



Mounts Bay Sailing Club

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions 2021-2022

1 ENTRY & ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1 Other than Invitation Races, boats must be registered with MBSC and the helmsperson shall be a financial Ordinary member of the Club. Crew must be either a financial Ordinary member or Social Watersports member within the two-year time limit as described in the Club Rules or non-members with an Australian Sailing number up to a maximum of three sailing days. A temporary GoSail membership may be available for purchase from the Club for those without an Australian Sailing number.
- 1.2 All boats shall hold a valid third-party liability insurance policy with a minimum cover of \$10 million per incident or equivalent.
- 1.3 To enter a race, the helmsperson must sign on at the Sign On Desk adjacent to the Club Office prior to leaving for the commencement of racing and sign off upon returning to the beach.
- 1.4 A boat shall sail in the class or division to which it is assigned by the Race Committee
- 1.5 By entering a race, a boat is deemed to have been entered in any series or mini-series in which the race is part thereof

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located adjacent to the Club office (or the twilight starter's trolley in the case of Cruiser Twilight events).

3 SCHEDULE, NUMBER OF RACES & SCHEDULED TIME OF WARNING SIGNAL

- 3.1 The Club's sailing fixtures form part of this Notice of Race in respect of "schedule" and "number of races". The fixtures can be viewed at <https://mbsc.com.au/sailing-calendar/>
- 3.2 A briefing will be held for all class captains, crews and safety boat personnel at 1300 each race day. A briefing for junior training/racing sailors will be held by their coach/class captain preceding racing.

- 3.3 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 3.4 A Club championship race may be rescheduled in the event that a heat is abandoned.

4 ADVERTISING

- 4.1 The World Sailing advertising code, Regulation 20 shall apply.
- 4.2 Competitors may be required to display Event sponsor's name(s)/logo(s) and bow numbers. If required, the Club will supply these items and they shall be affixed and/or worn as prescribed in any notice or supplementary Sailing Instructions.
- 4.3 The Club reserves the right to refuse advertising by a boat or competitor when it is in conflict with an Event sponsor, the laws of the Western Australian or Australian Governments or in conflict with Constitution of the Club as determined by the Sailing or Management Committee.

5 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board and may be communicated orally to the Club class captain (or delegate) by the race officer (or delegate), no less than 45 minutes before the warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.
- 5.2 Changes to the sailing instructions may be communicated on the water to each boat, orally by the race committee or written on a board, when code flag L is displayed on the race committee signal vessel. Such changes may be made up to the warning signal of a race.
- 5.3 Changes to the sailing instructions for junior training/racing classes will be posted on the notice board and communicated orally to sailors by their instructor/coach.

6 RULES

- 6.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 6.2 Windsurfers/Windfoilers will be governed by the RRS together with Appendix B.
- 6.3 The Prescriptions of Australian Sailing will apply including Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats.

- 6.4 Boats racing as a fleet in the Optimist, O'Pen Skiff, Flying Ant, Moth, Mudlark, GP14, Sabre, 29er, Tasar, Cherub, 125, Windsurfer Class and Sharpie fleets shall comply with their respective Class rules.
- 6.5 Yachting WA Special Regulations for Ballasted Keelboats sailing in Twilight Events on the Swan River shall apply to the Cruiser Division twilight events.
- 6.6 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for a special event, the documents produced for the special event will prevail.
- 6.7 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 6.8 The Race Committee shall, except in respect of Rule 62, comprise of the Rear Commodore Sailing or delegate, Officer of the day and the Race Officer of the day
- 6.9 Change of hull or sail number must be approved by the race committee for the carry-over of results within a series to occur.
- 6.10 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

7 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Club balcony flag mast.
- 7.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

8 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

Optimist	Black Optimist logo on white background
O'Pen Skiff	O'Pen Bic logo on white background
Flying Ant	Winged A on white background
Moth	Moth Logo on white background
GP14	Black bell on white background
Sabre	Red Sabre logo on white background
29er	Orange 29er on white background
Tasar	Red Tasar logo on white background
Sharpie	Yellow kangaroo on green background
Cruiser Division	Naval Numeral 2 or black Cruiser on white background
Windsurfers	White or Pink with Black Windsurfer
Windfoiler	Green flag with black "W F" lettering and foil

9 RACING AREAS

9.1 Racing areas include Matilda Bay, Melville Water East and Melville Water West.

10 THE COURSES

10.1 The course for each class is described in the class course sheet and form part of these sailing instructions. Class course sheets show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Class course sheets are available from either the Club office or adjacent to the official notice board be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10.2 Courses for the Club's Short Race Series will posted on the official notice board and described at the Competitor's Briefing.

10.3 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal vessel will display the course identification flag as described in the class course sheet indicating the course to be sailed.

10.4 Courses may be shortened under RRS rule 32 at the discretion of the race committee. Should flag S be displayed at the warning signal or during the race, the shortened course described in the class course sheet will apply. This changes rule 32.2.

10.5 Courses for junior training/racing classes will be posted on the notice board and advised orally to sailors by their coach.

11 MARKS

11.1 Marks are described in the Class course sheets.

11.2 The starting mark will be either a buoy displaying an orange flag or a Race Committee vessel displaying an orange flag. The finishing mark will be the MBSC Club yellow and black banded start/finish mark east of the end of the MBSC Club jetty.

11.3 Short Race Series marks will be posted on the notice board and described at the Competitor's Briefing

11.4 Marks for junior training/racing classes will be posted on the notice board and advised orally to sailors by their coach/class captain.

12 MAXIMUM WIND STRENGTHS

12.1 Racing will start as scheduled for each class where the average wind speed at the warning signal, measured from the race committee signal vessel or the BOM inner dolphin recorder, does not exceed the following:

Mudlark & Optimist	15 knots
O'pen Skiff	20 knots
Cruiser	20knots
Flying Ant, Moth ,GP14 & Sabre	25 knots
29er, Musto Skiff & 49er/49erFX	25 knots
Sharpie	30 knots
Windsurfer/Windfoiler	25 knots

12.2 Racing, at the discretion of the Race Officer, may be abandoned as per rule 32.

13 THE START

13.1 The Starting Line will be:

- (a) Between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal vessel at the starboard end and the starting mark at the port end; or
- (b) for the Cruiser Twilights/or designated Club Handicap Starts between the Twilight "starter's trolley" located adjacent to the MBSC Sharpie/Upper Bar and the MBSC Club start/finish mark; or
- (c) For junior training/racing classes advised orally to sailors by their coach.

13.2 RRS Rule 26 may be amended at the discretion of the Race Committee as follows. This will be communicated at the Competitor's Briefing.

Minutes before Start	Visual Signal	Sound signal- absence disregarded	Means
3	Class flag	One	Warning Signal

2	Preparatory flag (P/U/I Black) displayed	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

13.3 A buoy may be streamed from the race committee signal vessel.

13.4 For mid-river, handicap starts, a boat's starting signal will be either on the fall of a number assigned to her displayed from the race committee signal vessel or at a particular time assigned to her.

13.5 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal or three minutes in the case of a three-minute sequence as described in SI 13.2 will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing.

14 GENERAL RECALLS

14.1 In the event that a general recall is signalled, the warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made at or after the starting signal of any succeeding class at the discretion of the race committee. Should there be no succeeding class starting following a general recall, the warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed. This changes rule 29.2.

15 OFFICIAL BOATS

15.1 Official vessels, other than the race committee signal vessel, may be identified by a safety flag which is a white flag with wording "Safety" in red, or a green and white Flag and/ or have "MBSC Safety" on the side of vessel.

16 ON-WATER COACHING

- 16.1 On-water coaching to a boat racing is permitted in all scheduled racing other than Club Championship heats. On-water coaching to a junior training/racing class boat is permitted during a Club Championship heat.
- 16.2 Coaches must register at the race briefing and be approved for on-water coaching by the Officer of the Day or Race Officer. Approved coach vessels must be equipped with HF radio and display a safety flag (White with SAFETY written or Green and White Flag).
- 16.3 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment unless authorised for on-water coaching under instruction 17.

17 THE FINISH

- 17.1 The finishing line will be between the MBSC finish box and the finishing mark.
- 17.2 The finish line for Mid river finishes will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Finish vessel and finishing mark described at the Competitor's Briefing.
- 17.3 The finishing line for junior training/racing classes will be advised orally to sailors by their coach.

18 TIME LIMIT

- 18.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 1630 hrs.
- 18.2 Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 18.3 The time limits for junior training/racing classes will be advised orally to sailors by their coach/class captain.

19 POST-RACE PENALTIES

- 19.1 Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2, Part 4 or rule 31 in an incident may take 30% Scoring Penalty in accordance with RRS Appendix T1 at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
- 19.2 A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to a member of the protest committee a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

20 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 20.1 Protest forms are available at the Club Office or Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 20.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 20.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, at the location and time detailed on the notice.
- 20.4 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 20.5 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 4, 16 and 23 will not be grounds for protest by competitors.

21 ARBITRATION

- 22.1 All protests lodged in accordance with rule 61 which allege an infringement of rules of Part 2, Part 4 or rule 31 will be subject to arbitration in accordance with RRS Appendix T.
- 22.2 Rules T1(a) and T2 are amended to replace the references to "rules of Part 2 or rule 31" with "rules of Part 2, Part 4 or rule 31".

22 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 22.1 By participating in MBSC events, a competitor and/or the competitor's parent/guardian automatically grants to Mounts Bay Sailing Club (Inc.) the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time at its discretion, any motion pictures, still motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television, digital images and other reproductions of him/her during the period of competition for the event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the event without compensation.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 23.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

24 PRIZES

24.1 MBSC prize pennants will be awarded each race day for each class as follows:

Junior Club Races:	Fastest and 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd on handicap
Senior Club Races:	Fastest and 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd on handicap
Short Race Series:	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd
Club Championship Heats:	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd and 1 st on handicap
Cruiser Division Twilights:	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd

24.2 Trophies will be awarded at the conclusion of the summer sailing season for each class as follows:

Club Championship:	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd overall
Club Consistency:	1 st on handicap across all Club heats & Club races
Short Race Series:	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd overall
Cruiser Division:	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd overall

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 25.1 Competitors participate in MBSC events 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 any event.

APPENDIX T ARBITRATION

This appendix applies only if the notice of race or sailing instructions so state.

Arbitration adds an extra step to the protest resolution process but can eliminate the need for some protest hearings, thus speeding up the process for events in which many protests are expected. Arbitration may not be appropriate for all events as it requires an additional knowledgeable person to act as the arbitrator. Further guidance on arbitration can be found in the World Sailing International Judges Manual, which can be downloaded from the World Sailing website.

T1. POST-RACE PENALTIES

1. Provided that rule [44.1\(b\)](#) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule [31](#) in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
2. A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule [44.3\(c\)](#). However, rule [44.1\(a\)](#) applies.
3. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the arbitrator or a member of the protest committee a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

T2. ARBITRATION MEETING

An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a *protest* by a boat involving one or more rules of Part 2 or rule [31](#), but only if each party is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witnesses will be permitted. However, if the arbitrator decides that rule [44.1\(b\)](#) may apply or that arbitration is not appropriate, the meeting will not be held, and if a meeting is in progress, it will be closed.

T3. ARBITRATOR'S OPINION

Based on the evidence given by the representatives, the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the protest committee is likely to decide:

1. the protest is invalid,
2. no boat will be penalized for breaking a rule, or
3. one or more boats will be penalized for breaking a rule, identifying the boats and the penalties.

T4. ARBITRATION MEETING OUTCOMES

After the arbitrator offers an opinion,

1. a boat may take a Post-Race Penalty, and
2. a boat may ask to withdraw her protest. The arbitrator may then act on behalf of the protest committee in accordance with rule [63.1](#) to allow the withdrawal.

Unless all protests involving the incident are withdrawn, a protest hearing will be held.