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 A time limit of 3 hours applies.

13.2 Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat in a class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protest forms are available at the Race Officials room. Protests shall be delivered to the PRO or the Race Finisher within 90 minutes of the last boat finishing, accompanied by a fee of 5 dollars. This fee may be refunded if the protest is considered valid. Decisions of the protest committee will be final

15 SCORING

Points shall be allocated as per I.S.A.F. Rule A4.1 Low Point System:

- A boat that did not compete (DNC) shall be awarded points one more than the fleet size set by the sailing committee after registration day and before the first pointscore race.
- A boat that did not finish (DNF), retired after finishing (RET), or was disqualified (DSQ) shall be awarded points one more than the number of starters in that race.

16 HANDICAPPING

16.1 Handicaps for each class are set for the start of the season by the class handicap committee.

16.2 The handicap Committee may reconsider the handicaps of :-

- (a) Any boat with change of skipper.
- (b) Every boat after starting and finishing in its first three pointscore races of the season.
- (c) Every boat in a class, if requested by more than 50% of the skippers of registered boats in that class.

16.3 After every pointscore race all boats that started shall be re handicapped for the next race:-

- Three minutes shall be deducted from the handicap of the winning boat.
- Two minutes shall be deducted from the handicap of the second boat.
- One minute shall be deducted from the handicap of the third boat.

If the application of these penalties reduces the handicap of any boat to less than zero, the boat with the lowest figure shall be placed on zero (scratch) and the handicaps of all other boats shall be adjusted by that figure.

16.4 A 30 minute handicap limit applies except for 12 Foot Skiffs and Cherubs where a 40 minute limit applies.

17 POINTSCORE

All races for all classes shall be pointscore races, excluding short course races and social events.

- The sailing committee may conduct series pointscore races additional to the season pointscore.
- Abandoned pointscore races will not be re-sailed unless the race is a heat of the club championship.
- Each boat's tally for the pointscore will be the best results from the specified number of races adopted by the Sailing Committee before the first pointscore race of the season.
- In the event that less than 5 Sabots are registered for each of 1 up and 2 up racing, by heat 1 of the Pointscore, then only a combined Sabot pointscore shall be conducted.

- In the event that less than 5 boats have registered in a particular class by heat 1 of the pointscore, the Sailing Committee may merge that class pointscore into the open class pointscore.

18 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The Club Championship shall be decided over seven heats. Points shall be counted for each boat's best six results.

- For senior classes, an average of three or more starters, taken over all heats sailed during the season, shall be required for each Class Championship to be valid.
- For junior classes, a club championship may be awarded provided that the sailing committee is satisfied that genuine competition existed, and that the winning boat has completed at least 4 heats of the club championship.
- In the event of a race starting but no boats finishing, the race is considered valid for the purposes of the club championship.
- A class that fails to achieve sufficient boat starts may be merged into the open class championship by the Sailing Committee.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- All skippers and crew are required to Sign on and Sign off at the Clubhouse. Failure to sign off within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing may result in disqualification.
- Any boat that retires from a race shall notify the PRO or Race Finisher as soon as possible.
- Personal buoyancy shall be worn as per legislation and class association requirements.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- No replacement of crew is permitted during a race.
- Another club member can substitute as skipper provided at least 1 hour notice prior to the start of the race is given to the PRO.
- A visitor may substitute as skipper or crew up to 3 times in a season, provided at least 1 hour notice is given to the PRO, except that a visitor is not permitted to skipper in a club championship heat.
- At least 1 hour notice must be given to PRO prior to the use of any substitute sail of differing sail number or insignia.
- Boats with unidentified changes to skipper or sail will be classified as a Visitor.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions by the PRO or his/ her designate.

22 SUPPORT BOATS

On water support and advice may be given in any race except a club championship heat, provided such support is given with the agreement of the training coordinator. Competitors may provide additional support boats with the understanding that they may be called upon to assist when required.

23 PRIZES

Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the management committee.

24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

28 INSURANCE

Each participating boat should be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10000000.