

NOTICE OF RACE

ACCOR PREMIERE VACATION CLUB

43rd Australian Sabot Championships

(the Championships)

&

Kevin & Ross Wilson Sabot Week

(Sabot Week)

27th December 2006 – 5th January 2007

**hosted by Sandringham Yacht Club, Melbourne, Victoria.
(The Regatta)**

The Organising Authority is Sandringham Yacht Club Inc. in conjunction with the Victorian Sabot Sailing Association Inc. (VSSA), under the authority of Yachting Victoria, and the auspices of the Australian National Sabot Council (ANSC).

1. RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

The provisions of the YA Special Regulations Part 2 – for Off The Beach Boats will apply.

1.1 Alterations to the Sabot Class Rules

The Sabot Class Rules referred to in this Notice of Race are the rules in effect after the AGM of the ANSC held in January 2006, plus any amendments passed by postal ballot prior to the 1st December 2006, including amendments passed for trial purposes for the conduct of the Regatta.

The Sabot Class Rules shall be amended as follows:

Identification

Subject to the approval of the Race Committee a boat chartered or loaned for the 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. Boats shall display the same declared identification numbers on all sails used. Sabots competing in the Championship shall display their correct State / Zone letter on their mainsail.

Each Sabot entered in the Junior Division in either the Championships or Sabot Week shall:

- carry from their forestay a coloured ribbon, provided at Registration; and
- display on their transom the numeral two in contrasting colour to the hull, minimum 50mm high with at least an 8mm-brush stroke.

1.2 Alterations to the Racing Rules of Sailing

Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. A partial summary of proposed changes follows:

Race Signals: AP flown ashore means the Warning Signal will not be made less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered;

Code Flag R; Race Committee expects to conduct at least one further race this session.

Code Flag T; Time limit for finishing after the first boat has expired.

RRS33 **Change of course.** Red or Green flags will be used in accordance with Rule 33(a)2.

RRS35, AppA **Time Limit and Scores;** Sailing Instructions will provide for Time Limits and the allocation of Score Points to Sabots failing to finish within time limits after the first boat has finished

RRS61, 64,70 **Protest Procedures;** time for lodging protests altered, decisions of Jury final, time for reopening hearing altered; certain protests by Race Committee only, Sabots will be required to display Protest Flags, mediation process and ability to accept 20% penalty.

YA Special Regs **Buoyancy;** Competitors shall wear PFD Type 1 or 2 that are approved for their body mass.

2. ADVERTISING

All Competitors may be required to carry Sail Melbourne or Regatta sponsor's advertising and they shall be affixed and/or worn as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions.

Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

3. ELIGIBILITY / ENTRY

3.1.1 General

- (a) The Regatta is open only to boats of the Sabot Class that meet the requirements for competitors of the ANSC Constitution.
- (b) Competitors are reminded of their obligations under RRS 78.1 which states: "A boat's owner and any other person in charge shall ensure that the boat is maintained to comply with her class

rules and that her measurement or rating certificate, if any remains valid”.

- (c) All Sabots shall be entered and crewed by financial members of a Yacht Club, their respective Member Yachting Association and a registered Member Association of the ANSC.
- (d) All Sabots entering the Championships must have a copy of that Sabot’s measurement certificate attached to the respective entry form prior to close of entry.
- (e) All Sabots shall have and maintain insurance cover in accordance with item 18 below.
- (f) Racing will be in two Divisions:

The Junior Division is open to skippers and crews each of whose 12th birthday falls on or after the 1st July 2006. Forward hands are to sheet the boat at all times, except in extenuating circumstances in the true spirit of fair sailing and at all times while sailing a Proper Course.

The Senior Division is open to skippers whose 12th birthday falls prior to the 1st July 2006 and whose 16th birthday will fall on or after the 1st July 2006.

Sailors whose 12th birthday falls between 1st July 2006 and the 30th June 2007 inclusive may sail in the Senior Division.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Organising Authority may, in its discretion accept entries for Sabot Week from boats which do not have a Measurement Certificate if it is satisfied the boat is owned by a Yacht Club and is generally used for sail training (Club Boats). There shall be no protest against the eligibility of any such boat whose entry is accepted.

3.2 Championships

Entry is restricted to Senior and Junior Sabots selected and nominated by the State / Zone Sabot Associations in accordance with the ANSC Constitution and appendices. Each Member Association may be represented by no more than 12 Senior and 6 Junior Sabots.

3.3 Sabot Week

Entry is open to all Sabots and sailors affiliated and being financial members with a State / Zone Sabot Association, except those skippers and crews competing in the Championships.

3.4 Entry

Eligible boats may submit entry applications on the attached Entry Application form which shall be forwarded to the entrant’s respective State / Zone Secretary who will then forward it together with the

relevant fee to the VSSA address at item 19.2 **to be received by 1700 hrs 4th December 2006**. Late entries received after this time may not be included in the Souvenir Programme and may not receive the competitor's pack upon registration.

Late entries will not be accepted for the Championships. Entries for Sabot Week will be accepted up to the end of the Measurement and Registration days.

4 ENTRY FEES

Entry Fees shall be made payable to the entrant's respective State / Zone Secretary who will forward one cheque to the VSSA Inc'to cover all that State / Zone entries.

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

Senior (one up)	\$155.00 per Sabot
Junior (two up)	\$175.00 per Sabot

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration, measurement and inspection will take place at the Regatta Office located in the Clubhouse and grounds of Sandringham Yacht Club at the following times. Observers shall be restricted to Official Zone measurers and ANSC committee members who may attend any measurement day.

Measurement

Victorian Zone Entrants: 27 December 2006

Other Zones: 28 December, at times to be displayed on the official race noticeboard

Opening Ceremony

28 December	1700Hrs	Sandringham Yacht Club
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Information Session

An information session will be held at the Competitors' Marquee adjacent to the Regatta Office at 1000hrs on 29 December.

Races are scheduled for the following times, and subject to change in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

Day	Warning Signal Time	Event
29 December 2006	1355 hrs	Invitation Race
30 December	0955 hrs 1355 hrs	Sabot Week Heats 1 & 2 Championships Heats 1 & 2

31 December	0955 hrs 1355 hrs	Sabot Week Heats 3 & 4 Championships Heats 3 & 4
1 January 2007	Lay Day	
2 January	0955 hrs 1355 hrs	Sabot Week Heats 5 & 6 Championships Heats 5 & 6
3 January	0955 hrs 1355 hrs	Sabot Week Heats 7 & 8 Championships Heats 7 & 8
4 January	0955 hrs 1355 hrs	Sabot Week Heats 9 & 10 Championships Heats 9 & 10
Presentation and Closing Ceremony		
5 January	1000 hrs	Sandringham Yacht Club.

One extra race per day for the Championship and /or for Sabot Week may be sailed, provided that the programme(s) does not become more than one race ahead of the schedule

6 MEASUREMENT

Subject always to item 3.1 above (Club Boats);

- 6.1 After they have registered and Entry Fees have been paid, boats must be presented for Measurement and Safety checks on the measuring days at the times stated in item 5, above.
- 6.2 The National Measurement Committee and /or Race Committee may measure or remeasure any boat at any time. Competing boats shall be made available for measurement at any time.
- 6.3 Competitors shall use only a single set of registered, measured and stamped hull, spars, foils and sail throughout the regatta.
- 6.4 Applications to have measured equipment replaced due to damage or loss must (1) be made to the Race Committee on the form available from the Regatta Office and (2) be approved by the Measurement Committee. The replacement equipment must be tendered for measurement, and if accepted the approval will be in writing and displayed on the Official Notice Board.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available from the Regatta Office from 0830 hrs on 27 December 2006 after completion of measurement and registration

procedures. Draft Sailing Instructions may be made available at an earlier time for general information.

8 REGATTA SITE AND OFFICE

The Regatta site will be the Sandringham Yacht Club. The Regatta Office and Competitors' Marquee will be located in the grounds of Sandringham Yacht Club.

9 RACING AREA

The general racing areas will be an area of Port Phillip in the vicinity of Sandringham Yacht Club.

10 COURSES

The courses will be of triangle and windward /leeward configuration as set out in the Sailing Instructions.

11 SCORING

11.1 Three races are required be completed to constitute a series.

11.2 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, except if six or more races are completed she may discard her worst race score and if eight or more races are completed she may discard her two worst race scores.

11.3 Team scoring. The State/Zone with the lowest aggregate final score of its 8 highest placed senior division Championships Sabots shall win the Senior Team Trophy. The State/Zone with the lowest aggregate final score of its 4 highest placed junior division Championships Sabots shall win the Junior Team Trophy. Ties will be broken in favour of the team with the highest placed Sabot. Where there are less than 8 senior division entries or 4 junior division entries from a State/Zone, non-entries will be scored "Did Not Finish" for all races sailed. The Sabot Week Teams Trophy shall be awarded on a similar basis.

12 DECISIONS OF THE JURY

It is the Race Committee's intention that a National Jury shall be appointed in accordance with RRS 70.4(b). There will be no right of appeal at the Regatta, as dispensation will be sought under rule 70.4(b) and the YA prescriptions 70.4(1).

13 SUPPORT BOATS

13.1 Unless directed by the Race Committee, or to render immediate assistance in the interests of safety, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not enter the Course Area as defined in the Sailing Instructions. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may, after protest, be the disqualification of some or all boats associated with the infringing support personnel.

13.2 All support boats will identify themselves by flying a flag of not less than 300mm x 300mm displaying the State / Zone symbol for the State / Zone from which their associated competitors' entries have been received.

14 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

No boat shall make nor receive electronic communications or use electronic navigation or tactical aids while racing. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

15 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

15.1 Championships

Line Honours	1 st to 6 th places	Senior and Junior
Heat Winners	1 st to 3 rd in each race	Senior and Junior
Handicap	1 st to 3 rd places	Senior and Junior

The first 6 placegetters in the Championships will be ineligible for Handicap prizes.

15.2 Sabot Week

Line Honours	1 st to 6 th places	Senior and Junior
Heat Winners	1 st to 3 rd in each race	Senior and Junior
Handicap	1 st to 3 rd places	Senior and Junior

The first 6 placegetters in Sabot Week will be ineligible for Handicap prizes.

15.3 Perpetual Trophies

Championships

Senior Champion	Australian Championships Trophy – Fico Trophy
Junior Champion	J Armstrong Trophy
Senior Handicap	Australian National Sabot Council Trophy
Junior Handicap	Australian National Sabot Council Trophy
Teams Trophy	Australian National Sabot Council Trophy
Senior & Junior	(Medallions to each team member)

Sabot Week

Senior Sabot Week Champion	Phil Stevenson Trophy
Junior Sabot Week Champion	Australian National Sabot Council Trophy
Senior Sabot Week Handicap	Allwood Family Perpetual Trophy
Junior Sabot Week Handicap	Allwood Family Perpetual Trophy
Teams Trophy	VSSA Trophy
Senior & Junior	(Medallions to team members)

15.4 Invitation Race

Senior Scratch	Hilite Marine Trophy
Junior Scratch	Westpac Trophy
Overall – Senior and Junior	1 st to 6th places

15.5 Extra trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority or alternatively, should sufficient entries not be received, fewer prizes may be awarded

16 MEDIA RIGHTS

In participating in the Regatta, a competitor grants to the Organising Authorities and the sponsors of the Regatta, the right in perpetuity, to make, reproduce, edit, 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 taken during the period of the Regatta and to use his /her likeness, voice, name and any other information in any material related to the Regatta without compensation.

17 ENTRY DISCLAIMER

It is the Competitor’s decision to enter the Regatta or to start or continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Regatta is at their sole exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry to the Regatta competitors shall indemnify the ANSC, the VSSA and Sandringham Yacht Club Inc., their officers, members, servants and agents in respect of all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Regatta.

Competitors shall acknowledge that the ANSC, the VSSA and Sandringham Yacht Club Inc., their Officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Regatta or howsoever arising in connection with this event.

Attention is drawn to ISAF Fundamental Rule 4.

18. INSURANCE

All Sabots and their crew shall hold third party and public liability insurance cover to an amount no less than \$A5,000,000. All owners/ Competitors who sign the Entry Application form are deemed to have made a declaration that they will continue to hold such cover for the period of the Regatta.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

19.1 Organising Authorities

The VSSA may be contacted via:
Peter Hannah
Mobile 0418389256
Email: hannahs@alphalink.com.au

Sandringham Yacht Club Inc. may be contacted via:
Chris Myers,
Boating Manager, SYC
Phone: (03) 95987444
Fax (03) 95988109
Email: cmyers@syc.com.au

The event website is:
www.syc.com.au/sabot

19.2 Entries

State /Zone cheques are to be made payable to Victorian Sabot Sailing Association Inc. State /Zone entries are to be posted to: -

VSSA Inc,
C/- The Treasurer,
23 Marriage Road,
Brighton East VIC 3187