COUTA BOATS, NOTICE OF RACE (NOR) for Season 2026-27

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. One of the following approaches may be included in the RSIs for a Couta Boat Race:
a. Umpiring Observation;
b. Limited Fleet Umpiring.
1.8 [DP/NP] Boats shall carry VHF radios and monitor Ch.73 at all times while afloat.
1.9 [DP] The SSCBC Code of Conduct applies to all Competitors and Support Persons.
1.10 [DP] A boat shall not commit a breach of sportsmanship or inappropriate behaviour.
1.11 [DP] Boats shall promptly co-operate with any request by a Committee to inspect or audit a boat.
1.12 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 the form "online entry and safety declaration" before her first race: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-DLw4Dwwkyi1T0_MJ4R-bjUHVTOLpNTE5LogEOLZH0sWoDQ/viewform.
2.2 Boats may be entered by a current member of 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 1st 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.
- If the requisite number of races for a series or trophy are not achieved, the scores from the next equivalent scheduled race/s may be used to complete the series. If this rule is going to be applied a notice to competitors will be posted on the ONB.

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 Series.
- The Aggregate Series will be scored according to NOR 4.3; where "race" will be substituted by "Trophy Series".

4.5 Passage Aggregate Scoring

- The Series notated PA in the calendar is not in itself a Trophy in the Club Aggregate. However, each PA race will be included in the overall Club Aggregate as part of one of the 8 Trophy Series.
- The PA consists of 6 races and will be scored according to NOR 4.3.

4.6 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, 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