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# **57<sup>TH</sup> SABOT NATIONALS**

**TOWNSVILLE JULY 2021**

**and the  
DARRYL BEATTIE SABOT WEEK  
1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021**

The Organising Authority is the Townsville Sailing Club  
(3 Marina Drive, The Strand Townsville QLD 4810)

In conjunction with the North Queensland Sabot Association and the  
Australian National Sabot Council

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 64.1.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty will be applied by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

[NP] denotes a rule which shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

TSC – Townsville Sailing Club

NQSA – North Queensland Sabot Association

NoR – Notice of Race

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2. The Sabot Class Rules (The Sabot Class Rules include the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Measurement of Sabot Class Dinghies in Australia Revision AE, Issued 06 October 2020) shall apply to all entries.
- 1.3. The Australian Sailing Prescriptions shall apply to all entries.
- 1.4. RRS Appendix P will apply to this regatta with P2.3 deleted and P2.2 is changed so that it shall apply to second and subsequent penalties.
- 1.5. Australian Sailing Special Regulation Part 2 Off the Beach Vessel, will apply. It is the responsibility of all competitors to ensure that life jackets comply with a standard equivalent to those listed in the regulations. [DP] [NP]
- 1.6. Sabots competing in the Championship shall display their correct State/ Zone letter/ symbol on their mainsail. [NP] [DP]
- 1.7. Each Sabot entered in the 2-UP Division in either the Championship or Sabot Week shall display on their forestay a pennant as provided by the Organising Authority (OA). [NP] [DP]
- 1.8. Racing rules will be changed as follows:
  - 1.8.1. When flag AP is flown ashore, the warning signal will be made no earlier than 30 minutes after its removal (amends Race Signals).
  - 1.8.2. A boat that does not sign on shall be scored by their finish place plus 5 places for the first race of the day without a hearing (amends RRS63.1 and A5). [NP] [DP]
  - 1.8.3. A boat that does not sign off shall be scored by their finish place plus 5 places for the last race of the day without a hearing (amends RRS63.1 and A5). [NP] [DP]
- 1.9. Subject to the approval of the Race Committee a boat 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 regatta (References RRS 77, Appendix G3). Sails with sail numbers belonging to another boat that have been suffixed with an extra digit will not be accepted. Boats shall display the same declared identification numbers on all sails used. [NP] [DP]
- 1.10. A boat shall not discharge rubbish in the water. Rubbish may be deposited on support and race vessels at the appropriate time. Water bottles must be connected to the hull by lanyard. Water bottle and lanyard are supplied with registration bag.
- 1.11. Attention is drawn to Part 5, SECTION C, RRS 69 “Misconduct”.

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted by the OA on the official notice board at the Townsville Sailing Club (TSC).

## 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions (SI's) will be posted at least 90 minutes before the time of the first warning signal of the day for each regatta division, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

## 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located in the TSC clubhouse forecourt.
- 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.
- 4.4. When code flag D is displayed, ashore boats are not allowed to leave the shore.

## 5. SCHEDULE FOR SEALINK 57th SABOT NATIONALS & DARRYL BEATTIE SABOT WEEK (Including Pre-Nationals Regatta)

Day	Date	Event	Time/First warning signal
Saturday	3rd July	Registration & Measurement	10.00am to 4:30pm
Sunday	4th July	Registration & Measurement	9.00am to 12.00pm
		Pre-Nationals Regatta Zone Managers Briefing	11.00am
		Pre-Nationals Regatta Racing Session 1	1.00pm
Monday	5th July	Pre-Nationals Regatta Zone Managers Briefing	8.30am
		Registration & Measurement	9.00am to 12.00pm
		Pre-Nationals Regatta Racing Session 2	10.00am
		Pre-Nationals Regatta Racing Session 3	2.00pm
		Pre-Nationals Regatta Presentations	ASAP After Racing
Tuesday	6th July	Competitors Briefing (Online) – Details to be provided to Zone Managers	10.00am
		Invitation Race (All Divisions)	1.30pm
Wednesday	7th July	Sabot Week Racing & Nationals Racing Session 1	10.00am
		Sabot Week Racing & Nationals Racing Session 2	1.30pm
Thursday	8th July	Sabot Week Racing & Nationals Racing Session 3	10.00am

	Sabot Week Racing & Nationals Racing Session 4	1.30pm
	Presentation, Closing Ceremony & Dinner	6.00pm

5.1 A total of 8 races are scheduled in the National Championship, no warning signal will be made after 1600 on the last day of racing.

5.2 A total of 6 races are scheduled in the Daryl Beattie Sabot Week, no warning signal will be made after 1600 on the last day of racing.

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

Division	Flag
Pre-Nationals: 1-Up	1 Red Sabot Clog Symbol on White Background
Pre-Nationals: 2-Up + Sabot Week 1-Up & 2-Up	1 Red Sabot Clog Symbols on Yellow Background
Nationals 1-UP	1 Red Sabot Clog Symbol on White Background
Nationals 2-UP	1 Red Sabot Clog Symbols on Yellow Background
Sabot Week 1-UP & 2-UP	2 Red Sabot Clog Symbol on White Background

## 7. RACING AREA

Courses will be laid in Cleveland Bay within the green triangle off “The Strand”, Townsville, as shown in Appendix A – Race Area

## 8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. The diagrams in Appendix B – Courses, show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The position of the start line and finish line are shown in each course diagram.
- 8.2. The course to be sailed will be indicated on the committee vessel prior to the warning signal by the following method:
  - 8.2.1. Pre-Nationals - Course 1 – by flying Flag Numeral 1.
  - 8.2.2. Pre-Nationals - Course 2 – by flying Flag Numeral 2.
  - 8.2.3. Nationals Divisions - Course 1 – by flying Flag Numeral 1.
  - 8.2.4. Nationals Divisions - Course 2 – by flying Flag Numeral 2.
  - 8.2.5. Sabot Week – Course 1 – by displaying a white board with a number “1”.
  - 8.2.6. Sabot Week – Course 2 – by displaying a white board with a number “2”.

## 9. MARKS

- 9.1. Course marks (A, B & C) will be, “large tapered inflated RED” marks.
- 9.2. The Start and Finish marks will be, “large tapered inflated ORANGE” marks.
- 9.3. The mark for a change of next leg of the course will be by placement of a new “change of course” mark which is a tallish, round, slightly tapered inflatable YELLOW mark.

## 10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS [NP]

As highlighted in Yellow in Appendix A, the following areas must be kept clear of, Breakwater Marina channel, The Strand jetty, swimming enclosure anchor lines, rocky groins and the rockpool. Appendix-A also shows the racing area marked as a green area, the OA suggest that competitors travel from the TSC clubhouse out to the race area and stay within the racing area while racing, before starts, in between races and then travel back to the clubhouse after the last race or if retiring from a race.

## 11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 mins before the starting signal. Times shall be taken from the Visual Signals; the absence of a Sound Signal shall be disregarded.

Signal	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Time in Minutes to Starting Signal
Warning Signal	Display of Division flag	1 Sound	5
Preparatory Signal	Display P or I or U or Black Flag	1 Sound	4
Preparatory Signal withdrawn	Lowering P or I or U or Black Flag	1 long Sound	1
Starting Signal	Lowering of Division flag	1 Sound	0

- 11.2. A barging buoy will be floating and connected to, a few meters off, the stern of the start boat. This will be a small orange round inflatable buoy.
- 11.3. The start line for both Nationals and Sabot Week will be between an Orange Flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and the start mark at the port end of the line.
- 11.4. Boats who's 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. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new change of course mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 12.2. In the event of a subsequent change of next leg of the course, a race committee vessel will lay a new change of course mark and will remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 12.3. A lead boat displaying code flag 'L', may lead the fleet to the new mark.

## 13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finish line will be between a Blue Flag on the race committee vessel at the port end of the line and the finish mark at the starboard end of the line.

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM AND JURY APPEALS [NP]

To encourage the taking of penalties afloat, Jury members may blow a whistle when they observe what they believe to be a breach of a rule.

## 15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1. The Time limit for the Pre-Nationals Regatta will be 65 minutes for the 1-UP Division. (Generally, Races will have a target length of 45 mins – for the first finisher).
- 15.2. The Time limit for the Pre-Nationals Regatta will be 50 minutes for the 2-UP Divisions and Sabot Week Divisions (Generally, Races will have a target length of 30 mins – for the first finisher).
- 15.3. The Time limit for the Nationals Fleet will be 65 minutes for both Divisions. (Generally, Races will have a target length of 45 mins – for the first finisher).
- 15.4. The Time limit for the Sabot week Fleet will be 50 minutes for both Divisions. (Generally, Races will have a target length of 30 mins – for the first finisher).
- 15.5. Where one or more boats finish within the time limit, subsequent boats will be finished for a further 20 mins from the finishing time of the first boat. (amends RRS 35 and A4) [NP] [DP].
- 15.6. The race committee will advise boats whose time limit has expired that they should return to the starting area (or return to shore following the last race of the day). If finished on course, boats are to proceed directly to the Start line in preparation for the next race. (ie. No need to complete the rest of the course.) This amends RRS 41. Failure to advise a boat that her time limit has expired shall not be grounds for redress. This amends RRS 60.1(b).
- 15.7. Boats finishing after time limit (SI 15.1, SI 15.2 & SI 15.3) after 1st boat all score last finisher +1 as a SRS (except those that have retired) and shall have the time recorded of the last finisher (SI 15.3) for handicap results. (amends RRS 35 and A4). [NP] [DP].
- 15.8. Failure to meet a target time shall not be grounds for redress.

## 16. PROTESTS

- 16.1. Protests may only be made by a skipper or crew actually involved in or who saw the incident and shall be written on forms available from the TSC office. 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.
- 16.2. After finishing the race, a boat, which intends to protest, shall notify the race committee finish vessel, before leaving the racing area. [DP] [NP].
- 16.3. 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.
- 16.4. The Protest Committee will hear protests as soon as practicable.
- 16.5. Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.6. A list of boats that, under instruction 14, have been penalised for braking rule 42 will be posted.
- 16.7. A national jury has been appointed and approved by Australian Sailing, decisions of the jury will be final as provided in rule RRS 70.5.

## 17. ARBITRATION

- 17.1. Arbitration will be held as per T2 subject to the limitations therein.
- 17.2. The arbitration penalty will be 50% of the difference between the boat's finishing place and the score for DSQ. This alters RRS 44.3(c) and RRS T1(b).
- 17.3. An arbitration hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of an arbitrator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.

- 17.4. Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee. Any evidence given by an arbitrator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.

## **18. SCORING**

### **Pre- Nationals Regatta**

- 18.1. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.3. When from five (5) to seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.4. When eight (8) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

### **National Championships and Sabot Week**

- 18.5. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.6. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.7. When from five (5) to seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.8. When eight (8) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 18.9. Team scoring. The State/Zone with the lowest aggregate final score of its six highest placed 1-UP division Championship Sabots shall win the Senior Team Trophy. The State/Zone with the lowest aggregate final score of its three highest places 2-UP division Championship Sabots shall win the Junior Team Trophy. Ties will be broken in favour of the team with the highest placed Sabot. Where there are fewer than six 1-UP Division entries or three 2-UP Division entries from a Zone, non-entries will be scored "Did Not Finish" for all races sailed.
- 18.10. Team points will be awarded to State/Zone team members only.

## **19. SAFETY**

- 19.1. Wind Strength: As a guideline races will not be started in winds gusting above 25 knots, or at the discretion of the race committee.
- 19.2. 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 TSC office.
- 19.3. Personal Floatation: All competitors at all times while afloat shall wear Personal Floatation Devices, (PFD) Type 1 or Type 2 approved for that competitor's body mass. It is recommended that children under 12 wear PFD Type 1. Inflatable PFDs will not be accepted.
- 19.4. Retirement: A boat retiring from a race shall notify a race committee vessel as soon as possible, refer to SI 22 for definition of race committee vessel.
- 19.5. Rescue Boats: The crew of a Sabot, which is capsized, or in need of assistance, shall comply with the instructions given by a race committee vessel, which is providing assistance.
- 19.6. Failure to Comply: Failure to comply with any safety requirement may result in protest and subsequent disqualification from the race or races concerned.

## **20. CHANGES TO CREW AND EQUIPMENT**

- 20.1. Crew: The helmsman and crew are permitted to swap positions within a sabot between consecutive races. The helmsman and crew are not permitted to swap positions within a sabot during a race.
- 20.2. Equipment: Requests to use replacement equipment shall be made in writing to the national measurer at least two hours before the warning signal of the race in which such equipment is to be used, if accepted, approval will be in writing.
- 20.3. In exceptional circumstances a verbal request to use replacement equipment may be made to the national measurer not less than 15 minutes prior to the warning signal for the race concerned. If approved, a written request shall be lodged with the national measurer 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.

## **21. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

Equipment measurement will be conducted as described in Section 8 of the Notice of Race (NoR).

## **22. OFFICIAL VESSELS**

- 22.1. The race committee Start Vessel shall display an Orange flag while in position on the start line.
- 22.2. The race committee Finish Vessel shall display a Blue flag while in position on the finish line.
- 22.3. The race committee Lead Vessel 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.

## **23. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 23.1. Support boats shall be registered with the organising authority (OA) and display clearly the identification provided by the OA.
- 23.2. 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 100 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.
- 23.3. Support and rescue boats shall carry a VHF radio tuned to the official radio channel and comply with any instructions from the race committee.

## **24. 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.

## **25. PRIZES**

### **Pre-Nationals Regatta**

- 25.1. Presentation of prizes will be held as soon as practicable after the last race.
- 25.2. Prizes will be up to the discretion of the OA.

### National Championships and Sabot Week

25.3. Presentation of prizes will be held as soon as practicable after the last race.

25.4. National Championships and Sabot Week Perpetual trophies are:

Regatta/Race	Award	Trophy
Invitation Race	Line Honours 1st – 1-UP	Hilite Marine Trophy
Invitation Race	Line Honours 1st – 2-UP	Westpac Trophy
National Championship	1-UP Champion	Australian Championship FicoTrophy
National Championship	2-UP Champion	J. Armstrong Trophy
National Championship	1-UP Handicap	ANSC Trophy
National Championship	2-UP handicap	ANSC Trophy
National Championship	Team Trophies (senior and junior)	ANSC Trophy
National Championship	Highest placed competitor 12yr or younger	ANSC Trophy
National Championship	Highest placed competitor using aSpark/3.5 sail	ANSC Trophy
Sabot Week	Scratch 1-UP	Phil Stevenson PerpetualTrophy
Sabot Week	Scratch 2-UP	ANSC Perpetual Trophy
Sabot Week	Handicap 1-UP	Allwood Family PerpetualTrophy
Sabot Week	Handicap 2-UP	Allwood Family PerpetualTrophy

## 26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 26.1. Participants shall refer to Section 11 of the notice of race, NoR, these instructions shall be implemented to in order to register for the event.
- 26.2. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. see RRS rule 3, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority (OA) 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.
- 26.3. All competitors who sign the entry form, in doing so, have made a declaration to the OA that the nominated boat will, always while racing, comply with the requirements of Australian Sailing, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.
- 26.4. The OA is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 26.5. The person who signs and lodges the entry form with the OA, acknowledging receipt of the Risk Warning and releasing the OA from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him, or by any person claiming through him, in any event conducted by the OA.

## 27. 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 57th SeaLink National Sabot

Titles, you guarantee the NQSA and TSC that owners/competitors do hold a current Insurance Certificate.

## **28. RISK WARNING**

- 28.1. Participants are 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 significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.
- 28.2. As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:
  - 28.2.1. The extremes of weather and sea conditions. The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
  - 28.2.2. The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
  - 28.2.3. The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
  - 28.2.4. The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
  - 28.2.5. Exposure to the elements for extended periods.
- 28.3. NQSA and TSC 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 the regatta.

**APPENDIX A – RACING AREA**



