



PORT ADELAIDE SAILING CLUB

PATRICK ROBBINS MEMORIAL GULF EVENT

Saturday 25th to Monday 27th January 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is The Port Adelaide Sailing Club (PASC)

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 64.1(a)

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 64.1

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions and Special Regulations (SR) of Australian Sailing (AS). The South Australian Department for Infrastructure and Transport Safety Regulations
<https://marinesafety.sa.gov.au/>
The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea, and the Sailing Instructions (Sis).
- 1.2 Where the SA boating Regulations require a higher standard than the RRS & SR the SA Boating Regulations shall apply.
- 1.3 Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NoR) and the SIs, the SIs shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at the PASC racing desk located inside the clubrooms & emailed to members no later than 1800hrs the day prior to the start of the first race.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official noticeboard is located on the northern wall of the club room passageway.
- 3.2 [DP] While racing all boats shall carry a working VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 16, 69 and 80. See RRS 37. Handheld VHF radios do not comply.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats that comply with the requirements detailed in this NoR
and must be a Full Financial Member of a Yacht Club affiliated with AS.

- 4.2 [NP] The Patrick Robbins Memorial races; Adelaide to Port Vincent & return are only open to PASC registered yachts. AS Category 5 shall apply for both races.
- 4.3 On boats without Lifelines or boats with lifelines that do not comply with AS SR Part 1 Section 3.12. All competitors on board shall at all times while racing wear a personal flotation device (PFD) as per AS SR Part 1 Section 5. This changes RRS Rule 40.
- 4.4 [NP] All boats participating in the Patrick Robbins memorial regatta shall hold current South Australian Boat Registration and current third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000, including racing cover. If PASC does not have current copies of the documents providing proof of the documentation required by this NoR, then they shall be supplied with the entry form.
- 4.5 [NP] Entries shall be lodged by submitting the race entry form to the PASC race committee and must be received, and the entry fee paid no later than 1700 hours on 24/01/2025.
Entry forms and other documentation will be available at the PASC race desk and emailed to members.
- 4.6 [NP] Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the race committee.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee for the Patrick Robbins Memorial Series is \$20.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS [NP]

- 6.1 A minimum of 2 able crew including the skipper shall be of a minimum age of 18 years.
- 6.2 If sailing single handed you shall be of a minimum age of 18 years.
- 6.2.1 A safety declaration must be completed and signed by the skipper.
- 6.2.2 A PFD must be worn at all times while racing or transiting to or from the course.
- 6.3 A participant who does not have an AS number shall register through the AS SailPASS system.

7. SIGN ON & CREW LISTS [NP]

- 7.1 All competitors shall complete the PASC race sign on sheet available at the sailing desk on Saturday 90 minutes prior to the warning signal & Pt Vincent on Monday 60 minutes prior to the warning signal.
- 7.2 All skippers and crew shall register for their boat prior to the first warning signal of each race day through the events page on the PASC website.
- 7.3 Boats failing to comply with any of point 7 above will be scored DNC for that race.

8. ADVERTISING

- 8.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 8.2 All boats shall fly their racing or cruising flag on the backstay a minimum of 1 metre above the deck line. No other flags shall be flown except a boats club burgee and or the Australian flag.

9. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 9.1 Saturday 25th January – Outer Harbour start to Port Vincent, Warning Signal 0955.
Monday 27th January – Port Vincent to Outer Harbour, Warning Signal 0955.
- 9.2 No warning signal will be made after 1300 hours on each day.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 [DP] Boats shall be available for equipment inspection from 24 hours prior to each race and up to 24 hours after the completion of each race.
- 10.2 Boats may be inspected at any time during the event.
- 10.3 [DP] Boats shall also comply with RRS 78.1 & 78.2 when presented for inspection

11 RACING AREA

11.1 The racing will be conducted mainly on the Gulf of St Vincent including the confines of the Port River and around the waters of Port Vincent.

12 COURSES

- 12.1 The details of the courses to be sailed will be provided in the Sis.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 RRS 44.1 shall apply.

14 DIVISIONS AND HANDICAP SYSTEM

- 14.1 There will be 1 Division which will include Racing and Cruising boats.
- 14.2 For the PHS, boats shall register as either Racing boats identified by flying the "E" flag or Cruising boats identified by flying the "F" flag.
- 14.3 Racing boats may use any sail, Cruising boats are limited to Mainsail and 1 only Jib or Genoa
- 14.1 All races will be scored under the Performance Handicap System (PHS) using the Top Yacht handicapping software.
- 14.2 Boats will be allocated a handicap at the discretion of the race committee.
- 14.3 [NP] The decision of the Race Committee on any allocation of handicap will be final and will not be grounds for request for redress. This alters RRS 60.1 (b).

15 SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Point Scoring System (PHS) Appendix A4 will apply for all races except that a boat that Did Not Finish will be scored the number of starters plus 1 for that race. This changes RRS A5.2
- 15.2 1 race will constitute a series.
- 15.3 A minimum of 2 starters will constitute a race.
- 15.4 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1 Vessels shall fly their designated Club burgee.

17 BERTHING

- 17.1 It is advised that you reserve your berth, at Port Vincent ASAP.
- 17.2 If accommodation ashore is also required, then this should be arranged ASAP.

18 SAFETY

- 18.1 **Boats must keep clear of commercial vessels moving in the Port River, including the channel to the entrance beacon. Refer to the International Collision Regulations Part B – Steering and Safety Rules**
- 18.2 All boats shall carry the **appropriate anchors**. While racing no anchor shall protrude beyond the normal bow of their boat and must be stowed in a secure and safe position so as not to be a danger to any other boat. Normal bow is the bow of a boat excluding anchor rollers or Bow Sptits etc, or any other protrusion attached.
- 18.3 Any boat failing to stow their anchor/s according to the above may be protested.
- 18.4 Boats with **lifting keels** shall lock the keel down using a non-friction device at all times while racing.

18.5 All boats shall carry an **auxiliary motor** readily available for immediate use and have sufficient fuel.

19 RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

19.1 By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include but not limited to strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

19.2 The Organising Authority relies upon the provisions and limitations of the South Australian Civil Liability Act 1936 and notifies all race participants who engage in recreational activity that they do so at their own risk, See RRS 3 Decision to Race, **“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”**.

19.3 Having given this risk warning, the Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the race.

20 INSURANCE

20.1 Each participating boat shall have current South Australian Boat Registration and must have valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per incident and include “Racing Risk”.

21 PRIZES

21.1 The Patrick Robbins Memorial Trophy
For the total point score of PASC yachts for the Adelaide to Vincent & return races.

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

22.1 For further information please contact;
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Port Vincent Marina Rob Marner <https://cydsa.com.au/facilities-marina-port-vincent/>