



PORT ADELAIDE SAILING CLUB

PATRICK ROBBINS MEMORIAL EVENT
Saturday 25th January to Monday 27th January

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

These Sailing Instructions (Sis) are to be read in conjunction with the Notice of Race (NoR) and where there is a conflict between the NoR and the SIs, the SIs shall take precedence.

1. RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), 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 these SIs.

1.2 **A boat sailing across the bow of a commercial vessel shall not pass ahead of the vessel unless the bridge of that vessel is in full view at all times.**

1.3 RRS 20 is amended so that Room to tack at an obstruction shall include room for Commercial Shipping.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board not less than 90 minutes prior to the warning signal for the first race in which the change will take effect.

2.2 Verbal changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made by the Race Officer (RO) by displaying the 3rd substitute with two sound signals followed by no less than three broadcasts over the VHF race radio channel. Failure by a competitor to hear the transmissions will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 ***[NP]*** All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on all safety or hailing channels specified by local regulations and the NoR.

3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 69 and 80.

- 3.3 The Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of OCS boats, and/or other information of interest to competitors on the appropriate course VHF channel. The Race Committee may also transmit course and other information by Short Message Service (SMS). This changes RRS 41.
[NP] Any failure of, or defect in, such a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes rules 60.1 and 62.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.5 [NP] All yachts shall complete a radio check and receive confirmation on VHF 69 with the PASC committee vessel (call sign PASC race control) between 15 & 30 minutes prior to the warning signal for each race day. Boats failing to complete her Pre-Race Radio Check shall be considered a non-competitor and will be scored DNC without protest.
- 3.6 A countdown for the warning signal for the start procedure may be conducted on VHF channel 69.
- 3.7 Once a competitor has safely cleared the start area, she shall change to VHF channel 80 for the duration of the race. A dual watch for channels 16 and 80 is to be maintained, except during radio schedules. Within 30 minutes of the start of the race each competitor shall radio the committee vessel on Ch 80 indicating they have changed channels and have a continuous listening watch on Ch 16 and 80
- 3.8 Between 1400 hours and 1430 hours **All** boats shall radio the committee vessel and report their Current Bearing, Distance and ETA to the finish line, and receive acknowledgement on VHF channel 80. Boats failing to complete this Radio Check shall be considered a non-competitor and will be scored DNC without protest. [NP]


4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE


- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the PASC Flagpole, and at the Port Vincent Marina.
- 4.2 Postponement Signals: When AP Flag is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes."

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Saturday 25th January – Outer Harbour start to Port Vincent, Warning Signal 0955.
- 5.2 Monday 27th January - Port Vincent start to Outer Harbour, Warning Signal 0955.

5 CLASS FLAG

- 5.1  Racing flag is "Echo"

-  Cruising flag is "Foxtrot"

-  All Boats flag is "Tango"

6 COURSES

- 6.1 Courses are located in Attachment 1 at the end of these Sis.

7 MARKS

- 7.1 Finish/Start mark at Port Vincent will be a yellow inflatable.
Other marks are located in Attachment 1 at the end of these Sis.

8 THE START

- 8.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

8.2 START LINES

Outer Harbor Start Line will be a line taken from '**Beacon 14**' located on the western side of the Port River channel, to the '**Signal tower**' opposite on the eastern side of the channel.

Port Vincent Start Line will be a line taken from the official Boat to a yellow mark at the leeward end.

8.3 [NP] A boat starting later than 15 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2

8.4 Late to the start line: A boat running late for the start may use its engine after the warning signal for the purpose of proceeding to the Start Line, providing that before starting, the boat shuts off her engine and after the starting signal, getting well clear of all other boats, makes 2 tacks and 2 gybes in the same direction (2 turn penalty) under sail.

9 THE FINISH

9.1 Finish Lines

Port Vincent Finish Line will be a line taken from the designated official finish vessel (call sign-PASC finish vessel) to the yellow finish buoy, located in an area east of the Pt Vincent Marina Entrance.

Outer Harbour Finish Line will be the extension of a line taken from '**Beacon 14**' located on the western side of the Port River channel, to the '**Signal tower**' opposite on the eastern side and the breakwater. Boats shall pass between the Breakwater and Beacon 14.

9.2 At the Outer Harbour finish line all boats shall take their own finish time & report their finishing time, and position in relation to nearby boats, to the race officer by SMS on 0414 583 576 at the first reasonable opportunity but not later than 1 hour after their finish time.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 RRS 44 shall apply – 2 turn penalty.

11 TIME LIMITS

11.1 [NP] The Time Limit for all boats to Finish shall be the official sunset time. Boats failing to finish within the Time Limit shall be scored DNF. Changes RRS Rule 35 and 44.

12 HEARING REQUESTS

12.1 The protest time limit for all boats is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the race.

12.2 Boats intending to protest shall notify the RO via radio immediately after finishing that race.

12.3 Protests shall be lodged in accordance with rule 61 to the Race Committee. Forms are available from the Sign on table.

12.4 The organising authority will advise the date and time of the hearing.

12.5 [DP] RRS Appendix T (ARBITRATION) shall apply.

12.6 The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in rule 70.5[(a)] [(b)] [(c)].

13. RENDERING ASSISTANCE

A boat or competitor shall render all possible assistance to any person or vessel in danger. If necessary, they shall also alert the appropriate authorities by way of VHF 16 or mobile phone. A boat rendering assistance shall notify the race committee in writing as soon as practicable but not later than 24 hours after the incident and may receive average points for that race.

Any boat failing to render assistance when able to do so shall be subject to protest.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

14.1 [DP] All yachts shall abide by the correct radio protocol, as detailed in these SIs & State regulations.

14.2 [NP] All Yachts shall comply with AS Cat. 5 or higher, as required in the NoR.

- 14.3 Boats that retire from a race shall immediately advise the 'PASC Committee Vessel' and report their current position along with their intended destination and approximate time of arrival. When safely moored or berthed at their intended destination they shall call the PASC Committee Vessel on Channel 80 to log off.
- 14.4 The race may be **postponed** or cancelled at the discretion of the RO if competitor's safety is put at risk due to excessive heat or wind or any other event deemed to be hazardous to competitor's safety.
- 14.5 Boats with **extendable bowsprits** shall have them retracted when not in use and shall be retracted immediately after use.

15 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 15.1 Yachts shall report any change of crew at the first opportunity to the sailing committee.

16 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 16.1 The official vessels will be Bayadere and Sunstar.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 The Patrick Robbins Memorial Trophy for the total point score winner of PASC entrants

18 RISK STATEMENT

- 18.1 **RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.'** By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include 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.**
- 18.2 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, 22.3 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.
- 18.3 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.

19 INSURANCE

- 19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 Million per incident, plus racing cover per incident or the equivalent.

ATTACHMENT 1

Courses

Race 1 – Outer Harbor to Pt Vincent – Start, Orontes Beacon to Port, Middle Spit Beacon to Port & Finish.

Race 2 – Pt Vincent to Outer Harbor – Start, Middle Spit Beacon to Starboard, Orontes Beacon to Starboard & Finish.

