



NOTICE OF RACE

51st Sabot National Championships

&

John Byrne Sabot Week

28 December 2014 – 4 January 2015

Organising Authority: Townsville Sailing Club



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1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016* as amended by the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia Part 2, the Sabot Class Rules (The Sabot Class Rules are the Constitution, By-laws, Rules of Measurement and Builders' Guide of Sabot Class Dinghies in Australia as amended.) all as amended by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Subject to the approval of the Race Committee a sabot chartered or loaned for the Championship or Sabot Week event may declare at the time of entry or registration a sail number which may be different from the registered number of the hull provided that the number declared shall not be the sail number of any other boat competing in the regatta (References: RRS 77, Appendix G3). Sails with sail numbers belonging to another boat that have been suffixed with an extra digit will not be accepted. Sabots shall display the same declared identification numbers on all sails used.
- 1.3 Sabots competing in the Championship shall display their correct State and Zone letter (if applicable) on their mainsail.
- 1.4 Each Sabot entered in the Junior Division in either the Championship or Sabot Week shall display on their forestay a pennant as provided by the Organising authority.
- 1.5 PENALTY SYSTEM - Appendix P, Immediate Penalties for breaking rule 44, will apply.
- 1.6 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

2. Advertising

Advertising is restricted as follows: Sabots may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising authority and shall not display advertising which the authority decides conflicts with the advertising supplied.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The event is open to boats of the Sabot class selected in accordance with the Australian National Sabot Council constitution.
- 3.2 The organising authority reserves the right to split the fleet into two or restrict the number of entries in order to preserve the safety of competitors and provide fairness and enjoyment to all participants.

- 3.3 All sabots shall be entered and crewed by members of a registered Member Association of the Australian National Sabot Council or be subject to an additional fee.
- 3.4 All sabots competing in the National Championship must present a copy of their measurement certificate at registration.
- 3.5 All sabots must present a copy of their valid third-party liability insurance certificate with a minimum cover of AUD\$10,000,000.
- 3.6 Sabot Week entry is open to all registered Sabots affiliated with a State/Zone Sabot Association, except that skippers and crews competing in the concurrent National Championship are not eligible to compete.
 - 3.6.1 Beach entries may be accepted for each day's racing in Sabot Week. A daily race fee will be charged.
- 3.7 The Organising Authority may accept entries for Sabot Week from sabots which do not have a Measurement Certificate if it is satisfied the boat is owned by a Club affiliated with a MYA and is generally used for sail training. There shall be no protest against the eligibility of any such boat whose entry is accepted.
- 3.8 Racing will be in two divisions in both the National Championship and Sabot Week as per the Sabot constitution.
- 3.9 Eligible sabots will be able to enter online, after 17 November, 2014, at www.ngsa.yachting.org.au
- 3.10 Entries for the National Championship will be accepted at the standard fee up to midnight 10 December 2014. After this date a late entry fee of \$50 may be charged, at the Host Club's discretion, with the cut off being midnight 24 December 2014.
- 3.11 Entries for Sabot Week will be accepted up to midnight 24 December 2014.
- 3.12 A Parent/Guardian Declaration form must be lodged at registration for each sailor. This can be downloaded from www.ngsa.yachting.org.au and will also be made available at registration.
- 3.13 Only entries received by midnight 10 December 2014 will be listed in the Regatta handbook.

3.14 All Zones are advised that Team nominations, consisting of Six Senior Sabots and Six Junior Sabots in the National Fleet and Six Sabots Sailors and Six Junior Sabots in the Sabot Week Fleet must be nominated by midnight 10 December 2014.

4. Fees

Fees for each of the National Championship and Sabot Week are as follows:

Senior (one up) \$250 per boat

Junior (two up) \$250 per boat

A \$50 administration fee will be applied to all cancellations up to midnight on 10 December 2014. No refunds after this date.

5. Schedule

28 December 2014	Measuring & Registration Opening Ceremony followed by BBQ
29 December 2014	Measuring & Registration Compulsory Briefing Session Invitation Race
30 December 2014	Sabot Week Racing 1 & 2 Championship Racing 1 & 2
31 December 2014	Sabot Week Racing 3 & 4 Championship Racing 3 & 4
1 January 2015	Lay Day
2 January 2015	Sabot Week Racing 5 & 6 Championship Racing 5 & 6
3 January 2015	Sabot Week Racing 7 & 8 Championship Racing 7 & 8
4 January 2015	Sabot Week Racing 9 & 10 Championship Racing 9 & 10 Closing Ceremony followed by Dinner

- 5.1 The Race Committee may schedule racing on the lay day or may run more than two (2) races on any day as circumstances arise.
- 5.2 No warning signal will be made after 1600 on the last day of racing.
- 5.3 Sabots competing in the National Championship will be scored DNF if they do not finish within 15 minutes of the first finishing boat in their division.

6. Measurement and Registration

- 6.1 All Championship sabots must be presented for Measurement & Safety Checks and Sabot Week sabots for Safety Checks only on the scheduled measuring days and times. Registration procedures to be concluded once the above checks are complete and regatta entry fee paid.
- 6.2 Each sabot shall produce a valid zone measurement certificate or ANSC registration certificate (for 7000 series numbered boats). All Championship boats shall be checked for compliance with the measurement rules.
- 6.3 Sabots and their equipment, including their safety equipment, may be measured and/or inspected at any time during the regatta by the National Measurer or their delegate.
- 6.4 Application to have measured equipment on Championship boats replaced due to damage must be in writing to the National Measurer. The replacement equipment must be tendered for measurement, and if accepted the approval will be in writing.

7. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be made available at www.ngsa.yachting.org.au in due course. The Sailing Instructions will describe the course, penalty system, scoring system, information regarding support boats and their berthing, prizes and other information relating to the regatta.

8. Venue

The event will be conducted in the waters of Cleveland Bay and operated from:

Townsville Sailing Club
Mariners Drive
TOWNSVILLE QLD 4810

9. Media Rights and Photography Consent

By entering the Regatta competitors are consenting to being photographed and/or videotaped whilst participating in the race and/or using the Regatta facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and reproduction of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.

10. Disclaimer of Liability & Risk Warning

10.1 This Risk Warning is issued by Townsville Sailing Club and NQSA pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 to all persons wishing to participate in this event.

10.2 Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. RRS 4, Decision to Race states "the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

10.3 The Organising Authority, their Directors, Officers, Volunteers and sponsors:

- (a) will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after this event; and
- (b) shall not be responsible for the seaworthiness of any boat whose entry is accepted, the adequacy of its equipment or its insurance arrangements.

10.4 Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions which might be taken by reasonable and experienced person, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death. These risks may include, but are not limited to:

- The extremes of weather and sea conditions;
- The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collisions;
- The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard;
- The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel;
- The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available;
- Exposure to the elements for extended periods including tropical sunshine.
- The possible presence of dangerous marine life

- 10.5 The Organising Authorities - NQSA and Townsville Sailing Club jointly warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress.
- 10.6 Participants are warned to consider all risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event.
- 10.7 Participants are advised it is Stinger season in the waters off North Queensland and it is recommended that all competitors should wear adequate Stinger Protection clothing whilst sailing.

11 Further Information

Townsville Sailing Club

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North Queensland Sabot Association

www.nqsa.yachting.org.au

Marine Stinger Information

www.stingeradvisor.com

www.marine-medic.com.au