

**VEE ESS 15' SKIFF
75TH AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP
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1 RULES

The regattas will be governed by the [Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of Yachting Australia](#), by [Part 2 of the Yachting Australia Special Regulations](#) and by the Class Rules and By-Laws of the Vee Ess Sailing Association (VSSA), except as any of these are altered by the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

2 ALTERATIONS TO RACING RULES

- 2.1 Race Signal AP is amended so that the Warning Signal shall be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered ashore.
- 2.2 RRS 35 and A4.1 are amended so that all boats not finishing within the limits proscribed by clause 14 shall be scored DNF.
- 2.3 RRS 60.2 is amended in that the Race Committee shall be represented by the Race Officer or their nominated representative.
- 2.4 RRS 66 is amended so that on the last race day of the Championship, a request to re-open a hearing shall be made within the protest time limit or within 30 minutes of being informed of the decision, whichever is the latest.
- 2.5 The Low Point score system as described in appendix A, A4.1 RRS 2017-2020 is amended by the replacement of clause A4.2 with clause A9.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the clubhouse of South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club (SLMASC).

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 1300 hours of the racing day it will affect, except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore shall be made on the flag mast located on the verandah of SLAMSC.
- 5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the Race Signal AP.

6 RACING SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The regatta schedule is shown in Table 1 of Attachment 1.
- 6.2 Ten races are scheduled for the Championship. Races may be sailed back to back. Flag signal AP over A shall be flown from the Committee Vessel when each racing session is complete.
- 6.3 The Race Committee may alter the schedule and number of races sailed at any time but will only advance the Championship by not more than one (1) race per day.
- 6.4 No Warning Signal shall be made after 1615 hours on 9 January 2020.

7 Sid Peare Invitation Race

- 7.1 The invitation race shall be sailed in accordance with these Sailing Instructions except as noted in Attachment 3.

8 CLASS FLAG

The Vee Ess Class Flag shall be a black VS on a white background.

9 RACING AREA

The races will be conducted on the courses of SLMASC on Lake Macquarie.

10 COURSES

- 10.1 Attachment 2 shows the approximate course layouts, the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which the marks are to be left.
- 10.2 Where racing is conducted to schedule, the first race of the day will be course 1 and the second race shall be course 2.
- 10.3 Where racing differs from the schedule, the courses to be sailed shall be verbally notified to a representative of each boat before first the warning signal of the day.
- 10.4 The Committee Vessel MAY hoist a numeral pennant corresponding to the course number at or before the Warning Signal for each race, however the non-appearance of this pennant will not be considered reason for protest or redress.
- 10.5 No more than five races shall be course 2.

11 MARKS

- 11.1 Marks 1, 2S and 2P will be inflatable buoys. Marks will be displayed to competitors at the Competitors meeting.
- 11.2 The Start and Finish Marks will be inflatable buoys. Marks will be displayed to competitors at the Competitors meeting.
- 11.3 A replacement mark will be an inflatable buoy. This mark will be displayed to competitors at the Competitors meeting.

12 THE START

- 12.1 The start line will be between the flagstaff displaying an flag on the Committee Vessel at the starboard end of the line and the Start Mark at the port end.
- 12.2 For the purposes of the definition of the race start the hull and equipment exclude the spinnaker pole and supports except when the spinnaker is being flown.
- 12.3 A boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

13 CHANGE THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee may move the original mark, only if deemed to be fair to all competitors.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 For course 1 the finish line will be between the flagstaff displaying a flag on the Committee Vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the Finish Mark at the port end.
- 14.2 For course 2 the finish line will be between the flagstaff displaying a flag on the Committee Vessel at the port end and the course side of the Finish Mark at the starboard end.
- 14.3 For the purposes of the definition of the race finish the hull and equipment exclude the spinnaker pole and supports except when the spinnaker is being flown.

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish each race shall be will be 100 minutes.

- 15.2 Except for the last scheduled race each day, boats who have been lapped or failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored two points more than the number of finishers in that race. This point allocation will be made irrespective of the boat crossing the finish line, but will not apply to boats that have retired. This changes Rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.3 In the last scheduled race each day any boat failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored two points more than the number of finishers in that race. This point allocation will be made irrespective of the boat crossing the finish line, but will not apply to boats that have retired. This changes Rules 35, A4 and A5.

16 ARBITRATION

- 16.1 An arbitration hearing may be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with RRS 61 and Instruction 18, which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or Part 4 or Rule 31. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.
- 16.2 The arbitrator will decide the time and place of the arbitration hearing and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat shall attend the arbitration hearing. The arbitrator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.
- 16.3 After taking testimony at the arbitration hearing the arbitrator shall make one of the following conclusions:
- a. The protest does not comply with Rule 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
 - b. The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. This may be because the rules other than Part 2 or Part 4 or Rule 31 are involved or may be involved, or because the evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason as decided by the arbitrator.
 - c. No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
 - d. A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, the infringing boat(s) may accept scoring points equal to a finishing place mid-way between the boat's actual finish and a disqualification, and if so accepted the protestor shall withdraw the protest. Half points shall be disregarded and the points of other boats shall not be adjusted. If not accepted the protest shall proceed to a hearing of the Jury. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 16.4 An arbitration hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of a arbitrator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.
- 16.5 Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the arbitrator may be a member of the Protest Committee. Any evidence given by a arbitrator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.

17 PROTESTS

- 17.1 Rule 60.2 is amended in that the Race Officer or their nominated representative shall represent the Race Committee.
- 17.2 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests are to be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area, and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 17.4 Notices shall be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses, the order of hearings and the time of the first hearing.
- 17.5 Notices of protest by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform

boats under rule 61.1 (b).

- 17.6 Breaches of Instructions 13.2, 20, 23, 24 and 26 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1 (a).
- 17.7 The Protest Committee may make any determination in respect of penalties for a breach of a rule other than in Part 2.
- 17.8 On the last day of the Championship a request for reopening of a hearing shall be delivered: within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; or no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes Rule 66.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 The Low Point score system as described in appendix A, A4.1 RRS 2017-2020 is amended by the replacement of clause A4.2 with clause A9.
- 18.2 Ten races are scheduled for the Championship.
- 18.3 Five races shall be completed to constitute the Championship.
- 18.4 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 18.5 When six, seven or eight races have been completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.6 When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 18.7 The VSSA handicap system will apply for handicap results and scoring. The VSSA handicap committee reserves the right to change a boat's handicap at any time and without notice.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 Before leaving the beach for racing each skipper shall sign-on. The sign on/off desk will be located at SLMASC.
- 19.2 Each skipper shall sign off within the protest time limit and all are encouraged to sign off promptly.
- 19.3 Boats failing to sign on before leaving shore will be scored DNS without a hearing for the first race for which they should have signed on. Boats failing to sign off before the end of protest time will be scored DNF for the last race for which they should have signed off.
- 19.4 A boat that retires shall notify the Race Committee as soon as practicable and sign off.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Attention is drawn to the NoR Clause 3.3, which relates to crew changes.
- 20.2 Attention is drawn to the VS class rules that stipulate that only one of each type of sail first measured in season 2019/20 and any number of sails measured in previous seasons may be used throughout the regatta.
- 20.3 Attention is drawn to the VS class rules that stipulate that only one centreboard may be used throughout the regatta.
- 20.4 Substitution of equipment other than the above is allowed, provided it has been approved through the usual association measurement process.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

Each boat and all equipment shall have been measured by a Measurer approved by the relevant Association prior to being used in a race of this Championship. The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect any boat or equipment at any time for compliance with the class rules.

22 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay a minimum of 50m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Preparatory Signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. This will apply at all times except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

24 PRIZES

- 24.1 Prizes will be awarded to the overall winners of the National Title and the National Handicap Title. A perpetual trophy will also be presented to the champion crew of both Titles. Prizes may also be awarded to placegetters of both titles.
- 24.2 The Coal Board Shield will be presented to the winner of the last heat of the series on scratch.
- 24.3 Daily prizes will be presented at the clubhouse after the completion of the day's racing.
- 24.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

25 RUBBISH

No rubbish is to be dumped into the water. All rubbish is to be handed to official boats or taken ashore.

26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta. Attention is drawn to Clause 13 of the Vee Ess Notice of Race.

27 INSURANCE

- 27.1 All competing boats shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum value of AUS\$10,000,000 or the equivalent.

28 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In participating in this Event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of this Event, 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 film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the Event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said Event without compensation.

Attachments:

1. Regatta Event Schedule
2. Courses
- 3.

**Attachment 1 to
75th Vee Ess Australian Championships
Sailing Instructions**

Table 1 – Vee Ess Regatta Schedule of Events

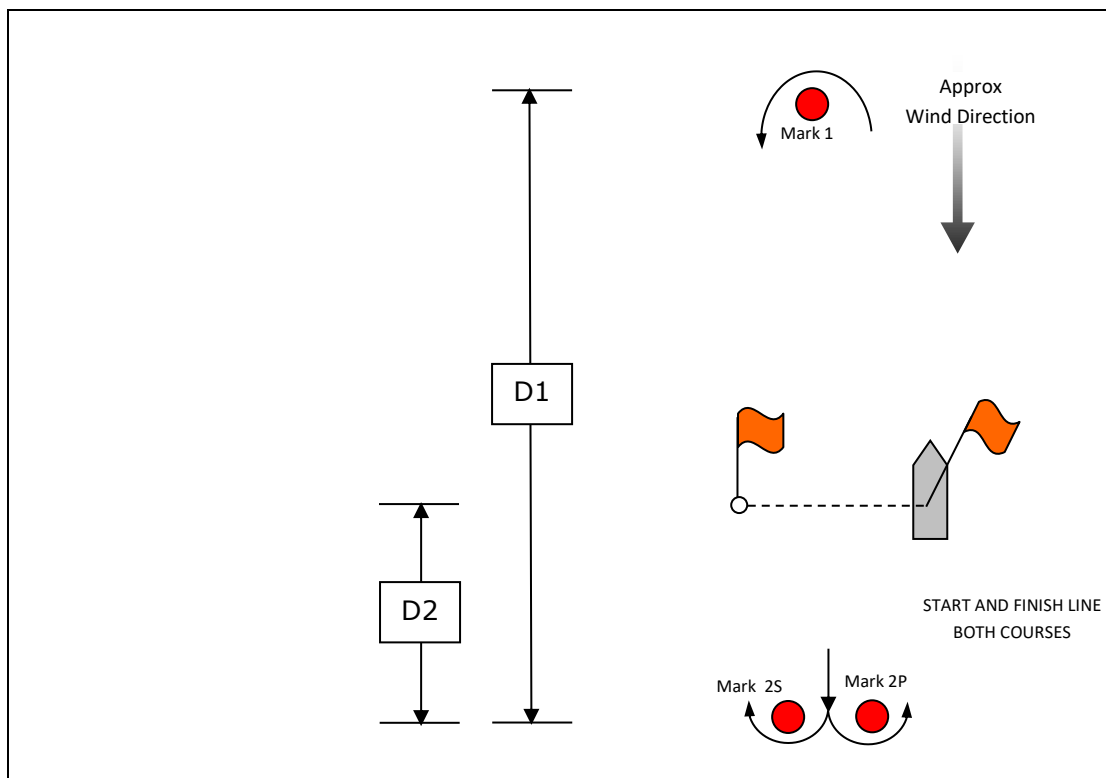
Date	Day	Time	Event
3 rd January	Friday	1130 – 1230	Measurement and Registration
		1315	Invitation race Briefing
		1425	Sid Peare Invitation Race warning signal
		1700	Welcome social gathering
4 th January	Saturday	1100 - 1300	Measurement and Registration
		1240	Competitors Championship Meeting
		1425	Race 1 warning Signal Race 2 ASAP after race 1
5 th January	Sunday	1425	Race 3 warning Signal Race 4 ASAP after race 3
6 th January	Monday		Lay Day – Racing if required
7 th January	Tuesday	1425	Race 5 warning Signal (Race 3 State title series) Race 6 ASAP after race 5 (Race 3 of Travellers trophy series)
8 th January	Wednesday	1425	Race 7 warning signal Race 8 ASAP after race 7
9 th January	Thursday	1355	Race 9 warning Signal Race 10 ASAP after race 9
		1615	Last Warning Signal
		TBA	Presentation – BBQ

**Attachment 2 to
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Instruction 9 Courses

9.6 The indicative course layout, together with the rounding hand, is shown in Illustration 1. The diagram is approximate only, is not to scale, and does not override any other Instructions.

Illustration 1 – Vee Ess Courses



Course 1. Start – 1 – 2S/2P – 1 – 2S/2P – Finish

Course 2. Start – 1 – 2S/2P – 1 – 2S/2P – 1 – Finish

1. Mark 1 to port is preferred.
2. Where practicable the approximate course length (D1) will be:

Wind Range	Course Length D1 (~)
2 to 5 knots	1450metres
6 to 10 knots	1650 metres
11+ knots	1850 metres

3. Length D2 will be not more than 50% of D1.
4. Crossing through the Finish Line whilst racing is not proscribed.

Attachment 3 to
75th Vee Ess Australian Championships
Sailing Instructions
SID PEARE INVITATION RACE – Special Rules & Regulations

The Sid Peare Invitation Race shall be sailed in accordance with these sailing instructions except where noted below.

7.2. Schedule

The Invitation race will be a handicap race with a scratch start over a long course.

7.3 Scoring

The winner of the race shall be the first to finish the prescribed course. There is no scoring.

7.4 Format

The course will include two windward marks, 1A and 1B. Mark 1B shall be set downwind of mark 1A. This is a handicap race where boats are handicapped by sailing longer or shorter windward beats as designated to each boat.

7.5 Course

The course shall be Start – 1Ap or 1Bp – 2p or 2s - 1Ap or 1Bp – 2p or 2s - 1Ap or 1Bp – 2p or 2s – 1Ap or 1Bp - Finish.

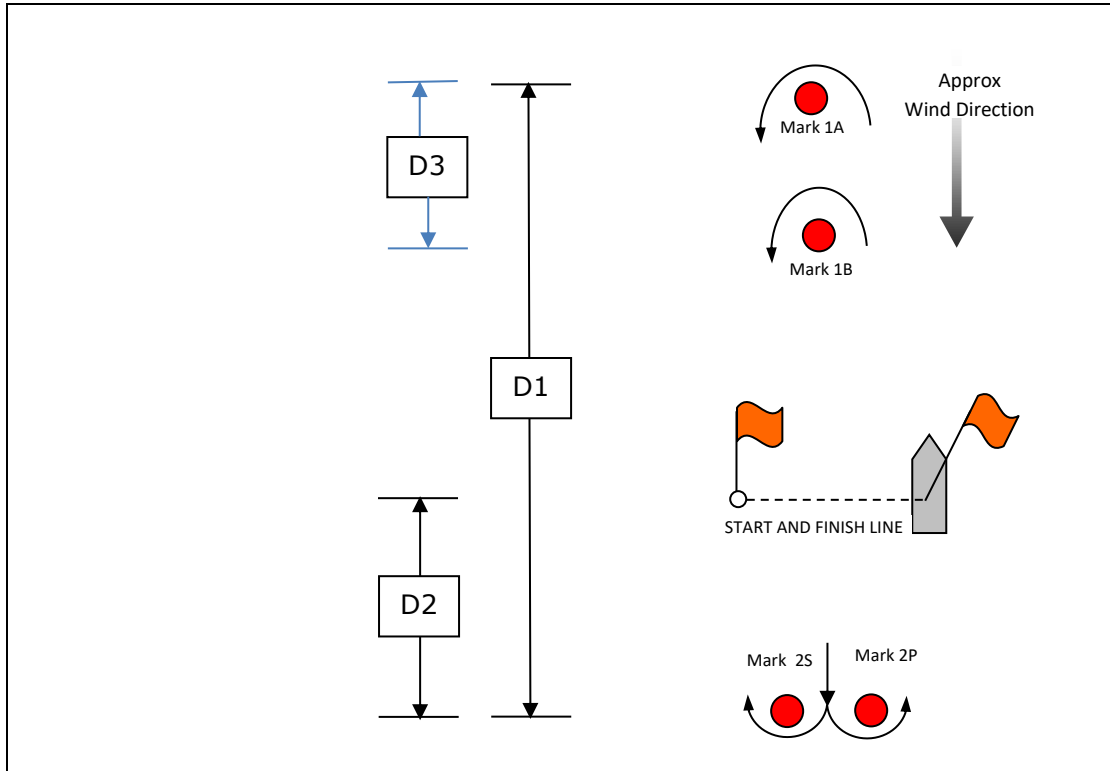
Each skipper will be instructed how many times they need to round marks 1A and 1B. It is the skipper's choice to decide when they round each of their designated windward marks. When mark 1A is required to be rounded mark 1B is not considered part of the course and does not count towards their mark rounding requirement.

The course will not be shortened.

Legs of the course may be changed after the preparatory signal.

Illustration 2 – Sid Peare Invitation Race Course

The indicative course layout, together with the rounding hand, is shown below. The diagram is approximate only, is not to scale, and does not override any other Instruction.



Course . Start – 1A or 1B – 2p or 2s - 1 A or 1B – 2p or 2s - 1 A or 1B – 2p or 2s – 1A or 1B – Finish

5. Mark 1A or 1B to port.
6. As a guide the approximate lengths D1 & D3 will be:

Wind Range	Course Length D1 (~)	Course Length D3 (~)
2 to 5 knots	1450 metres	200 metres
6 to 10 knots	1700 metres	270 metres
11+ knots	1850 metres	320 metres

7. Length 2S -2P approximately 70 – 90m.
8. Length D2 will be not more than 50% of D1.
9. Crossing through the Finish Line whilst racing is not prohibited.
10. The time limit to sail the course is 140 minutes. Any boat failing to finish within that time will be classified Did Not Finish without a hearing