

The Australian Sharpie Sailing Association (South Australian Division) 2025 / 2026 Season State Championship

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Version 01

Description of the Event

The Australian Sharpie Sailing Association (South Australian Division) as the organising authority, in conjunction with the Host Yacht Clubs, will conduct the Selection Heats, and State Championships as stated in the Schedule of Races.

State Team Selection for the Sharpie National Championship is at the discretion of the Sharpie committee (SA division).

1 Rules

- 1.1 All races will be governed by the 2025 – 2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), and the rules of the Sharpie Association unless changed by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 As per the Class Association By-Laws Part B Clause 20(1). RRS 42.3(C)(1) – with direct relation to Propulsion is replaced with:

*"On a **free leg** of the course, when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the face of a wave) or planing is possible, the Boat's crew may, in order to initiate surfing or planing, pump the sheet, boom or guy, controlling any sail a maximum of three (3) times for each wave or gust of wind"*

2 Entries

- 2.1 Eligible boats shall have a valid measurement certificate and must register their entry in the state championship complete with the correct fee(s). Eligible competitors shall be members of the Sharpie Association (SA), hold a valid Australian Sailing membership and be financial members of a Yacht Club currently affiliated with the Australian sailing.
- 2.2 The helmsperson stated on the entry form shall be on board in all races in which the boat competes. A boat's crew shall not be changed during the regatta unless authorized by the SA sharpie committee. Under no circumstances shall crew changes be permitted solely to suit weather conditions.
- 2.3 Entry for the State Championship must be received by the SA Sharpie Association Secretary with the accompanying fee 2 hours prior to racing to be eligible to compete in subsequent races.

3 Notices to Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Host Yacht Club.

4 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than 1 hour before the first race that they effect.

5 **Signals Made Ashore**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the signal mast at Host Yacht Club

6 **Schedule of Race Days**

- 6.1 State Championships schedule

Port Lincoln Yacht Club:	4 October, 2025	1:00 pm Start
	5 October, 2025	Midday Start

Brighton Seacliff Yacht Club	1 November, 2025	2:00 pm Start
	2 November, 2025	1:00 pm Start

Adelaide Sailing Club:	6 December, 2025	2:00 pm Start
	7 December, 2025	1:00 pm Start

Start times as advised unless otherwise notified in accordance with the Sailing Instructions. All pre-Christmas scheduled State events will be used in consideration for state team selection.

Multiple races can be conducted per day, at the race officers discretion

- 6.2 No Warning Signal will be made after 1630 on the last programmed day of racing.
- 6.3 All competitors intending to start shall "sign on" at the race declaration area. Any boat failing to sign on as specified herein shall be considered by the Race Committee as a non-competitor in that race and scored 'Did not compete'.
- 6.4 Any boat retiring from a race shall sign the retirement sheet immediately on returning to the beach.

7 **Class Flag**

- 7.1 The class flag will be a Gold Kangaroo on a Green background or where this is not available the class start flag will be determined by the host club.

8 **Racing Area**

- 8.1 The racing area will be as shown on the course board/diagram provided by the Host Yacht Club.

9 **The Course**

- 9.1 Windward return / triangular - The course may vary at the Race Officer's discretion. The course for the day will be displayed on the course board of the host club.

- 9.2 The approximate compass bearing from the starting line to Mark 1 *may* be displayed from the Race Committee Boat at or prior to the Warning Signal.

10 **Marks**

Marks will be as indicated by the host club on the course board. Any replacement marks, used in accordance with sailing instruction 12.1, will be as indicated by the host club.

11 **The Start**

- 11.1 Races will be started in accordance with racing Rules of sailing (RSS) 26 unless altered as per the Host Club notice board.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark, unless described otherwise on the official notice board.
- 11.3 A buoy may be streamed from the Race Committee Boat. For the purpose of the application of RRS the buoy is deemed to be part of the Race Committee Boat and any boat touching the mark or passing between it and the Race Committee Boat shall be deemed to have touched the Race Committee Boat.
- 11.4 Boats failing to start within **10 minutes** after the starting signal will be scored DNS.

12 **Change of Course after the Start**

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced; it will be replaced by an original mark.

13 **The Finish**

- 13.1 For boat finishes the finishing line will be between a mast or staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee Boat and the finishing mark at the port end unless indicated otherwise on the host club course board.

14 **Penalty System**

- 14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

15 **Time Limit**

- 15.1 The time limit will be 1.5 hours for the first boat. **Boats' failing to finish within 30 minutes** after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later will be scored DNF. This will change rule 35.

16 **Protests**

- 16.1 Protests shall be in writing in accordance with RRS, Part 5 Section A, and shall be lodged within one hour of the last boats finishing time of the final race of the day.

17 **Scoring**

- 17.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A4 will apply. There will be a maximum of 16 races, of which Four (4) races shall be completed to constitute a series. If 7 or more races are completed, competitors may discard their worst heat score. If 12 or more races are completed, competitors may discard their worst 2 heat scores.
- 17.2 Points and prizes will only be awarded to a registered entry of Helmsperson/Boat combination and points are not transferable.

18 **Equipment & measurement checks**

- 18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules.
- 18.2 All boats shall display the correct sail number for the entirety of the series unless authorized by the sharpie committee race officer or measurer.

19 **Support Boats**

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel are not permitted in the course racing area from the time of the Preparatory Signal until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel.

20 **Personal Buoyancy**

- 20.1 All competitors shall wear whilst racing an approved personal flotation device that complies with the applicable Racing Rules for the class.

22 **Electronic Communication**

- 22.1 A boat, whilst racing, shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. The use of mobile telephones is not permitted.

23 **Prizes**

- 23.1 As per the South Australian Sharpie Association constitution

24 **RISK STATEMENT**

- 24.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

25 **Insurance**

25.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD 10,000,000 per event or equivalent.