



# AUSTRALIAN TEAM SAILING ASSOCIATION

## 2026 Australian Secondary Schools Teams Racing Championship (ASSTRC)

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2026

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### Organising Authority:

Sandy Bay Sailing Club in conjunction with Australian Team Sailing Association

#### Venue

Sandy Bay, Tasmania

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Teams Racing Championship (ASSTRC)**  
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## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules
- 1.2 Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 will apply.
- 1.3 The Pacer Class rules shall not apply.
- 1.4 All races shall be umpired as per RRS Appendix D2.1.
- 1.5 The Team Racing Rules in RRS Appendix D5 - Boats Provided by the Organising Authority
- 1.6 The Organising Authority will apply for approval of a National Jury, and the denial of right of appeal in accordance with RRS 70.5 and Australian Sailing Addendum A.
- 1.7 A boat which capsizes after her preparatory signal, such that her masthead enters the water, shall retire immediately. This changes RRS 90.3 and App D3.
- 1.8 For the purpose of D2.3 (d), any hard contact between boats shall be regarded by umpires as damage.

### **2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 The regatta is open to endorsed teams from Australian Secondary Schools from states and territories who are current financial members of the Australian Team Sailing Association (ATSA). Entries may be accepted from Secondary Schools from non-affiliated states and territories subject to an additional fee subject to NOR 2.3 below.
- 2.2 Each state or territory may endorse up to five teams, of which the first two open (male, female or mixed) teams and the first all-female team are guaranteed a place in the event.
- 2.3 Teams must be endorsed by the state based ATSA member or the relevant body in other states or territories before nomination to ATSA. If no official body exists, nominations will be based on the results of the relevant state championships in that state or territory.
- 2.4 All members of any nominated team shall be bona fide students of the secondary school they represent and be current financial members of a sailing club that is affiliated with Australian Sailing which provides on water personal insurance for participants through the "Australian Sailing Benefits Program".
- 2.5 Where secondary schooling in a state or territory is split into a junior and senior campus, school or college, a combined team from a maximum of two related campuses, schools or colleges shall be eligible to nominate. Team members shall be from year 7 to year 12.

- 2.6 Where related schools/colleges have separate male and female campuses, those related schools/colleges shall be eligible to nominate as a single team.
- 2.7 ATSA will consider endorsement of a combined entry from schools in NT for the 2026 ASSTRC.
- 2.8 A team may consist of up to eight members, of which any combination of six may sail subject to the minimum total combined crew weight being maintained.
- 2.9 The combined crew weight of the six team members who are sailing at any one time shall not be less than 300kg. Team members shall be weighed in dry T-shirt and shorts only, by their team manager or coach and their weight entered in the online form. No corrector weights are allowed.
- 2.10 Each state or territory is to nominate their endorsed teams and submit them to ATSA by email to [secretary@austeamsailing.com](mailto:secretary@austeamsailing.com) to be received not later than 1600 on Friday 1st May 2026.
- 2.11 Acceptance of a nomination is at the sole discretion of ATSA. On acceptance, ATSA will formally invite the team contact. First stage acceptance of nominations will be advised by ATSA by the 6th May.
- 2.12 Acceptance of a first round place in the Regatta must be confirmed by the school by 5:00pm on the date specified in their invitation.
- 2.13 Once a nomination is accepted, Schools shall complete the online entry and make all necessary payments by the date specified in their invitation.
- 2.14 ATSA will seek to fill the full quota of 24 teams for the regatta.
- 2.15 If fewer than 24 teams enter, invitations for additional entries will be extended in the following order of priority – the host state, ATSA member states, other states at the discretion of ATSA with the primary aim to have 24 teams including 8 female teams.
- 2.16 Should the nomination process not deliver exactly the target 24 teams, ATSA retains the absolute discretion to accept an even number of teams (up to 26) to ensure efficient operation of the Swiss League format.
- 2.17 All completed entries and payments must be received by not later than 1700 on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Teams not fully paid up by this time may forfeit their entry.
- 2.18 Practice sessions will be available on Wednesday 8th July, between 0830 and 1530. Enquiries are to be directed to [greg.rowlings@hutchins.tas.edu.au](mailto:greg.rowlings@hutchins.tas.edu.au) by not later than 1700, 26th June 2026 to book a practice session. Sessions will be allocated on a “first in, first served” basis.

### **3 FEES**

#### **3.1 The Entry Fee for the regatta is:-**

- 3.1.1 Schools representing ATSA member states (currently NSW, ACT, VIC, TAS, SA):
  - \$2150 Entry Fee plus a \$350 Boat usage fee per team, being a total amount of \$2500 per team
- 3.1.2 Schools representing non-ATSA member states (currently WA, QLD, NT):
  - \$2350 Entry Fee plus a \$350 Boat usage fee per team, being a total amount of \$2700 per team.

3.2 All fees are payable on the link provided in your invitation to the event from ATSA.

## 4 REGATTA FORMAT - QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

### 4.1 Qualifying Series:

4.1.1 All teams will participate in a Swiss League.

4.1.2 As many rounds as possible of the Swiss League will be raced. Incomplete rounds will not be scored.

### 4.2 Final Series:

4.2.1 It is intended to race a staged finals format with the top 8 ranked teams from the Qualifying Series.

4.2.2 Should the leading all-female team qualify for the semi-finals they will be the 1<sup>st</sup> placed all female team. If not the case, it is intended to race an all-female final coincident with the finals of the regatta.

4.3 The Race Committee may change the format, terminate any series or stage of the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of the matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

## 5 SCHEDULE

### 5.1 Daily schedule

Wednesday 8th July

- 10:00 to 15:30 Pre Booked practice sessions at Sandy Bay Sailing Club
- 10:00 to 15:30 Registration

Thursday 9th July

- 08:00 to 08:30 Late Registration
- 08:30 Official Briefing (compulsory for all competitors)
- 09:00 Time of first warning signal
- After racing Umpire debrief at completion of sailing

Friday 10th July to Saturday 11th July

- 08:30 Competitors' Meeting (compulsory for all teams)
- 09:00 Time of first warning signal
- After racing Umpire debrief at completion of sailing

Sunday 12th July

- 08:30 Competitors' Meeting (compulsory for all teams)
- 09:00 Time of first warning signal  
*No warning signal for the first race of a 'round' of the Swiss League will be made after 1200.*  
*No warning signal for the first race of a 'stage' of the Finals Series will be made after 1500*
- 17:00 Presentation Function at Derwent Sailing Squadron

## 6 PROVIDED EQUIPMENT AND DAMAGE

- 6.1 The regatta will be sailed in three-boat teams in Pacer-style Dinghies provided by the Organising Authority.
- 6.2 The total cost of damage to any boat or equipment may be charged to the team deemed responsible where the damage is considered the result of intentional or negligent action by a competitor[s] or occurs during a practice session.
- 6.3 Should more than 50% of the damage deposit for any team be deducted during the regatta, the team damage deposit will be required to be restored to the original value before that team can continue racing.
- 6.4 Other damage costs will be divided equally between all competing teams and withheld from the damage deposits. The balance of the damage deposits at the end of the regatta will be refunded. A team that may not have caused any significant damage may still incur a loss of some part of its deposit.

## 7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available prior to registration and will be posted on the ATSA and Sandy Bay Sailing Club websites. It will be the responsibility of each team to ensure they have access to a copy of the Sailing Instructions.

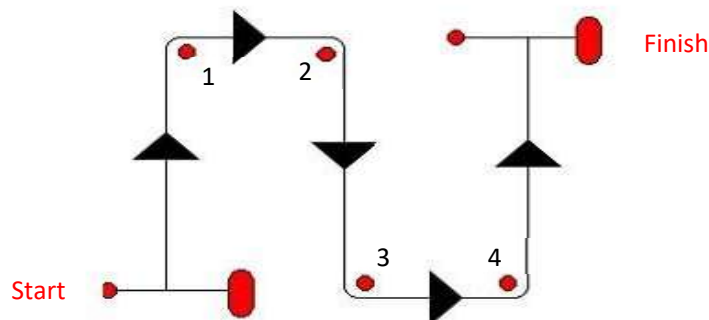
## 8 VENUE AND RACING AREA

- 8.1 The regatta site will be the Sandy Bay Sailing Club, Sandy Bay, Tasmania.
- 8.2 The racing area will be on the Derwent River adjacent to the SBSC clubhouse.

### THE COURSE

- 8.3 The course will be as shown below. The length of the course will be adapted according to wind strength to give an approximate race duration of 6 minutes for the leading boat. Any variation in this duration will not be protestable.

#### START - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - FINISH



## **9 SCORING**

9.1 Teams shall be ranked in the order determined by Swiss League. This changes RRS D4.

## **10 COMMUNICATION**

10.1 Coaches, team managers and any other team officials or persons accompanying teams will not be allowed on the race course.

10.2 No coaching related communication shall be made with teams while racing.

10.3 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make electronic voice or data transmissions and shall not receive electronic voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## **11 PRIZES**

11.1 Perpetual trophies and Team trophies will be awarded as follows:

- 1st placed open team
- 1st placed all-female team

11.2 Medals will be presented to:

- 1st placed open team
- 1st placed all-female team
- 2nd placed open team
- 3rd placed open team

11.3 An Umpires Award may be presented at the discretion of race officials.

11.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## **12 SAFETY AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

12.1 Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility.

12.2 The OA strongly encourages all competitors to wear footwear at all times around the Club and whilst racing, and competitors choosing not to, do so against this advice and at their own risk.

12.3 All competitors shall supply their own approved lifejacket as specified in AS Special Regulation Part 2, "5.01.2 Personal Flotation Devices", and shall wear it at all times while afloat. Inflatable lifejackets shall not be used by competitors. Refer AS Special Regulation Part 2, "5.01.3.

12.4 Each team shall be supervised at all times by their team manager or a delegated responsible adult who is made known to the Organising Authority. The Organising Authority takes no responsibility for sailors who are not supervised by team managers. Teams who do not have an appointed adult to supervise them at all times will not be permitted to compete.

12.5 Competitors participate in the Championship entirely at their own risk - see rule 4, Decision to Race.

- 12.6 The OA will not accept any liability for material loss or damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the Championship. The OA encompasses everyone helping to run the event.

### **13 QUALIFICATIONS TO FURTHER EVENTS**

- 13.1 The results of this championship may be used as the basis of selection of teams to represent Australia at the 2026 Interdominion Secondary Schools Team Racing Championship.
- 13.2 Up to 6 teams, made up of both Open teams and all-female teams may be selected to represent Australia at this event based on performance in this Championship.

### **14 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

- 14.1 By entering the event a competitor and their guardians grant the host club the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion any image created during the event and all material related to the event without compensation.

### **15 FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 15.1 Lunches are not included in the regatta fees and are the responsibility of each team. SBSC will have their canteen open for the event.
- 15.2 It is the responsibility of individual teams and competitors to arrange their own accommodation.
- 15.3 Requests for more information should be directed to:

#### **Regatta Organising Committee**

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#### **ATSA – Nominations and Acceptances**

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