

Club Rules

1. General Rules and Instructions

1.1 Matters set out here supersede previous rules and instructions and until amended or deleted by the committee shall rank as the current rules and instructions of the Sandy Bay Sailing Club.

1.2 These rules and instructions are available upon request to all members, and shall thereby be deemed as having been officially notified to all members.

1.3 In these rules and instructions the use of the word "shall" indicates a mandatory requirement which may give rise to a protest or penalty. The use of the word "will" indicates intent and failure to comply with its requirements by either the club or competitor shall not give rise to a protest or penalty. The use of the word "should" is advisory, indicating a desirable practice. The use of the word "may" is permissive.

1.4 In these rules and instructions the singular, plural and gender are interchangeable whenever applicable.

1.5 In the event of any dispute arising as to the meaning or interpretation of any rules or instructions printed herein or given in notices placed on the club notice boards, the ruling of the general committee shall apply.

1.6 Notice boards at the clubhouse shall be the official media for written notification to all members of amendments, additions or deletions to these rules and instructions. Such notices shall be regarded as sufficient notification to all members. Notices so placed, ninety minutes prior to the start of a race, shall, if indicated in the text of the notice, apply to races to be conducted that day.

1.7 All sailing club members shall make themselves available for club cleaning duties as rostered.

2 Safety

2.1 The safety of a yacht and its entire management including insurance shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the yacht. The establishment of these sailing instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner/competitor.

No responsibility for any loss or damage to yachts, gear or crews however caused is taken by the club or organising committees or persons acting on their behalf. All those taking part in club races do so at their own risk and responsibility.

2.2 The Y.A. Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats shall apply. Members are reminded that they can be protested for failure to comply with these regulations while racing. In addition, the following club regulations shall apply.

2.3 No member shall sail in a centreboard yacht unless wearing a personal flotation device which satisfies Australian Standards AS1512, AS2260 or AS1499 or similar internationally recognised standard.

2.4 No member shall at any time swim away from his/her yacht, capsized or otherwise, but shall remain always with his/her yacht, unless special direction is given by a rescue vessel to the contrary.

2.5 No yacht shall be sailed outside the racing area while the club pennant is flying.

This rule shall not apply when the sailing area is being supervised and patrolled by the club, another recognised club, class authority or regatta association.

2.6 No member shall sail in a yacht unless able to swim unaided for at least fifty metres.

2.7 When flown from the Clubhouse, Flag N with three sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means 'No yacht shall leave the shore and all yachts on the water shall immediately return to the shore'.

2.8 Y.A.I. Special Regulations for Off the Beach Boats, each yacht shall have a paddle and bailer (unless hull is self draining) attached to the hull such that they will not become disengaged in the event of a capsize. All International Cadets and Optimists require a painter of a length which complies with class rules, attached to the bow of the hull such that it can be readily secured by a patrol boat crew in an emergency without untying.

2.9 Yachts shall at all times comply with any directions and Notes to Mariners issued by Marine and Safety Tasmania. In particular yachts shall remain at all times outside any restricted areas as notified from time to time by the Marine and Safety Tasmania.

Restricted areas generally are marked by black flag marks, and any competing yacht entering such areas shall be deemed to be sailing an improper course and may be subject to disqualification. If not racing, a yacht may be subject to other penalties as prescribed by Club Rule 4.

3 Front Lawn

3.1 On race days (eg pennant/trophy race days), there is insufficient room on the lawn for all boats to rig or unrig. As a consequence, on race days, only Optimists and 29er skiffs will be permitted to rig or unrig on the lawn, and instead the ample closed-off areas in the car park or beach should be utilised.

3.2 On no account may any boat, including Optimists, be unrigged or washed down on the lawn. Windsurfers may unrig on the lawn.

3.3 Ad hoc exceptions are not permitted. Use by sail boards and Optimists is subject to availability and direction by the Shore Duty Officer.

4 Code of Behaviour

4.1 In addition to compliance with the above rules and instructions each member shall at all times use common sense and direction in preserving their own safety and that of their crew member(s) when afloat. In particular, no helm should sail their yacht when by reason of weather or other factors conditions are dangerous or hazardous.

4.2 Members shall at all times, both afloat and ashore, conduct themselves in a manner reflecting credit on the club and yachting in general. No alcoholic liquor shall be carried or consumed in centreboard yachts and no member shall have in their possession or consume such liquor in the vicinity of the club premises, unless of age of 18 years or over, at a club organised or sanctioned function.

4.3 Each member shall punctually obey all orders and directions given by flag officers, patrol boat officials, the officer of the day or secretary or the officials of the body conducting racing for the day.

4.4 A report by a Race Officer arising from any unacceptable behaviour by a helm or crew, including voiced criticism of a Club Officer or Official may result in penalties being applied without a hearing. This does not prevent any competitor lodging views in writing or lodging protests under the rules. Any hearing arising from this clause will be conducted by the sailing committee.

4.5 In addition, SBSC has endorsed and will operate under the Australian Sports Commission Codes of Behaviour for junior sport. All members and parents will be required to acknowledge this document and behave in accordance with the document.

5 Penalties & Remedies

5.1 If, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, a member is guilty of a breach of any of the above rules or, by an act or omission, an infringement of the code of behaviour herein laid down the member shall, at the discretion of the executive committee, may be liable to:

- a) Suspension as a member for such period as the Executive Committee see fit, or
- b) Expulsion as a member of the club, or
- c) Formal warning, and

5.2 In the case of any penalty no decision shall be reached by the Executive Committee until the principles of natural justice have been applied in that:-

1. a) The member accused has received a copy of the charge in writing at least twenty four hours before the meeting of the Executive Committee at which the case will be considered.
2. b) The member has had the opportunity to appear before and be heard by the Executive Committee before a decision is reached.

The details of any expulsion or suspension penalty imposed will be forwarded to the Tasmanian Yachting Association inclusive of a recommendation that all affiliated bodies endorse such penalty.