



# Skippers' Briefing 2024-25

20<sup>th</sup> August 2024

SASC Clubhouse



# Agenda



## 1. TfNSW Maritime Briefing

Boating Safety Officer - Rianna James

## 2. SASC Skipper Briefing

- SASC 2024-25 sailing calendar
- Season entries
- Special Regulations Equipment Audits
- Racing
- SASC concierge
- Volunteers
- Questions

# SASC 2024-25 sailing calendar



## 2024-25 sailing Program & Schedule

- Season Program has been mailed to all members and is also available on the website
  - Please read and keep a copy on your yacht
- Racing Schedule can be downloaded from the website
  - Make sure you heed emails from Racing Secretary about Schedule changes...

A screenshot of the Sydney Amateur Sailing Club website. The header includes the club logo and navigation links: HOME, RESULTS, ENTER ONLINE, SAILING (highlighted with a red box), MEMBERSHIP, FACILITIES, GAFFERS DAY 2024, GALLERIES, NEWSLETTER, ABOUT US. Below the header is a large image of sailboats on the water with the text "SAILING PROGRAM" overlaid. A breadcrumb trail reads "Home &gt; Sailing &gt; Sailing Program". The main content area has a sidebar on the left with a "SAILING PROGRAM 2024-25" header and links to "EVENTS AND REGATTAS (SAILING INSTRUCTIONS)", "RRS 2021-24", "SAFETY RESOURCES", "CREWING AT THE AMATEURS", "PROTESTS", "CRUISING", and "PREVIOUS RACE RESULTS - TOPYACHT". The main content area has a "Sailing Program 2024-25" header and text: "Equipment Audits and Skippers Briefings are scheduled:" followed by a list of dates: "10th August - Equipment Audits", "15th August - Skippers Briefing (zoom)", "17th August - Equipment Audits", and "20th August - Skippers Briefing (Clubhouse)". Below this, it says "Season 2024-25:" followed by a list of links: "SASC SAILING PROGRAM BOOK 2024-25", "SASC SCHEDULE 2024-25" (highlighted with a red box), "SASC Rounding Marks 2024-25", and "SASC Rounding Marks - GPS Coordinates".

# SASC 2024-25 sailing calendar



## Important dates for 2024-25

### Lion Island race – Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August

- Yachts with minimum Category 5,
- Plus, TfNSW Maritime Open Water requirements

### Season opening party – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September

### Opening day & Spring Series Point Score – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September

### Ranger & Couta, Folkboat sprints – 15<sup>th</sup> September

### Sunday racing – 22<sup>nd</sup> September

### Idle hour race – date TBA. Handicap start with BBQ at Greenshed after race

### Twilight racing – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October

- Remember early start at 5.30pm for first two and last four races...
- Two lady helm races in the Series: 1<sup>st</sup> November and 14<sup>th</sup> February (Valentines Day...)



# Season entries

## Entries via SailSys

Season entry allows you to enter some or all the Series for a fixed price, in one entry process

SASC Season 2024-25		
SASC Season 2024-25	Includes: Lion Island Race 2024, Classics Overall Series 2024/25, Friday Twilight 2024/25, Fortnightly Series 2024/25 - Super 30, Cavalier 28, Cruiser Racer, Mixed Fleet/ Sheep Station / Commodores Cup 2024/5, Sunday Series 2024/25, Bob Brown Trophy 2025, Idle Hour Trophy 2024, Opening Regatta 2024, Winter 2025 Next Race: Race 1, 31st August 2024	<input type="button" value="Enter"/>
Lion Island Race 2024	Next Race: Race 1, 31st August 2024	<input type="button" value="Enter"/>
Classics Overall Series 2024/25	Next Race: Race 1, 7th September 2024	<input type="button" value="Enter"/>
Friday Twilight 2024/25	Includes: Lady Helm Next Race: Race 1 - Early Start, 11th October 2024	<input type="button" value="Enter"/>
Fortnightly Series 2024/25 - Super 30, Cavalier 28, Cruiser Racer	Includes: S30 Windward/Leeward Next Race: Race 1 - Opening Regatta and PointScore, 7th September 2024	<input type="button" value="Enter"/>
Mixed Fleet/ Sheep Station / Commodores Cup 2024/5	Includes: Sheep Station Series Next Race: Race 1, 14th September 2024	<input type="button" value="Enter"/>
Sunday Series 2024/25	Next Race: Race 1, 22nd September 2024	<input type="button" value="Enter"/>
Bob Brown Trophy 2025	Next Race: Race 1, 17th April 2025	<input type="button" value="Enter"/>
Idle Hour Trophy 2024	Next Race: Race 1, 5th October 2024	<input type="button" value="Enter"/>
Opening Regatta 2024	Next Race: Race 1, 7th September 2024	<input type="button" value="Enter"/>
Individual Series		
Gaffers Day 2024	Next Race: Race 1, 20th October 2024	<input type="button" value="Enter"/>
Gaffers Day 2024 Ranger & Couta	Next Race: Muriel Trophy, 19th October 2024	<input type="button" value="Enter"/>
Ranger Couta Sprints & Folkboat Sprints 2024/25	Next Race: Race 1, 15th September 2024	<input type="button" value="Enter"/>

Season entry magenta (Block entry fixed price)

Individual Series entry blue (Individual Series pricing)

Series not in the Season pricing

# Season entries



## Race entry completion

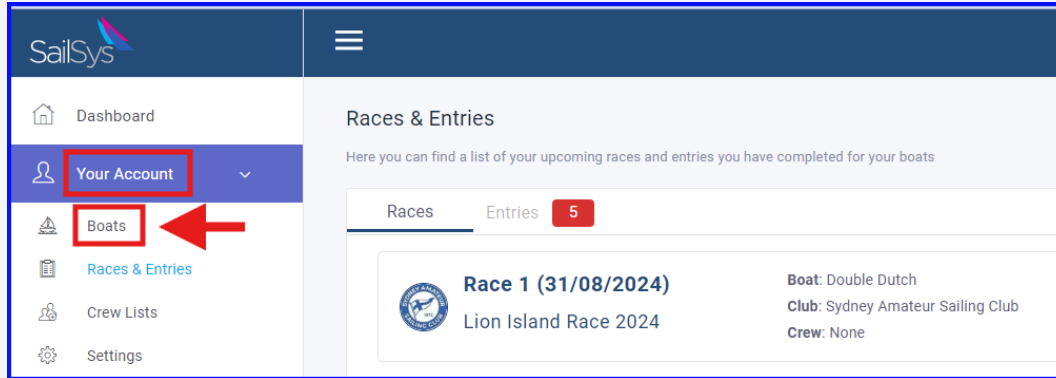
- After payment, the entry will be received by SASC as 'pending' for compliance checks:
  - Cat 4/5/7; and
  - Insurance
- You will receive an email per Series asking for the compliance documents to be uploaded.
- If you already have (current) compliance documents in Sailsys, SASC will transfer them to your entry(s). Nothing further for you to do.
- Expired compliance documents require the **updated** documents to be uploaded via your SailSys account.

# Special Regulations Equipment Audits

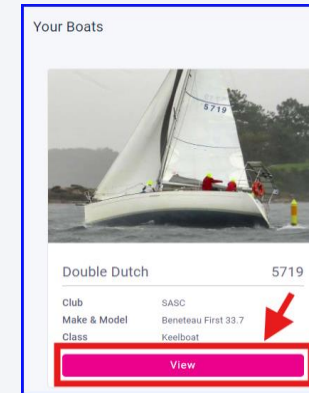
Equipment audit forms and insurance CoC must be uploaded to SailSys to complete your race entries.



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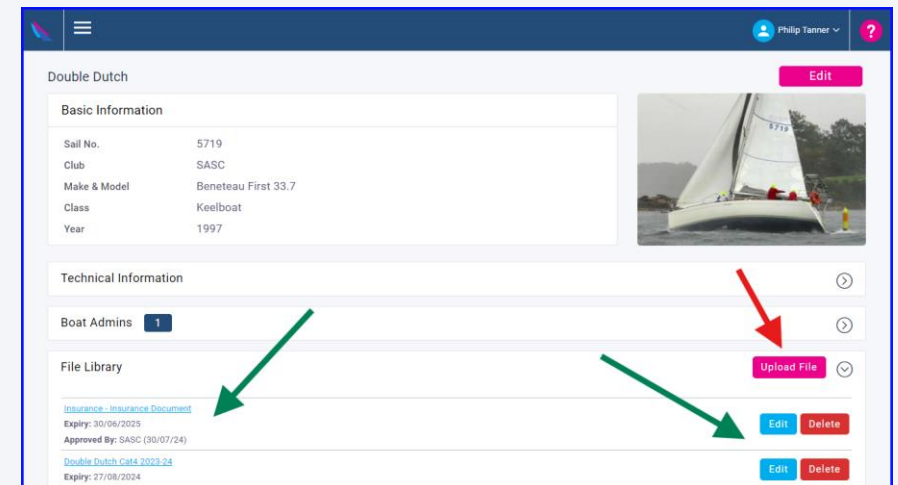
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For any issues, contact David Pryke at [racing@SASC.com.au](mailto:racing@SASC.com.au) or (02)9953 6597

# Special Regulations Equipment Audits



- Audit forms expire twelve months after the date of audit
- Equipment audits must be completed on the (current) official Australian Sailing (AS) form(s) with SASC appendices as required, such as:
  - PFD - proof of annual service
  - Category 5 Annex - TfNSW Maritime “Open Water” requirements
- All equipment shall be laid out neatly for inspection. Where equipment is not appropriately laid out, the auditor may refuse to continue the audit.
- The yacht owner or person in charge must be in attendance during the audit



# Special Regulations Equipment Audits



- Where a yacht has outstanding items still required as part of its audit, it shall be ineligible to race. Outstanding items shall be presented with the audit form to sign off, to an AS/SASC accredited auditor
- Inflatable life jackets – must be checked annually with proof of annual check attached – see PFD checklist on the SASC web site
- Fire Extinguishers – must be checked annually and must be under 5 years old and showing green in the gauge
- All yachts must be registered with TfNSW (Maritime)

# Special Regulations Equipment Audits



## Equipment Audit - Category 5

For Category 5, you must complete the official AS Category 5 form and the SASC appendices (TfNSW Maritime requirements for Open Waters)

Category 5 Addendum	Sail Number	Boat name		
<b>TFNSW Maritime - Equipment you must carry</b>			P	A
Lifejackets – Preference for 150n PFD For each person on board – also see <a href="#">When to wear a lifejacket</a>	1 per person			
Anchor and chain/line	1			
Bilge pump (electric or manual) For vessels with covered bilge or closed underfloor compartments (other than airtight void spaces). Must be able to drain each compartment. Larger vessels may need additional bilge pumps	1			
Chart (map) For area of operation (printed or digital).	1			
Compass Fluid filled magnetic	1			
Distress flares Not expired.	2 Orange Smoke 2 Red Hand			
Drinking water	2 litres per person			
EPIRB – 406 MHz Must be registered with AMSA and not expired.	1 if more than 2 NM from shore			
Fire extinguisher	1			
Marine radio	1 if more than 2 NM from shore			
Sound Signal, air horn or whistle or bell	1			
V Sheet A minimum 1.8m x 1.2m	1			
Waterproof Torch Floating and working	1			
2 means of communication Marine Radio and Mobile Phone in waterproof cover	1			

# Racing



## Helmsperson

- Change of regular helmsperson must be notified to the Sailing Office at least 24 hours before the race.
- A yacht may be disqualified for failing to notify the Race Committee of a change in helmsperson
- Check if you need to let your insurance company/broker know?
- Australian Sailing prescribes that the **person in charge** shall be a member of a Club affiliated to Australian Sailing and an Australian Sailing card holder

# Racing



## Sailing Instructions

- Each Season there are changes to the Sailing Instructions and courses
- Read the Sailing Instructions and Courses, including the SASC General Sailing Instructions BEFORE you race
- Check the SailSys noticeboard (part of the skipper's race entrants screen in SailSys) for any amendments or updates for your Series/Race
- The Sailing Office will email skippers with any notifications and advise of shipping movements.

# Racing



## Race Abandonments

- Race Abandonments will be at the discretion of the Race Officer on the day and reasons for abandoning a race may include (but not be limited to);
  - Gale Warning for inshore waters (average 34 - 37kn)
  - Strong wind warning (average 26 - 33Kn)
  - Poor visibility
- Notification of race abandonments will be via:
  - SailSys SMS,
  - Placement of a notice on the Club notice board, and
  - The N over A flag will be displayed on the Club flagpole

# Racing



## Yachts intending to race

- Sign-on via SailSys
- Prior to entering the start area remove the anchor from the bow
- Ensure you have the SASC racing A Flag (available from SASC office) displayed at or near the masthead or from the backstay
- Report to the Race Officer aboard the Committee Vessel and receive acknowledgement.

# Racing



## Yachts intending to race

- Check the flags for division start and courses – don't just follow yachts in your division (flags are identified inside front cover of Sailing Program).
- Shortening a course may be;
  - At the start
  - At a mark
- Yachts not actually engaged in starting **MUST KEEP CLEAR** of the starting line and other yachts starting.
- Yachts should endeavor to not sail through other clubs' starting or finishing lines.

# Racing

## Y Flag

- When the Y Flag is displayed with one sound signal before or with the warning signal, competitors in yachts with open non-self-draining cockpits and which are not fitted with sufficient in-built buoyancy to stay afloat whilst flooded, shall wear appropriate personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment
- Skippers must decide when you and your crew need to wear PFDs even if the Y Flag not displayed



Y Wear a personal flotation device (see [rule 40](#)).



# Racing



## Yachts retiring

Yachts retiring from a race are required to notify the Committee Vessel via:

- The Race Officers mobile 0419 625 883, or
- Hailing on VHF Channel 73, or
- By any other means

# Racing



## Sail Numbers

- Yachts persistently displaying incorrect sail numbers may be marked as DNF by the Race Officer
- General Sailing Instruction 19 regarding permission to carry a sail displaying a different number to that shown on the list of entries must be observed.
- Sail numbers shall comply with RRS 77 and the AS Prescription to RRS Appendix G which require sail numbers to be of a contrasting colour to the body of the sail and clearly legible
- Non-compliant yachts may be recorded as DNF

# Racing

Sail numbers must be in a contrasting color to the sail



# Racing



## Know the Rules of Racing ...

- Buy the Blue Book or download from the SASC web site
- Come to the rules nights
- Ask members at the Club
- Ask members of the Protest Committee

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# Racing



## Protesting...

- The SASC encourage skippers to protest even is unsure of the rules applying – it's a good way to learn.
- Protests must conform to RRS Rule 61.
- Completed Protest forms must be delivered to the SASC Sailing Office no later than 11:00 hours on the first working day following the day of the race protested.
- Hearings will be held on the following Tuesday at the SASC clubhouse or as directed by the Protest Committee.
- Resources available on the SASC WEB site:
  - [Protest Form](#)
  - [Protest Preparation](#)
  - [Past Protest Outcomes](#)

# Racing



## Risk minimization on the water

- Provide a safety briefing to your crew – each time !
- Train for on-water emergencies
  - person overboard
  - medical emergency
  - Collision or grounding
- Can **all crew** operate safety equipment?
- Weather – check the forecast before you go out
- Check daily vessel movements on Sydney Harbour - advised via email
- SASC Safety Resources can be found on the WEB site -  
<https://sasc.com.au/sailing/safety/>

# Racing



## Rendering assistance

- SASC Race Committee vessels are not rescue yachts.
- RRS 1.1 Helping those in danger - the responsibility during a race lies with other competitors to stand by or provide assistance.
- Report all on-water incidents to the Race Officer

# Racing

## Incidents



- Skippers must report all incidents that involve a fatality, serious injury and/or significant damage to NSW Water Police
- A written incident report must be emailed to the Sailing Office [racing@sasc.com.au](mailto:racing@sasc.com.au) and to TfNSW within 24 hours if one of the following applies:
  - The incident has resulted in death or serious injury to a person
  - The incident has result in damage more than \$5,000 to a vessel or any other property
  - Damage or risk to the environment has occurred
- The information you provide in your incident report plays an important part in supporting the way we improve safety on the water



# Racing



## Insurance

- Following an incident contact your insurance company ASAP
  - Check your specific policy(s) for details of reporting requirements
- Speaking of insurance...
- All owners of yachts competing in SASC events must hold current third-party property liability and personal liability insurance cover of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars) for each, separate incident. GSI Item 34
- Skippers are advised that although SASC has third-party liability insurance for the Club, this cover DOES NOT extend to participants

# Racing

## Insurance (again...)

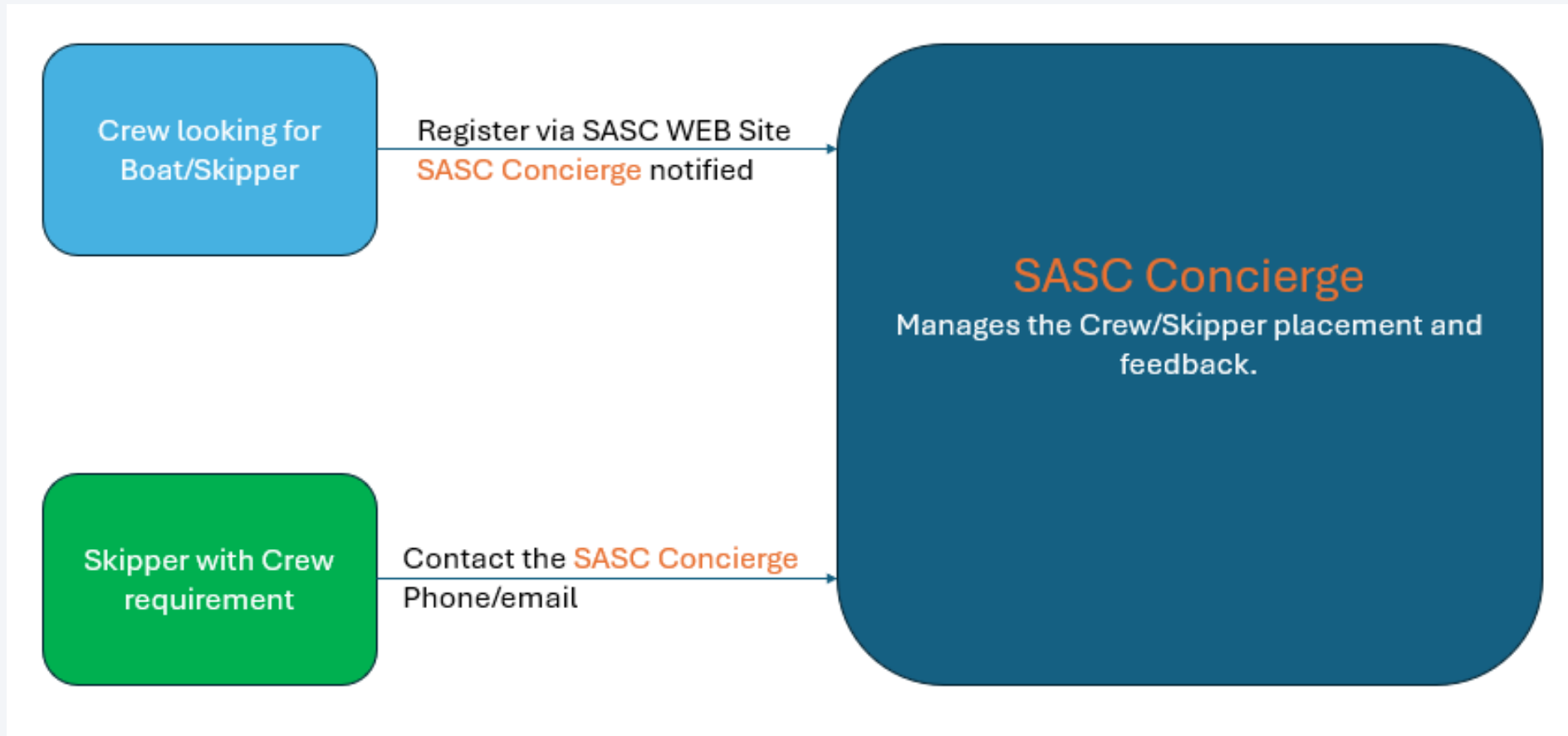
- HAVE YOU PAID YOUR ANNUAL PREMIUM?
- HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR yacht REGO?
- IS YOUR YACHT FIT FOR YOUR INTENDED PURPOSE?
- ARE YOU COVERED FOR CHANGE OF SKIPPER?
- DO YOU HAVE SUFFICIENT COVER? –offshore, spinnaker, social racing
- HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR POLICY FOR EXCLUSIONS – PDS?
- DO YOUR CREW ALL HAVE ACCIDENT/LIABILITY INSURANCE?
- Sail Pass provides (limited) personal insurance coverage to individuals who are participating in sailing activities as a temporary member of a sailing club



# SASC concierge



New crew/skipper matching arrangements for the 2024/25 Season



# Volunteers



- The Club is always looking for new volunteers to join the Race Management team;
  - Start boat volunteers (new start boat Kareela)
    - Friday twilights – all volunteer crew for the start boat.
    - Saturday and Sunday races.
  - Race officers
  - Equipment auditors
  - Tender drivers (weekends)
- Training is available through the Club and on-line via AS



## ?Questions?

Thank you for your attention and please reach out to David Pryke at [racing@SASC.com.au](mailto:racing@SASC.com.au) or by telephone on (02) 9953 6597 if you require any further information about the Clubs racing or to enquire about volunteering.