



NOTICE OF RACE

60th Sabot National Championships

And

**Peter Robba Sabot Week
27th December 2023 –
3rd January 2024**

Organising Authority

South Queensland Sabot Association Inc.

In conjunction with the host club

**Maryborough Sailing Club
Opposite 371 Charlton Esplanade,
Scarness, Hervey Bay, 4655, Qld.**

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This Notice of Race (NOR) is for the South Queensland Sabot Association (SQSA) 60th Sabot National Championships and Peter Robba Sabot Week, to be hosted by the Maryborough Sailing Club, Hervey Bay, Scarness, Qld, Australia, 27 December 2023 – 3 January 2024.

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Maryborough Sailing Club (MSC) in conjunction with South Queensland Sabot Sailing Association Inc (SQSA) and the Australian National Sabot Council (ANSC). The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule.

The notation [DP] in a rule enables discretionary penalties to be applied by the Race Committee.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-24 as published by World Sailing with the Prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 2 published by Australian Sailing. In the case of discrepancy between the Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI's) the SI's will take precedence.
- 1.2. Rule 40.1 Shall Apply.
- 1.3. The Sabot Class Rules (The Sabot Class Rules include the current Constitution, By-laws, and Rules of Measurement of Sabot Class Dinghies in Australia) shall apply to all entries.
- 1.4. Subject to the approval of the Race Committee, a Sabot chartered or loaned for the National Championship or Sabot Week event, may declare at the time of entry or registration a sail number which may be different from the registered number of the hull, provided that the number declared shall not be the sail number of any other boat competing in the event and that sail number be displayed over the existing hull number for the event (References: RRS 77, Appendix G). Sails with sail numbers belonging to another boat that have been suffixed with an extra digit will not be accepted.
- 1.5. Sabots competing in the National Championship shall display their correct State/Zone letter/ Symbol on their mainsail.
- 1.6. Each Sabot entered in the 2-Up in either the National Championship or Sabot Week shall display on their stern "2-UP" at least 50mm high and 8mm thickness.
- 1.7. A member of the Race Committee may be a member of the Protest Committee. Such a member will be required to declare their potential conflict of interest (RRS 63.4) and may be excluded from protests involving the Race Committee as a protestee or protester.
- 1.8. Australian Sailing's Code of Conduct, Child Safety Policy and Member Protection and the Australian Sailing Child Safeguarding policies as outlined on the class website at www.sabot.com.au and www.sailing.org.au applies to this event. This applies to the Officials, Volunteers, Coaches, Mothers, Fathers, and Guardians of the competitors.
- 1.9. Competitors are asked to make sure they are aware of the rules concerning Outside Help and or Assistance. Attention is drawn to Rule 41. The use of smart watches/electronic devices is permitted only for the start timing sequence. Any use of smart watches/electronic devices for GPS or other means of information while racing will be deemed Outside Help/Assistance.

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2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be emailed to competitors and posted on the official Notice Board for the Regatta on the SQSA website. The SIs will describe the course, penalty system, scoring system, information regarding support boats and their berthing, prizes and other information relating to the event.

3. Communication

- 3.1. The online official Notice Board for the Regatta will be via the SQSA website located at:
<http://www.sqsa.org.au>
- 3.2. The South Queensland Sabot Association page on Facebook may also be used for communication.
- 3.3. [NP][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.
- 3.4. Each zone will need to nominate a Zone Representative/Coach or Coach Boat for the Race Committee to communicate information to competitors on the water.

4. Eligibility & Entry

- 4.1. The event is open to boats of the Sabot class in accordance with the constitution. Racing will be in the following divisions as per the Sabot constitution:
- National Championship 1-Up Division (Spark Sail and 3.5 Competitors Included)
 - National Championship 2-Up Division (Spark Sail and 3.5 Competitors Included)
 - Peter Robba Sabot Week 1-Up Division (Spark Sail and 3.5 Competitors Included)
 - Peter Robba Sabot Week 2-Up Division (Spark Sail and 3.5 Competitors Included)
- 4.2. The OA reserves the right to split the fleet into two or restrict the number of entries in order to preserve the safety of competitors, provide fairness and enjoyment to all participants or comply with government restrictions.
- 4.3. All sabots shall be entered and crewed by members of a registered Member Association of the ANSC. (Attention is drawn to clause 2(b) of Appendix 1 to the ANSC constitution.)
- 4.4. Boats may be available for charter for the event. Please make initial contact with the Charter Boat Coordinator, Michael Eaton on 0438 894 322, to obtain a listing of boats available for charter. Boat charter arrangements should be independently arranged directly with the boat owner.
- 4.5. Sabot Week entry is open to all registered Sabots affiliated with a Member Association, except skippers and crews competing in the concurrent National Championship are not eligible to compete. (Attention is drawn to clause 2(b) of Appendix 1 to the ANSC constitution.)
- 4.6. [NP] The OA may accept entries for Sabot Week from sabots which do not have a Measurement Certificate if it is satisfied the boat complies with Sabot class rules.
- 4.7. Racing will be in two divisions in both the National Championships and Sabot Week.
- 4.8. Eligible sabots can enter online at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CMEGJ>



- 4.9. Only entries received by 17th Nov 2023 will be listed in the Regatta handbook.

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5. Entry Fee and Event Cancellation Refund Policy

The entry fees and refund policy for each of the National Championship and Sabot Week (both 1 and 2 Up) are as follows:

Registration Type	Registration date	Entry Fee
Registration	10 th October - 17 th November 2023 (Will Receive a Regatta Shirt)	\$275
Late Registration	18 th November - 17 th December 2023	\$325
Last Minute Registration	18 th December 2023 – 17 ⁰⁰ 27 th December 2023	\$375

- **Entry fee includes a competitor shirt if entry is completed prior to 17th November. Additional shirts are available for purchase through the online registration page.**
- **Entries after the 17th November will not include a regatta shirt due to printing times.**

Refunds will be available.

- In the event of a refund, competitor shirts and additional shirts as purchased will also be provided to the competitor.
- Cancellations requested before 1st December 2023 will be granted a full refund minus \$60, if the entry was received prior to 17th November the regatta shirt will be provided.
- Any cancellations between 1st – 20th December will receive 50% refund of their entry fee.
- Any cancellations between 21st to 27th December will receive a refund of \$50.

All requests for refunds should be made to SQSA secretary (secretary@sqsa.org.au).

6. [NP] Advertising

Advertising is restricted as follows: Sabots may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by SQSA and MSC and shall not display advertising which SQSA and MSC decides conflicts with the advertising supplied.

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7. Indicative Schedule

Day	Date	Event	Time/First warning signal
Wednesday	27 December 2023	Registration & Measurement	10am – 4pm
Thursday	28 December 2023	Registration & Measurement	8am – 10am
		Coach, Safety & Spectator Boats, Volunteer Briefing Competitor Briefing	11:00 12 Noon
		Invitation Race All competitors	2 pm
		Welcome & Opening Ceremony Raising of the Zone Flags	Conclusion of racing
Friday	29 December 2023	Sabot Week Heats 1-2	10am
		Lunch - ashore	
		Nationals Races Heats 1-2	1.30pm
Saturday	30 December 2023	Sabot Week Heats 3-4	10am
		Lunch - ashore	
		Nationals Races Heats 3-4	1.30pm
		ANSC Annual Conference	5:30pm
Sunday	31 December 2023	Sabot Week Heats 5-6	10am
		Lunch - ashore	
		Nationals Races Heats 5-6	1.30pm
		LAY DAY	
Monday	1 January 2024	MSC Museum Day	
		Museum Day – Please contact MSC for details	
Tuesday	2 January 2024	Sabot Week Heat 7	11am
		Lunch - ashore	
		Nationals Races Heats 7-8	2pm
		State & National Measurers Meeting	5.30pm
Wednesday	3 January 2024	Sabot Week Heat 8	11am
		Lunch - ashore	
		Nationals Race Heat 9	2pm
		Presentation & Closing Ceremony	7pm

***Social events and meetings shown in the program are indicative only and subject to change.
Invitation Race Presentation is scheduled to be included with the Welcome & Opening Ceremony.
The Heat Presentations are scheduled Daily times are TBC.

Please see and make all arrangements with MSC for the details to go to the Museum on the Lay Day

Tide Times Links

<https://www.seatemperatu.re/oceania/australia/hervey-bay/tides/month/december/>
<https://www.seatemperatu.re/oceania/australia/hervey-bay/tides/month/january/>

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Schedule Cont.

- 7.1. A total of 9 races are scheduled in the National Championship, no warning signal will be made after 4pm on the last day of racing.
- 7.2. A total of 8 races are scheduled in the Peter Robba Sabot Week, no warning signal will be made after 12.30pm on the last day of racing.
- 7.3. No more than **3 races** will be run on any morning or afternoon session.

8. Measurement, Registration and Equipment

- 8.1. All National Championship sabots must be presented for Measurement & Safety Checks and Sabot Week sabot for Safety Checks only. Scheduled measuring days and times are specified in Section 7. Registration procedures will be concluded once the above checks are complete and entry fee is paid.
- 8.2. All National Championship competitors shall produce a valid zone measurement certificate (except 7000 series numbered boats). All Championship sabots may be checked for compliance with the measurement rules.
- 8.3. No more than one of each of the following sailing equipment may be presented for measurement: sail, spars, centreboard and rudder.
- 8.4. The sail and all equipment presented for measurement is also the sail and equipment the competitor must use in the Invitation race, no exceptions. Any violation of this may result in a penalty.
- 8.5. Sabots and their equipment, including their safety equipment, may be measured and/or inspected at any time during the regatta by the National Measurer or their delegate.
- 8.6. Application to have measured equipment on Championship boats replaced due to damage must be in writing to the National Measurer. The replacement equipment must be tendered for measurement, and if accepted the approval will be in writing. When equipment is replaced between races on the same day, requests shall be submitted before the end of protest time for the races in which the replacement equipment was used.

9. Courses

- 9.1. The courses to be sailed will be a combination of triangles and windward leeward configurations and will be described and set out in the SIs.

10. Penalty System Penalties will be in accordance with RRS 44, and Appendix P shall apply.

11. Scoring

- 11.1. Three (3) races are to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.3. When five (5) to seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her single worst score.
- 11.4. When a total of eight (8) or more have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

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12. Trophies

12.1. 1 Up Division

Australian Champion - "Fico" Trophy, 2nd – 6th Places.

National Scratch Heat Medals 1st - 3rd

Champion Team - Australian National Sabot Council Trophy

Invitation Race Winner - "Hilite Marine" Trophy (2019)

Series Handicap Winner - Australian National Sabot Council Trophy, 2nd & 3rd Places.

Teams Trophy - ANSC Trophy and Medallions

Sabot Week Winner – Phil Stevenson Perpetual Trophy, 2nd – 3rd Places.

Sabot Week Scratch Heat Medals 1st – 3rd

Sabot Week Handicap Winner – Allwood Family Perpetual Trophy (1997), 2nd – 3rd Places.

Highest placed Competitor 12 years old or younger (as at the date of the first race of the National Championships (2019)

Highest placed Competitor using a Spark or 3.5m sail (2019)

12.2. 2 Up Division

Australian Champion - "J.Armstrong" Trophy, 2nd – 6th Places.

National Scratch Heat Medals 1st – 3rd

Champion Team - Australian National Sabot Council Trophy

Invitation Race Winner - "Westpac" Trophy (formerly "Bank of N.S.W." Trophy) (2019)

Series Handicap Winner - Australian National Sabot Council Trophy, 2nd – 3rd Places.

Teams Trophy - ANSC Trophy and Medallions

Sabot Week Winner – Australian National Sabot Council Perpetual Trophy, 2nd – 3rd Places.

Sabot Week Scratch Heat Medals 1st – 3rd

Sabot Week Handicap Winner – Allwood Family Perpetual Trophy (1997), 2nd – 3rd Places.

Teams Trophies in each division, will be decided upon by the best six placings (1 Up), or best three placings (2 Up) from each Member Association Team, based on total points as calculated by Low point system (The Racing Rules of Sailing) (2001)(2013)

12.3. Lionel Shipway OAM Medal

(For Achievement & consistent application in competing in Six Sabot Nationals Regattas)

Extra trophies/Medals may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

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13. Support Boats

[NP][DP] Support boats must be registered with the OA and display clearly the identification provided by the OA. All support boats are required to carry radio communication (for safety support). Note: SQSA and MSC regulations for this regatta require: An approved life jacket must be provided for each person on board. It will be compulsory to wear a life jacket if on board a registered rescue/support boat and we ask each person on Coach and support craft to wear life jackets at all times. All support craft registered for the event will have an on-the-spot safety check before and during the event. Please make sure all safety equipment are in service/date.

Please note MSC and SQSA will only be launching and retrieving Official race control craft each day off the beach. Coach craft and other support craft are asked to launch from the all-weather boat ramp on the north side of Vernon Point (**please see details on page 10 of the NoR**).

There will be a mooring which will be placed outside the low tide mark for coach and support craft to daisy chain to overnight if weather conditions permit. MSC and SQSA take no liability for any damage or loss and craft owners do this at their sole exclusive risk in every respect.

14. Media Rights and Photographic Consent

By entering the event, competitors are consenting to being photographed and/or videoed whilst participating in the race and/or using the Regatta facilities. Furthermore, competitors' consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication, and reproduction of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

15. Disclaimer of Liability

It is the Competitor's decision to enter the event or to start or continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the event is at their and their guardian's sole discretion. By way of entry to the event competitors shall indemnify MSC, SQSA and ANSC, its officers, members, servants, and agents in respect of all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the event.

Competitors shall acknowledge that MSC, SQSA and ANSC, its officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the event or howsoever arising in connection with this event. ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO ISAF FUNDAMENTAL RULES 3 & 4.

16. Risk Warning

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., Maryborough Sailing Club, Australian National Sabot Council and 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 RRS PART 1 FUNDAMENTAL RULES.

https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/rules?part_id=88

Participants are still warned that, regardless of the precautions which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to a significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.

As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- a) The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
- b) The potential that the control of vessels may be lost, resulting in a collision with

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objects and other vessels.

- c) The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
- d) The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- e) The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available; and
- f) Exposure to the elements for extended periods.

MSC, SQSA & ANSC also warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing at this event.

17. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$5,000,000 (recommended \$10,000,000) per incident. The OA may request a copy of the Certificate of Currency.

18. Venue

The event will be conducted at Maryborough Sailing Club Directly North off the beach in Hervey Bay.

refer to Appendix 1.

Maryborough Sailing Club
677 Esplanade, Scarness
Qld, 4655.

19. Amendment

This NoR may be amended, and any such amendment will be posted on the SQSA website:

<http://www.sgsa.org.au>

20. Further Information

For further information please contact

- Bonnie Eaton SQSA Secretary, Ph: 0421 986 643 Secretary@sgsa.org.au
- Mark Phelps SQSA President, Ph: 0491 233 875 President@sgsa.org.au
- Michael Eaton SQSA and National Measurer Ph: 0438 894 322

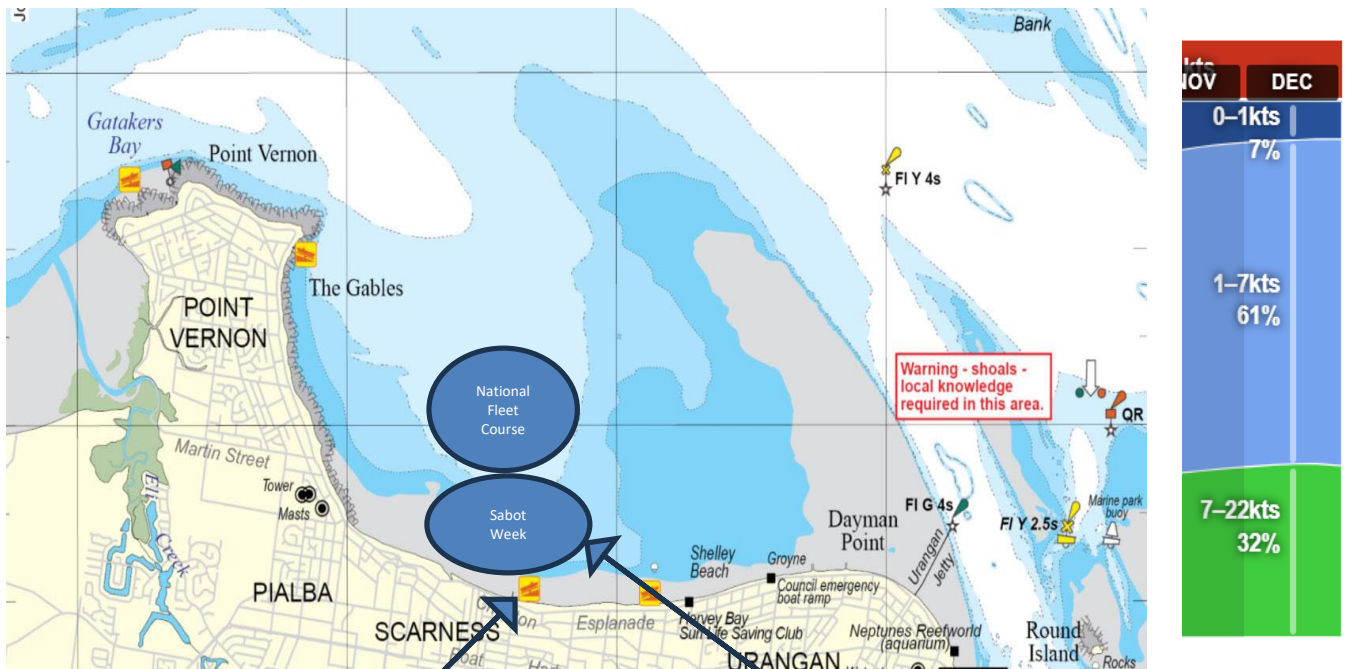
The Organising Committee are all volunteers so you may need to leave a phone message or send a SMS and one of our committee reps will respond to you.

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APPENDIX 1

Race area

Chart indicating the regatta course areas.



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Racing areas

The average temperature in Hervey Bay in December and January for a typical day range from a high of (28°C) to a low of (23°C). Some would describe it as very warm with a gentle breeze.

The wind statistically comes from the East to East Southeast at 0-1 Knots 7%, 1-7 Knots 61% and 7-22Knots 32% of the time.

https://www.windfinder.com/windstatistics/hervey_bay

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Vernon Point Boat Ramp

Coaches and Support Craft are asked to make their own arrangements in launching and retrieving their craft each day.

