

Port Adelaide Sailing Club - Season 2020-21



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Equipment Auditing

Overview

The National Equipment Auditor Scheme provides a system for Organising Authorities to nominate Equipment Auditors to audit boats for races.

Equipment Auditors are volunteers who give their time to assist yacht owners and clubs maintain safety standards. The role of the equipment auditor is to assess a yacht's equipment as a guide to owners and clubs organising a race that the owner has complied with the Special Regulations for the relevant category of racing that it is intending to compete in.

Audits are completed by Auditors on behalf of clubs who nominate the auditors to represent them. Equipment Auditors are trained and accredited by Australian Sailing.

There are two levels of Auditors:

Auditor Level

Categories authorised to Audit

**National
Equipment
Auditor (NEA)**

Authorised to conduct inspections for categories 1-7. NEA's accreditation is portable. ie- an audit for yacht audited for Category 1 at a club in one state will be valid for the same category of races across the country. Organising Authorities may have additional requirements that they will still need to check.

**Club
Equipment
Auditor (CEA)**

Authorised to conduct audits for categories 3-7

Accreditation

There are two steps to becoming an Club level Equipment Auditor:

1. Attend and pass a course
2. Have your accreditation confirmed with your club by Australian Sailing

Courses

The cycle of accrediting and reaccrediting auditors revolved the issuance of the new Special Regulations every four years. The most recent edition came into effect on 1 July, 2017 and remain in effect until 30 June 2021. Upcoming courses can be found on the Course Finder and if none are scheduled, clubs can request a course.

An Australian Sailing Equipment Auditors appointment begins on the date approval is granted by AS. The duration of appointment shall be not more than four years from the date approval is granted.

Audit Enquiries

From time to time, Auditors may come across a Regulation or issue with a yacht that they are unable to answer. The FAQ page below will hopefully address these, otherwise please submit a query via the [Contact Us form](#)

Feedback

NEAS resources have been created in consultation with the Senior Equipment Auditors nationally.

Your opinion is important to us... so if you do wish to share your feedback about these resources, [please send us an email](#)

Click on the links below to access the resources.

Auditor Search

You can search for individuals who are accredited through the AS Finder- select "Find an accredited auditor" link below

Equipment Audit forms

Clubs are reminded that these forms are updated in line with any amendments to the Special Regulations. Clubs are requested to download the forms directly from this website to avoid using out of date forms. Alternatively you can place a hyperlink to the forms page from your website.

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Equipment Auditing FAQ's

How do I get my boat audited?

Generally clubs organise a number of regular inspection dates prior to the commencement of each season to do audits for the clubs members' yachts. Contact your club to arrange an audit or alternatively use the search function to find an auditor at your club

When do audits expire?

30 June next from the date of the audit or at the specified date on the audit form, whichever is the earlier.

Where can I find current equipment audit forms?

on the AS website, Equipment Auditing page

If my yacht fails an audit, can I request a new audit?

Firstly a request should be made to the clubs senior auditor and if the matter is not resolved then the owner has the right to request redress under the Racing Rules of Sailing

Are there fees for auditing (payable by the yacht owner and/ or to the auditor)

Equipment auditors are volunteers. Generally there is no fee for conducting an audit. Some clubs may charge a fee for conducting audits on yachts that have more than one audit per year or if requested at inconvenient times.

Who can be an auditor?

Any member of an affiliated sailing club. Typically you would be expected to have a strong understanding of the Special Regulations, have experience in sailing yachts, sailed a yacht in a cat 2 race etc

How do I become accredited or reaccredited as an auditor?

There are two steps involved in becoming an accredited auditor.

Firstly, attend an auditor's course and pass the exam.

Secondly, a club must nominate you to Australian Sailing. AS will then send you confirmation of your accreditation.

All equipment auditors are registered online by AS through individuals MySailor profile.

How do I know if I have passed the test?

Australian Sailing will review the test with participants in the face to face course then notify you on the day whether you have passed.

Once all components for accreditation have been satisfied and processed by Australian Sailing, all equipment auditors accreditation details are displayed through individuals MySailor profile.

When does accreditation expire?

Accreditation expires on 30 June 2021, which aligns with the expiry of the Special Regulations section of the current blue book. Reaccreditation is required with the release of each new edition of the Special Regulations because generally a number of regulations are updated and this ensures that you understand the changes.

Where can I find a list of Equipment Auditors?

The full list of auditors and their nominated club can be found on the AS Find an Official search function

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Upcoming courses are listed on the AS website "Find a Course" finder and are generally held between April- June each year. Additional courses can be requested.

How do I know if there are any amendments to the Special Regulations

Australian Sailing post all amendments to the Special Regulations on the AS website. AS will contact all affiliated clubs and accredited auditors.

Clubs responsibilities

Accredited Auditors do not have authority to conduct Audits generally but must be appointed by a Club to carry them out. A Club may appoint accredited Auditors who are not members of that Club to conduct audits for it.

Insurance- when are auditors covered and by whom?

Auditors must ensure that their Club or the club appointing them has adequate insurance cover that extends to Auditors which covers professional liability for negligent action or advice. Further, Auditors must ensure that whatever cover is held by the Club, it covers the Auditor both ashore and afloat. (Some insurances only cover whilst ashore).

Is accreditation portable- can I audit yachts at other clubs?

Auditors can only be conduct audits at clubs that have appointed the individual auditor. If an auditor wishes to conduct an audit on behalf of another club, they must be approved by that club.

Can I conduct an audit on an interstate yacht?

Only if appointed by the host club (Organising Authority) of an event

Who do I contact for further information?

Complete the [online contact form](#)

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