



Sharpie Tasmanian Championship 2015-16

Saturday 5 March and Sunday 6 March 2016

The Organising Authority is Sandy Bay Sailing Club Incorporated in conjunction with
Australian Sharpie Sailing Association (Tasmanian Division)

Sandy Bay Sailing Club

Sandy Bay, Tasmania

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* 2013-2016.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Australian Sharpie Class registered and financial with the Australian Sharpie Sailing Association (Tasmanian Division) or their interstate equivalent. All competitors shall be a member of a Yachting Australia affiliated club.

2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing an online entry by 1800 on Thursday 3 March 2016.

2.3 Online entry system: <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=19999>

3. FEES

3.1 Entry fees are \$60 per boat discounted by \$10 for each crew member who is a current SBSC or DSS member.

3.2 Late entry fee is \$10.

4. 4.SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1

Day	Time	Event
Saturday 5 March 2016	0900	Registration
	No earlier than 1030	Race day 1
Sunday 6 March 2016	No earlier than 1000	Race day 2

4.2 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

4.3 Six (6) races are scheduled with no more than three (3) races per day. Races may be sailed back to back.

4.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500.

5. MEASUREMENT

5.1 Boats may be inspected for safety equipment and measurement compliance at any time during the regatta.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 1000 on Friday 4 March 2016 online at www.sbsc.yachting.org.au

7. RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area will be on the Derwent Estuary between Droughty Point and Battery Point.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 The courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. SCORING

9.1 Three (3) races are required to constitute a series.

9.2 When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race score.

When more than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10. SAFETY REGULATIONS

10.1 All boats must sign on at Sandy Bay Sailing Club.

- 10.2 Boats failing to sign on up to the Warning Signal will be penalised without a hearing, by the addition of five (5) points to their score in the first race for which they should have signed-on.

Boats failing to sign off before the end of protest time will be penalised without a hearing by the addition of five (5) points to their score in the last race for which they should have signed off.

- 10.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1 Prizes will be awarded to series places 1 (if up to 3 boats are entered) 1 and 2 (if up to 5 boats are entered) and 1, 2 and 3 (if 5 or more boats are entered).
- 11.2 Other prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 11.3 The presentation will be at Sandy Bay Sailing Club at the end of sailing, not earlier than 45 minutes after the last boat finishes, unless there are any unresolved protests.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1 All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Organising Authority and their agents shall not be responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry has been accepted or the adequacy or sufficiency of its equipment.
- 12.2 Attention is drawn to rule 4 Decision to race which says 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'
- 12.3 The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. In addition to this the following clauses are applicable: A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

In this paragraph and the following paragraphs, wherever the context so permits, 'boat' includes the helm and their parents or guardians. It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and that her helm is competent to sail and compete in them.

Nothing done or omitted to be done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing or other parts of the event. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the events and their associated activities, afloat or ashore, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beach masters.

Provision of rescue boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities. The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in these conditions.

The race committee may hold a boat ashore, or require a boat to go ashore at any time when afloat, whether racing or not, if it considers that:

- a) The boat, the equipment or the clothing of the helm, or
- b) The physical condition of the helm is not adequate for the conditions.

Such boats will be scored DNC, DNS or DNF as appropriate. Boats retiring or leaving the course for whatever reason shall inform the race committee boat either in person, or via a patrol or coach boat at the earliest possible opportunity. Boats retiring shall indicate on the signoff sheet the race they retired from.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 Each coach boat is required register with the Sandy Bay Sailing Club Race Office and is to carry a working VHF radio. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 13.2 Support boats shall not signal to competitors by any means during a race unless requested by the Race Officer. Support boats are required to render assistance only as requested by Race Officer. No unauthorised coaching by parents or spectators will be permitted. Coach boats shall neither create wakes nor otherwise interfere with competitors. Violation of this instruction may result in any penalty which the Race Committee deems appropriate, up to and including the disqualification of the coached helm from the race/regatta.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 14.1 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.

15. INSURANCE

- 15.1 All boats shall have third party insurance cover of not less than AUD \$5,000,000. All owners/competitors who sign the entry forms are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

16. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES

- 16.1 In submitting the entry form, all competitors, parents, legal guardians/custodians automatically grants to the organising authority, 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 film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition of this regatta.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

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