

NOTICE OF RACE 2026-27 SAILING SEASON



The Organising Authority is Safety Beach Sailing Club.

*The notation '**[DP]**' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.*

*The notation '**[NP]**' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

1. RULES

- 1.1. All races in the 2026-27 season will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing and the SBSC Sailing Instructions for Keelboats and OTB fleets.
- 1.2. The Prescriptions of Australian Sailing and the Australian Sailing Special Regulations as below shall apply.
 - 1.2.1. Part 1 shall apply for Keelboats and Trailable Yachts
 - 1.2.2. Part 2 shall apply for the OTB fleet
- 1.3. Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.4. The SBSC COVIDSafe Plan if activated by a notice to competitors.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing instructions will be available on the SBSC website. See External Links 15.1 and 15.2 below.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The on-line notice board is available on the SBSC website (www.sbcs.net.au)
- 3.2. 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. **[DP]**
- 3.3. SBSC Race Control will monitor and use VHF Channel. 69. The call sign for SBSC is "Safety Beach Tower".
- 3.4. The SBSC Race Control can also be contacted via Mobile Phone – 0420 393 476

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. SBSC races are open to all boats on the SBSC register and any visiting yacht that has submitted a valid entry as specified below and complies with the following conditions.
 - 4.1.1. Members who have not paid their annual subs by 30 September in a membership year or in the case of new members within 30 days joining shall be scored DNC in all races until all overdue subs are paid. Payment does not retroactively change any DNC score incurred prior to payment.
 - 4.1.2. Sailors who have been banned from SBSC may not compete in SBSC races whilst that ban is in force.

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- 4.2. To compete in SBSC keelboat races all SBSC registered keelboats and visiting keelboats shall enter via the SailSys system in accordance with the following requirements for the entry to be accepted.
 - 4.2.1. Shall create and maintain a SailSys account.
 - 4.2.2. Shall in their SailSys account indicate they have a current valid Australian Sailing Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form to a minimum of Category 5.
 - 4.2.3. Shall in their SailSys account indicate they have a current valid third party and personal insurance certificate, with a minimum of AUD \$10,000,000 public liability.
 - 4.2.4. Shall have done a Man Overboard Drill and lodged a copy of the completion form by 31st October in a membership year. Completion forms are available via the External Link in 15.3 below.
 - 4.2.5. Visiting boats, subject to the approval of the Keelboat Committee, may enter a single race in a series via the link in 15.5 below as a casual entry without a fee.
 - 4.2.6. For a series open to visiting boats, subject to the approval of the Keelboat Committee, they may enter the series via the link in 15.6 below.
- 4.3. Conduct of Keelboat Racing
 - 4.3.1. Keelboat racing during daylight is conducted under AS Special Regulations Part 1 – Category 5 and 5N at night. Where a Strong Wind Warning has not been issued, by the Bureau of Meteorology for Port Phillip Bay, boats complying with Category 6 plus VHF Radio may race during daylight races.
 - 4.3.2. Keelboats will race in a single Division for the 2026/2027 season.
 - 4.3.3. Boats wishing to sail without a spinnaker must elect to do so at the start of any Series and will race as a separate Series.
- 4.4. Off the Beach boats on the SBSC register shall lodge the documentation listed here by 31st October in a membership year to compete in SBSC races. Failure to comply will result in the loss of points for all races in the membership year prior to 31st October and the boat subsequently being scored Did Not Compete (DNC), without a hearing, until the boat complies. This changes RRS 63.1, A5.1 and A5.2.
 - 4.4.1. Proof of appropriate third party and personal insurance cover, with a minimum of AUD \$10,000,000 public liability.
- 4.5. Visiting boats may only participate six (6) times in a membership year.
- 4.6. It is the responsibility of each owner/skipper to ensure all crew/visitors that do not have current Australian Sailing cover are to be registered with an Australian Sailing 'Sail Pass' prior to entering the race via the External Link in 15.4 below. This will ensure the insurance coverage afforded by Australian Sailing. This change will be in accordance with RRS 78.2. The number of Sail Passes is limited to six (6) races per membership year. Attention is drawn to RRS 46 and the Australian Sailing prescription effective 1st January 2022.
- 4.7. The Sailing Committee may initiate checks at any time to verify boats comply with their obligations under 4.2 or 4.4 as applicable.
- 4.8. Boats **shall** comply with RRS Appendix G – Identification on Sails.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. The schedule of races shall be published in the SBSC 2026-2027 Keelboat and OTB Programs.
- 5.2. Racing shall end at sunset unless otherwise stated.

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6. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 6.1. Boats may be inspected at any time during the season.

7. VENUE

- 7.1. All races will be held in Port Phillip on the waters in the vicinity off Safety Beach Sailing Club.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. Will be as described in the SBSC Keelboat and OTB Sailing Instructions or in any Special Sailing Instructions as issued from time to time.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. Scoring will be as specified in the Keelboat or OTB Sailing Instructions as applicable.

9.2. Duty Points

- 9.2.1. Boats rostered for Race Duty on a race day shall be ineligible to enter that race unless an appropriate duty boat substitution has been made prior to the race. Failure to comply will result in the boat being scored Did Not Compete (DNC) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A5.1 and A5.3.
- 9.2.2. Duty boats, in lieu of race points, shall be awarded points equal to their average score for that Series. This average score may vary progressively through the Series as results accrue. After the final race the boat's average points will be calculated and will apply to the race when they were Duty Boat.
- 9.2.3. Duty points will not be awarded if the race is not raced, abandoned or no boat finishes within the time limit.
- 9.2.4. Skippers/Owners and the required number of additional crew, rostered for duty, shall be under the direction of the Race Officer.
- 9.2.5. In any one series Duty points will only be awarded for a maximum of one (1) race day. A boat may be rostered for duty more than once in a season, but **not** more than once in a series.

9.3. Average Points

A boat may apply in writing to the Keelboat Committee or the OTB Committee as applicable for average points if they are going to miss club racing where they will be away competing in a World, National or State championship event or other designated major event. Average points will only be awarded if the application is approved by the appropriate committee.

10. RISK STATEMENT

- 10.1. 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.

11. INSURANCE

- 11.1. It is condition of entry that the Owner/Competitor has third party liability insurance cover to a minimum value of \$10 Million. Such insurance shall cover all risks arising whilst the boat is participating in any way in racing, whether ashore or afloat.

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12. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

12.1. In participating, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authorities, the Coordinating Authorities and the sponsors, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition in which the competitor participates, and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

13. PRIZES

13.1. Prizes will be awarded for each series at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

14.1. For further information contact the Rear Commodore at rcommodore@sbsc.net.au

15. EXTERNAL LINKS

- 15.1. Keelboat Sailing Instructions are available from [here](#) or [here](#).
- 15.2. OTB Sailing Instructions are available from [here](#).
- 15.3. Man Overboard Instructions for keelboats are available from [here](#).
- 15.4. Sail Pass registrations for temporary members are available from [here](#).
- 15.5. Visiting Keelboat single race entries are available from [here](#).
- 15.6. Visiting Keelboat series entries are available from [here](#).