



## COUTA BOATS, NOTICE OF RACE (NOR) for Season 2024-25 V3

Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club (SSCBC) is the Organising Authority (OA) for races it conducts at the Club.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 [DP] Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7.
- 1.3 [DP] Rule 40.1 (wearing PFDs) applies at all times while racing.
- 1.4 The penalty for a breach of the AS Prescription to RRS 46 will be a Discretionary Penalty [DP]
- 1.5 Appendix T Arbitration applies.
- 1.6 If included and defined in the RSIs for a Couta Boat Race, Umpiring Observation may be used to allow for limited on-water rules enforcement.
- 1.7 [DP] Boats shall carry VHF radios and monitor Ch.73 at all times while afloat.
- 1.8 [DP] The SSCBC Codes of Conduct apply to all Competitors and Support Persons.
- 1.9 [DP] A boat shall not commit a breach of sportsmanship or inappropriate behaviour.
- 1.10 [DP] Boats shall promptly co-operate with any request by a Committee to inspect or audit a boat.
- 1.11 Recording and uploading tracking information is permitted, provided it is not accessed while racing.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 [DP] A boat shall complete her online entry and submit her safety declaration before her first race.
- 2.2 Boats may be entered by a current member of the SSCBC using the links on the ONB. When a boat is agreed to be sold to a new owner, the initial entry is cancelled, and the new owner must complete a new entry before racing again.
- 2.3 Boats on the Couta Boat Association (CBA) register may be entered for a CBA Race. Races noted "CBA" in the calendar are organised in conjunction with the CBA.
- 2.4 Couta Boat races are performance handicapped based on the AS Performance Handicap System with specific parameters defined by the SSCBC Handicapping Committee.

### 3. RACE SCHEDULE

See the Season Calendar on the SSCBC website for dates and 1<sup>st</sup> Warning Signals.

### 4. SCORING

- 4.1 A prize will be awarded for each completed series detailed in the Calendar.
- 4.2 1 race constitutes a series (unless varied by an RSI)
- 4.3 Scoring within a Series
  - When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - When from 4 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

- When 7 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

### 4.4 Club Aggregate Scoring

- The Club Aggregate comprises 8 Trophy series notated in the Calendar (A1-A8).
- Each Trophy will be scored as a Series.
- RRS Appendix A is changed so that a boat's series rank in a Trophy Series will be used as the equivalent of a race score in the Club Aggregate Series.
- Some Trophies, such as the Portsea Cup are a 1 race Trophy.
- A boat's worst 2 Trophy Series will be discarded from the Club Aggregate Series

### 4.5 Passage Aggregate Scoring

- Trophy Series notated PA in the calendar is not a Trophy in the Club Aggregate.
- The PA consist of 7 races and will be scored according to NOR 4.3.

4.6 Boats still racing at the finish window shall be scored points for the finishing place one point more than the number of boats that finish and do not thereafter retire or become disqualified and use the abbreviation TLE. The Race Committee may allocate a TLE score before the finish window closes. This changes RRS A3, A5.1(a) and A10.

4.7 RRS A 5.3 applies and is changed so that a boat that did not come to the starting area will be scored points for the finishing place 3 more than the number of boats that came to the starting area.

### 5. POST-RACE DISCRETIONARY [DP] PENALTIES

- 5.1 The Post Race Penalty in T1 (b) is changed to increase a boat's score by 25% of the difference between her score without the penalty and the score for retirement.
- 5.2 The Protest Committee may apply a Discretionary Penalty [DP] where a rule is notated that way. This changes Rules 35, 63, A4 and A5.
- 5.3 These penalties may also include handicap penalties

### 6. VOLUNTEERS

A boat that does not race in an aggregate race due to the skipper and/or crew's participation as a volunteer engaged in Club sailing activities (for example patrol boat roster) will, at the discretion of the protest committee, be awarded average points for that race. This changes rules 35, A4, A5.

### 7. DISCLAIMER

Competitors participate in a race entirely on their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. The Organising Authorities will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race.

### 8. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid \$5m third-party liability insurance at all times