

PBSC Sailing Instructions and Points Scoring System

General Instructions

1. PBSC racing will be governed by the rules as defined by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) and PBSC Sailing Instructions
2. Race series rounds will be conducted over a number of Saturdays as nominated in the racing calendar on PBSC website at www.pbsc.org.au
3. Three (3) races will be held on each race day for the Club Championships (CC) and Handicap Point Score (HPS) One (1) Marathon race will be held on the race day as per the sailing calendar. However, additional makeup races may be held for CC and HPS as announced by the PRO of the day at the pre-race briefing.
4. Briefing time will normally be 1pm with races to start not earlier than 1:30 pm. Times may be adjusted during non-daylight saving periods and if so will be notified through PBSC website or Facebook during the week leading up to racing or at the discretion of the PRO on the race day
5. The final decision and assessment of the weather conditions on whether to start or continue to race will be made by the PRO and race secretary or committee on the day of racing.
6. Where an adjustment has to be made to a competitor's ASCY (e.g. when sailing one up or there are limited boat modifications) the onus is on the competitor to organise this with the PRO of the day, prior to the start of racing (See GI 12)
7. The same yardstick will be applied to a boat for all races on a day
8. where a competitor is not using their primary sail number (as advised on the membership form) the onus is on them to advise the PRO on race day of the change i.e. for notation on the race result sheets. Failure to do so may result in the competitor being scored as a DNC for the day
- 9 Race Results will be posted on the PBSC website progressively throughout any series
- 10. Races will not be started where**
 - a. there are less than 3 boats
 - b. the wind is less than 5 knots or greater than 25 knots
 - c. where there are any safety concerns
- 11. Eligibility criteria for inclusion in race day and series results**
 - a. skipper and crew must be fully paid members. This altered classes of members - Clause 4 of the PBSC Constitution
 - b. boats must race at their nominated weight in accordance with their ASCY, 4PY, 10YP,AYH
 - c. Teams must compete at their class legal weight or above. Teams that are under weight must carry appropriate weight to insure class legality

12. Yardstick adjustment for boats that are modified shall be adjusted as follows

- a. the PBSC Committee reserve the right to consider yardstick adjustments for modified boats with a view to encouraging competitive sailing. Yardstick adjustment is the nominated percentage applied to the boat yardstick were
- b. a boat that has a minor modification such as sheeting points moved in board accepts a 4% yardstick penalty (4YP) unless they have evidence from the determining authority
- c. a boat that has a major modification such as a larger or modified configuration from standard e.g deck sweeper main on an F16 accepts a 10% yardstick penalty (10YP) unless they have evidence from the determining authority
- d. where an adjustment needs to be made to a competitors yardstick for any reason the onus is on the competitor to organise this with the PRO of the day, prior to the start of racing (See GI 6)

13. Racing

- a. series consists of a minimum of 1 race and maximum nominated in the racing calendar
- b. One (1) race constitute a series
- c. a minimum of 5 boats constitute a class

14. Points for race results will be awarded on the following basis

- a. awarded to the skipper on each race day
- b. based on a low points score system and using ASCY, 4YP, 10YP and AYH
- c. points for a DNF/DSQ/DNS/OCS will be awarded based on the number of race starters (which includes the PRO if they are entitled to redress), plus 1.

15. club members (skippers) roster on the PBSC race calendar to do the start boat duty will be awarded RDG SB "average" points for the day, based on;

- i. the total of all points awarded to them during the series divided by the number of races scored, excluding race drops

16. club members (skippers) participating at recognised regatta nominated on the PBSC calendar will be awarded RDG AP "average points" providing PBSC racing has been conducted on the same day. The onus is on the competitor to advise the race director. Average points for the day based on;

- i. total of all points awarded to them during the series divided by the number of races scored, excluding race drops

17. Prizes will be awarded based on relevant classes with special awards at the discretion of the PBSC committee members

18. boats that don't qualify for class will be awarded prizes in a miscellaneous class

19. Club Championship Series Races (CC)

There are eight rounds in the CC schedule in the sailing calendar, totaling 24 races. Race results are calculated based on ASCY, 4YP and 10YP as per GI 12

The number of drop races (discards) will be

1 race where 9 races have been held

3 races where 12 races have been held

6 races where 18 or more races have been held

20. Handicap Pointscore Series Races - "Scratch" or "Handicap"

There are fourteen rounds in the HPS schedule in the sailing calendar, totaling 42 races. Race results are calculated based on handicap calculation system below

Handicap Pointscore Series - Yardsticks for the handicap series will be calculated by the race director and race committee or handicapper using a combination ASCY, 4YP & 10YP and historical results. The first race week of the year will be based on standard ASCY, 4YP & 10YP yardsticks (i.e. no handicaps) and standard penalties for one-up sailing of a two person boat. This will give new members a chance to qualify for a handicap before the next handicap race week of the series. If any new members doesn't have a handicap after the first race week they will have to sail the next event using only the relevant yardsticks. A "handicap" adjustment will then be calculated for subsequent handicap pointscore races. Handicap may be revised during the series at the discretion of the race director and race committee or handicapper

Scratch Pointscore series - Standard ASCY, 4YP & 10YP class yardstick will be used and penalties will be applied where applicable e.g. one-up sailing a two person boat

The number of drop races (discards) will be 25% of the races sailed in the series, rounded down

21. Marathon Series Races

There are four races for the marathon series scheduled in the sailing calendar. Race results are calculated based on standard ASCY, 4YP and 10YP as per GI 12

The number of drop races (discards) will be

1 race where 4 races have been held

22. Visiting Sailors

- a. sailors who have paid their daily entry fee or are fully paid in advance will have their race results recorded separately to official club races. They will be recorded as Visiting Sailors and the results will be calculated based on ASCY, 4YP, 10YP as per GI 12.
- b. prizes may be awarded based on numbers relevant classes or as a miscellaneous class at the discretion of the PBSC committee

23. Note

Skippers must be aware of their own skill levels, i.e. don't proceed unless you can cope with the weather conditions. Where a Marathon race crosses open water or surf zone extra precautions should be taken by the skipper. So safety must be top priority for any skipper.

If possible take a mobile phone or two-way hand-held radio on the boat, sunscreen and water for drinking as it can be a long race. Have a safety flag provided by PBSC on your boat to signal or wave for rescue.

24. Abbreviations

DNC	Did not compete e.g. did not turn-up for racing
DNF	Did not finish
DNS	Did not start
DSQ	Disqualification
OCS	on the course side of the starting line
PRO	Principal race officer; race starter for the day
RDG AP	Redress of average points
RDG SB	Redress of average points for Start Boat Duty
ASCY	Australian Sailing Class Yardsticks
AYH	Adjusted Yardstick Handicap
4YP	4% Yardstick Penalty
10YP	10% Yardstick Penalty

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