NOTICE OF RACE

SAIL PENINSULA 2027

MARTHA COVE

MORNINGTON PENINSULA



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19 - 21 FEBRUARY 2027

Organising Authority: **Safety Beach Sailing Club Inc.**
Sailing from **Martha Cove Marina** at Safety Beach.
FOR MORE INFORMATION www.sailpeninsula.com.au

SAFETY BEACH SAILING CLUB

Australian Sailing

*The notation **'[DP]'** in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.*

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 will apply to Keelboats.

1.4 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.

1.5 On Keelboats anchors shall **not** be carried on deck forward of the stem or with any part outboard.

1.6 The provisions of RRS Appendix G shall be observed.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Sailing instructions will be available prior to Friday 19th February on the Sail Peninsula website.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online official notice board is located at the Online Noticeboard.

3.2 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

3.3 The Organising Authority may setup a WhatsApp group (SP27 Regatta) and include the phone numbers of those involved in the regatta to disseminate information. If a competitor does not wish to be part of this group they are free to remove themselves from the group.

3.4 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 16, 69, 71, 72, 73, 77 and 82. [DP]

3.5 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

3.6 The fleet may also receive messages via SMS from the SailSys system.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to Category 5 keelboats (both Spinnaker and Non Spinnaker classes), multi-hulls, trailables and sportsboats. A non-spinnaker cruising division will also be catered for.

4.2 The AMS, EHC, CBH, OMR and ORCclub/i handicap systems and double handed boats will be catered for in a division so long as there are 5 or more entries for an individual handicap system in the division.

4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form no later than COB on **Thursday 18th February 2027** with the required fee to secure your entry. Online entry is available on the Sail Peninsula website or from SailSys here.

4.4 Entries will be capped.

4.5 Boats shall comply with RRS Appendix G – Identification on Sails.

4.6 The attention of all competitors is drawn to the Australian Sailing prescription to RRS 46.

5 FEES

5.1 The entry fee is **$140.00** per boat until 21:00 hours on Sunday 31st January 2027 after which the entry fee is **$170.00**. See the Cancellation Policy below.

6 ADVERTISING

6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority which shall be displayed as per the directions sheet supplied with the advertising. [NP]

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Dates of racing:

Date	*Event*	*First Warning Signal*
Friday 19th February 2027	Twilight Stern Chaser (spinnaker allowed)	17:25hrs
Friday 19th February 2027	Stern Chaser Presentation	20:30 hrs
Saturday 20th February 2027	Passage Race	10:55 hrs
Sunday 21st February 2027	Challenge/Team Cup	09:55 hrs
Sunday 21st February 2027	Presentation Ceremony	ASAP after Racing

7.2 No Warning Signal shall be made after 13:00 hrs on Sunday 21st February 2027.

8 COURSES

8.1 The Friday twilight race will be an SBSC pursuit course with either a Tower start/finish or an On Water start/finish as described in the Sailing Instructions of an appropriate length depending on the conditions.

8.2 The Saturday passage race course for each division will be as described in the Sailing Instructions of a distance appropriate to the forecast weather conditions.

8.3 The course for the Sunday challenge/team race for each division will be as described in the Sailing Instructions of an appropriate distance depending on the weather conditions.

9 BERTHING

9.1 Free berthing for Keelboats will be available in Marina Martha Cove for the Friday and Saturday nights for visiting boats on a first come first served basis allowing for the size of the boat. Boat and current insurance details **must** be supplied in advance to the Marina Management. This will be detailed in instructions provided with the entry confirmation and payment of the entry fee. Boats are to berth in the berth assigned to them for the duration of the event. If a suitable berth is not available at the time of entry you will be advised and placed on a waiting list. If we are unable to secure a berth for you and therefore unable to accept your entry your entry fee will be refunded in full.

10 PRIZES

10.1 Major prizes will be given for each handicap system in each of the individual races.

10.2 To determine the result of the 'Challenge/Team Cup' on Sunday 22nd February 2026, the scores of the first three boats from each club, with a valid AMS certificate in Divisions 1 and 2, will be added together and the club with the lowest total will be deemed to be the winner. If there are less than three boats, the race committee in its absolute discretion may choose to use a lesser number of boats. In the event of a tie between teams with boats in different divisions contributing to the team's total, the team with the greater number of contributing boats in Division 1 will prevail. Where there is a tie and all contributing boats are in the same division the boat from each team with the worst score will be dropped until a winner is declared.

103 Prizes will also be given for the aggregate of all 3 races.

11 RISK STATEMENT

11.1 General

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

12 INSURANCE

12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD 10 million, per incident or the equivalent.

13 RIGHTS TO USE

13.1 Name and Likeness

By entering, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authorities, the Coordinating Authorities and the sponsors, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said Event in perpetuity without compensation.

13.2 Data

By entering, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authorities, the Coordinating Authorities and the sponsors, the right in perpetuity, to collect and use data relating to him/her during the period of the competition in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said Event in perpetuity without compensation.

14 CANCELLATION POLICY

14.1 The Organising Authority may cancel the event, cancel divisions and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.

14.2 Should the Organising Authority cancel a division or reject an entry the entry fee shall be refunded in full.

14.3 Should the Organising Authority cancel the event at least 36 hours prior to the scheduled start of race 1 the entry fee will be refunded less any costs incurred.

14.4 Should the Organising Authority cancel the event within 36 hours of the scheduled start of race 1 any refunds will be at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.

14.5 If an entry is cancelled by a competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Cancellation Date	**Entry Fee Refund**
Up to 12:00 hrs on 15th February 2027	75%
After 12:00 hrs on 15th February 2027	0%

15 AMENDMENTS

15.1 Any amendments to this Notice of Race will be posted online on the Sail Peninsula website and the Safety Beach Sailing Club website (www.sbsc.net.au).

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

16.1 For further information please contact:

Safety Beach Sailing Club:
email: sailpeninsula@sbsc.net.au

or go to the Sail Peninsula or Safety Beach Sailing Club website as shown above.