



SQSA RIVER TITLES 2014-15

14 - 15 February 2015

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising authority

South Queensland Sabot Association Inc.

In conjunction with the host club

Southport Yacht Club

Hollywell Sailing Squadron

1 Marina Crescent

Hollywell QLD 4216

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1. RULES

1.1. The Regatta will be governed by:

- the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016* (RRS),
- The Prescriptions and Safety Regulations of Yachting Australia Inc. (YA) Part 2.
- the rules and appendices of the Australian National Sailing Council,
- the Model Rules and By Laws of South Queensland Sailing Association Inc. (SQSA),
- the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

1.2. **ALTERATIONS TO RACING RULES**

RRS 43.1(a): No camel backs.

RRS 61.1 (a)(2): Sabots intending to protest shall fly a protest flag.

1.3. A boat shall not discharge rubbish in the water. Rubbish may be deposited on support and race vessels at the appropriate time.

1.4. Attention is drawn to Part 5, SECTION C, RRS 69 "Gross Misconduct".

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the Hollywell Sailing Squadron, located at the clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board not less than 30 minutes prior to the warning signal of the first race in which such change will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the clubhouse.

4.2. When Flag signal AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered.

4.3. When a Flag signal is displayed over a class flag, it applies to that class only.

5. SCHEDULE

DAY/DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
Hollywell Sailing Squadron Saturday - 14 February 2015	Registration	0900 to 1000 hrs
	Competitors meeting	1000 hrs
	Race 1	First warning – not before 1100
	Lunch (available for purchase at club)	Immediately following Race 1
	Race 2 & 3	First warning – not before 1400
Sunday – 15 February 2015	Race 4 & 5	First warning – not before 1000
	Presentation	As soon as possible after racing, presentation of River Titles and Season Championships awards

Note: No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Sunday 15 February 2015.

6. CLASS FLAGS

Senior Division 1 Black Sabot insignia on a white background
Junior Division 2 Black Sabot insignias on a white background

7. RACING AREA

Racing will be on the Gold Coast Broadwater.

8. THE COURSE

The Course shall be freestyle as described at the Competitors Meetings.

9. MARKS

The marks will be described at the Competitors Meetings.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Any areas will be described at the Competitors Meetings.

11. THE START

11.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. The table below provides an example of the starting sequence.

Signal	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Minutes to Start
Warning Signal	Class flag up	1 Sound	5
Preparatory Signal	"I" or "P" flag up	1 Sound	4
	"I" or "P" flag down	1 Sound	1
START	Class flag down	1 Sound	0

11.2. The Starting Line will be between the flag on the Race Committee's start boat (displaying an orange "on station" flag) and an orange teardrop buoy.

11.3. An Inner Distance mark (IDM) may be set near, or floated from the Race Committee's Start boat. For the purpose of the application of the rules, this mark is deemed to be a part of the vessel which it protects.

11.4. Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall remain outside the starting area and clear of all boats whose warning signal has been made.

11.5. Boats failing to start within 5 minutes of their Starting Signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start.)

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1. The race committee may change the next leg of the course, as per RRS 33.

12.2. A lead boat displaying code flag 'L', may lead the fleet to the new mark

13. THE FINISH

The Finishing Line will be described at the Competitors Meeting.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM AND DECLARATIONS

14.1. RRS 31.2 and 44.1 will apply

14.2. Any boat that accepts a penalty in accordance with the above shall complete a 'Penalty Declaration' on the form provided by the Race Committee. Such declaration shall be completed within the protest time limit.

15. TIME LIMIT

15.1. The time limit for each race will be 1 hour 30 minutes.

15.2. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in its Division finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF), which amends RRS 35.

16. PROTESTS

16.1. Protests may only be made by a skipper or crew actually involved in, or who witnessed, the incident and shall be written on forms available from the Hollywell Clubhouse.

16.2. After finishing the race, the protesting boat shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the racing area.

16.3. The skipper and/or crew of a protesting boat shall report immediately to a nominated Protest Counsellor on reaching the shore. Counsellors shall advise and help the protestor and protestee as required, particularly in preparation of the protest form and preparing for the protest hearing.

- 16.4. Completed protest forms shall be delivered to the Club Office within 60 minutes after the time of the last boat in the relevant Division to finish the last race of the day, this amends RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.5. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.6. The Protest Committee will hear protests as soon as practicable.
- 16.7. Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b)
- 16.8. A list of boats that, under instruction 14.3, have been penalised for breaking rule 42 will be posted.
- 16.9. Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. The Low Point Scoring System Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2. Five (5) races are scheduled, of which three (3) shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3. (a) When only three (3) races can be completed, a boat's score shall be the sum of her scores for all three races.
(b) When either four (4) or five (5) races are sailed a boats score shall be the total of all races less one race only.
- 17.4. Points from this regatta will accrue to each skipper along with the Selection Trials and the Bay Titles to decide the 2014/2015 South Queensland Championships.

18. SAFETY

- 18.1. **Wind Strength;** Attention is drawn to Yachting Australia's (YA) recommended wind strength range in which to safely race the Sabot class and as a guideline: races will not be started in winds gusting above 25 knots, or at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer (PRO).
- 18.2. **Sign On and Sign Off;** Each skipper and crew shall personally 'sign on' before leaving the shore, and 'sign off' within 30 minutes of coming ashore (in the case of abandonment in adverse weather, 'sign off' shall be effected immediately on return to shore). Sign-on and Sign-off sheets will be provided at the BSS Clubhouse.
- 18.3. **Personal Floatation:** All competitors at all times while afloat shall wear Personal Floatation Devices: (PFD) Type 1 or 2 approved for that competitor's body mass. YA recommends that children under 12 wear PFD Type 1. Inflatable PFDs will not be accepted. ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO ISAF Fundamental Rule 1.2.
- 18.4. **Retirement;** A boat retiring from a race shall notify an Official Race Committee boat (refer SI R 21) as soon as possible.
- 18.5. **Rescue Boats;** The crew of a Sabot, which is capsized, or in need of assistance, shall comply with the instructions given by a patrol boat or race committee vessel, which is providing assistance.
- 18.6. **Failure to Comply;** Failure to comply with any safety requirement may result in protest and subsequent disqualification from the race or races concerned.
- 18.7. It is recommended that footwear be worn at all times, but particularly when launching and recovering boats on ramps and beaches.

19. CHANGES TO CREW AND EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. **Crew;** There shall be no change of crew without prior written request and permission from the RC. A request for permission to change crew shall be lodged with the RC no later than two hours before the scheduled Warning Signal of the race for which the change is requested.
- 19.2. **Equipment;** Requests to use replacement equipment shall be made to the RC in writing at least two hours before the Warning Signal of the race in which such equipment is to be used, and approval in writing obtained.
- 19.3. **In exceptional circumstances;** a verbal request to use replacement equipment may be made to the Race Committee not less than 15 minutes prior to the Warning Signal for the race concerned. If approved, a written request shall be lodged with the RC before the end of protest time for that race and all such equipment shall be measured and approved before 1000hrs on the following day. If the replacement equipment is found not to comply with the Sabot Class Rules, the boat shall be scored DNC for the race concerned.

20. EQUIPMENT/MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1. Competitors are reminded that only one (1) hull, mast, boom, sail, rudder, and centreboard can be raced during the regatta. The mast, boom, sail, rudder, and centreboard are to be readily made available for stamping (if required) by the SQSA Measurer, or his representative, during the scheduled "Registration period."

20.2. Measurement, equipment and clothing checks may be carried out at any time during the regatta, and a boat or helmsperson, which fails an inspection, may be disqualified from ALL races held on the day prior to such inspection.

21. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 21.1. The RC's **Start Boat** shall display a orange flag while on station.
- 21.2. The RC's **Finish Boat** shall display a Blue flag while on station.
- 21.3. The RC's **Lead Boat** shall display Flag L whilst leading the fleet around the course or after a change of course to lead the fleet to a new mark.

22. SUPPORT BOATS

Unless directed by the RC or to render immediate assistance in the interests of safety, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not enter the course area or go within 50 metres of any boat that is racing. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in protest and disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel. All support and rescue boats should ensure that their wash does not interfere with competitors.

23. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

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. The use of electronic navigation or nautical aids is not permitted.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1. Presentation of prizes will be held as soon as practicable after the last race.
- 24.2. Perpetual trophies and pennants will be presented in accordance with the Notice of Race.

25. DISCLAIMER

Competitors and their parents/guardians accept that participation in the regatta is at their own risk and responsibility in every respect. The South Queensland Sabot Association Inc., Hollywell Sailing Squadron, their members, officials and all others involved in the conduct and management of this regatta, shall not be liable for any loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of participation or intended participation in the Regatta or whatsoever or howsoever arising. ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO ISAF FUNDAMENTAL RULE 4.

26. INSURANCE

It is a condition of entry that each boat is covered by third party liability insurance in accordance with the Notice of Race and Entry Form. By submitting entry to the River Titles you guarantee the SQSA and Hollywell Sailing Squadron that owners/competitors do hold a current Insurance Certificate.