

Port River Sailing Club

Incorporated

(Member, Yachting South Australia)

2016—2017 Year Book



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Welcome to the Port River Sailing Club for 2016-17 season.

Last season was one of consolidation, we managed to reduce some of our major expenses through good planning and others by just plain nagging. Yachting South Australia reduced their fees by 50% which was by far our greatest reduction of any one item. Last year we changed insurance companies which has saved us some more money. Our member ship has stayed pretty much the same.

We see the 2016-17 year as a growth year. The club needs to attract new members.

There are some exciting things close on the horizon. Watch this space.

The Boating Industry of Australia will be their annual on water boat show right in our back yard on the 15th and 16th of October . It will be a great way to show off the safe waters we sail in.

School Team sailing is back and bigger than ever. There are more schools competing and more teams in each school. For those who are not familiar with the term Team Sailing please refer to Note 3 in this program.

Our involvement with our bigger boat mates over the fence will continue to grow. On Wednesday nights during daylight saving we open our club for the PASC to run their twilight racing. These are an exciting spectacle and all members are invited to watch the racing which is usually between the North Arm and the grain berth.

Saturday sailing will have less classes sailing. However the number of boats will remain about the same. The Sabre class is getting stronger as it is a cheap and demanding dinghy. Being single handed is also an advantage. The six Optimists boats from Yachting South Australia will be available to any juniors wishing to sail.

“Not the Nationals” will be on again. This event as the name implies is for those sailors who are not going to their respective national titles. The event is run in holiday mode. We hope to see you there.

Jill, Sue, Tony, Phil and Alex.

Your Management team for a second year.

HONORARY POSITIONS

PATRON	Vacant at time of printing
VICE-PATRON	Susan Close, Member for Port Adelaide Gary Johanson, Mayor City of Port Adelaide Enfield
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Hon. AUDITOR	Stuart Robertson

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MEETINGS

General meetings are normally held in the Clubrooms on the second Tuesday of each month except January, commencing at 7:30 pm unless otherwise notified on the PRSC website, by email and/or text message. The Annual General Meeting is held on the first Friday of July, commencing at 7:30 pm.

WORKING BEES

Working Bees are held at the Clubrooms usually on the first Sunday of the month during the 'off-sailing' months except Mother's Day & Father's Day (dates advised in the program) to maintain & improve the facilities of the Club, commencing at 9 am. Morning Tea is usually served at approximately 11:30.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Fees are due for payment from July 1, 2016.

Member	\$275.00	Junior	\$55.00
Associate	\$96.00	Student	\$55.00
Family	\$385.00		
Boat Storage is also available \$400 internal and \$165 external			

PERPETUAL TROPHIES

The Club may award the following perpetual trophies each year:

Moth Cup - Fastest Holdfast Trainer in the Queen of the River Race
Lions Club of LeFevre Peninsula Trophy - Fastest Fireball Queen of the River
Jim Thorp Trophy - Holdfast Trainer Club Champion
Rotary Cup - Most Improved Holdfast Trainer Skipper
Ron Evers Trophy - Most Improved Heron Skipper
OK Dinghy Perpetual Trophy - OK Dinghy Club Champion
TS 16 Perpetual Trophy - Most consistent TS16 Skipper
I.F.A.S.A. Trophy - Fireball Club Champion
Paper Tiger Encouragement Award
Ron Evers Trophy - Most Improved Lady Skipper
Sheffield Cup - Most outstanding achievement in Sailing
Harry Degilio - Port River Sailing Club Service Award
Alf Simmons Trophy - Awarded to a 'significant contributor' within the Club

PRSC Member and Child Protection Policy

The main objective of our Member Protection Policy is to maintain responsible behaviour and the making of informed decisions by participants in this club. It outlines our commitment to a person's right to be treated with respect and dignity, and to be safe and protected from abuse. Our policy informs everyone involved in our club of his or her legal and ethical rights and responsibilities and the standards of behaviour that are required. It also covers the care and protection of children participating in our club's activities.

Child Protection

The PRSC is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people accessing our service. We support the rights of the child and will act without hesitation to ensure a child safe environment is maintained at all times. We also support the rights and wellbeing of our staff and volunteers and encourage their active participation in building and maintaining a secure environment for all participants.

PRSC acknowledges that our staff, members and volunteers provide a valuable contribution to the positive experiences of children involved in our sport. PRSC aims to continue this and to take measures to protect the safety and welfare of children participating in our sport

Bridge Workings.

The Port River Sailing Club Bridge is managed by Sally Knoop.

Sally & the Class Representatives set the course for the days sailing, taking into consideration the wind & tide.

Sally calls the start times, either from the bridge or the Start Boat, PR 6.

Sally & Mark Moore share the responsibility of Principle Race Officer (PRO)-the person in charge/responsible for the day's racing.

Jenny Lees & Gina Day also go out in PR6 to help Sally at the start. Jenny & Gina take the finish times & keep tabs on the boats as they do their course.

Sue Hayter records the finish times in Top Yacht (a software package that makes race results easy!!)

Safety Boats.

Port River Sailing Club has three Safety Boats, only two are used on most Saturdays.

PR6 is crewed by Sue Kitto and Mark Moore and is used as the Start Boat and for laying the course markers.

PR8 (a Rubber Duck) is crewed by Sarah Belton and Jill Clerke and is the lead boat for River Traffic and keeps a close watch on all sailors.

PR4 is used on busy days, our back up boat.

The Bridge and Safety Boat Personnel all keep a close watch on the sailors and the river traffic.

Visitors are always welcome to lend a hand.

2016-2017 PROGRAM

All events in normal type are to be held at Port River. Class State and National titles shown separately.

A Rostered Class is shown for each club event. The Rostered class is responsible for launching, retrieval and washing of the safety boats and may be requested to assist with race organisation.

Social Events will be held throughout the season and will be publicised on the Club notice board and PRSC website. Presentations will be held after sailing and the safety boats are in the shed. **Club BBQ** facilities will be available each week after Sailing for members use.

OCTOBER 2016

Rostered Class

Fri 7	Prepare clubrooms for Opening Day	All
Sat 8	PRSC Opening Day Regatta Catered Tea Nominal charge *See Note 1	All
Tues 11	General Meeting – 7:30pm start	All
Sat 15	Handicap Race (See PRSC Sailing Instructions 17) Remember, fees are required by next week to be eligible for Championship points	Misc
Sat 22	Championship Heat 1 (See PRSC Sailing Instructions 19) Sail Training Ready for 10:30 am start *See Note 2	Misc
Sat 29	Championship Heat 2	Sabre

NOVEMBER 2015

Rostered Class

Sat 5	Handicap Race	Sabre
Tues 8	General Meeting – 7:30pm start	All
Sat 12	Championship Heat 3 Sail Training Ready for 10:30 am start	Sabre
Sun 13	Metro Schools Teams Racing Trials No1 at PRSC *See Note 3	Help required
Sat 19	Championship Heat 4	Fireball
Sat 26	Short Course Racing *See Note 4 <i>YSA State Heat Weekend</i>	Fireball

DECEMBER 2015*Rostered Class*

Sat 3	Championship Heat 5 PRSC/PASC George Robertson Shield (See PRSC Sailing Instructions 20(c)6 (Special Races)) Dinner at PRSC, combined with PASC, Nominal charge	TS 16
Sat 10	Handicap Race Club Championship Resail (if required) Sail Training Ready for 10:30 am start	TS16
Tues 13	General Meeting – 7:30pm start	All
Sat 17	Short Course Racing Tasar Traveller Race PRSC Christmas Party Tea TBA *See Note 5	All
Dec 27 - 29	Not the Nationals at PRSC *See Note 6	
National Championships <i>Paper Tiger – Twofold Bay, NSW 29th Dec to 3rd Jan</i> <i>Optimist – Largs Bay SC, 3rd Jan to 9th Jan</i> <i>Laser – Adelaide SC Dec 27 to Jan 4</i> <i>Heron – St Leonards Sailing Club VIC, 29th Dec to 6th Jan.</i> <i>TS/16 –Saratoga SC, NSW, 28th Dec to 4th Jan</i> <i>Sabre – Black Rock YC VIC, Dec 28 to Jan 3</i> <i>Fireball – Rivoli Bay SA, 17th to 20th February 2017</i>		

JANUARY 2017*Rostered Class*

Sat 7	Handicap Start (See PRSC Sailing Instructions 20(c)5 (Special Races))	All
Sat 14	Queen of the River Regatta (See PRSC Sailing Instructions 20(c)4 (Special Races)) Dinner at PRSC, combined on PASC Nominal charge	Sabre
Sat 21	Championship Heat 6	Sabre
Thurs 26	Australia Day Public Holiday *See Note 7	
Sat 28	Handicap Race Tasar Traveller Race PRSC	Sabre

FEBRUARY 2017*Rostered Class*

Sat 4	Club Championship Heat 7	Misc
Sat 11	Short Course Racing *See Note 4 <i>YSA State Heat Weekend</i>	Misc
Sun 12	<i>YSA State Heat Weekend</i>	
Tues 14	General Meeting – 7:30pm start	All
Sat 18	Handicap Race	Sabre
Sun 19	Metro Schools Teams Racing Trials No2 at PRSC *See Note 3	All
Sat 25	Crew's Race (See PRSC Sailing Instructions 20(c)2 (Special Races))	Fireball

MARCH 2017*Rostered Class*

Sat 4	Handicap Race Club Championship Resail (if required)	Fireball
	Sat 11 to Mon 13, Adelaide Cup Weekend	
Tues 14	General Meeting – 7:30pm start	All
Sat 18	Championship Heat 8 Sail Training Ready for 10:30am start *See Note 2	Fireball
Sun 19	Metro Schools Teams Racing Trials No 3 at PRSC	All
Sat 25	Long Race (See PRSC Sailing Instructions 20(c)3 (Special Races)) 10:30am start <i>Premiers Regatta, LBSC and CYCSA</i> Combined Regatta with all Metro dinghy and keelboat clubs	All

APRIL 2017*Rostered Class*

Sat 1	Handicap Race	
Sun 2	Metro Schools Teams Racing Trials No 4 at PRSC *See Note 3	All
Sat 8	Short Course Racing *See Note 4 Last Sailing day for the season	
Tues 11	General Meeting – 7:30pm start	All
Fri 14	Friday 14 to Monday 17, Easter Long Weekend	
Wed 26 – Sat 29	Metro Schools Team Sailing State Championships at PRSC. *See Note 3	

MAY 2017

Sun 7	Working Bee Please make the effort	
Tues 9	General Meeting – 730pm start	
Sun 14	Mother's Day	
Sat 20	PRSC Presentation Night 7:00 pm for 7:30 start	

JUNE 2017

Sun 4	Working Bee Please make the effort	All
Tues 13	General Meeting – 7:30pm start	All

JULY 2017

Sun 2	Working Bee Please make the effort	All
Fri 7	*Annual General Meeting* <i>Followed by July General Meeting</i>	All

AUGUST 2017

Sun 6	Working Bee Please make the effort	All
Tues 8	General Meeting – 7:30pm start	All
Sat 12	<i>Port Line Cup</i>	
Sun 13	<i>Port Line Cup</i>	

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sun 3	Father's Day	
Sun 10	Working Bee Please make the effort	All
Tues 12	General Meeting – 7:30pm start	All

OCTOBER 2017*Rostered Class*

Sat 7	PRSC Opening Day Regatta Catered Tea – nominal charge	All
Tues 10	General Meeting – 7:30pm start	All

Notes for Club Program

Note 1; PRSC Opening Day Regatta and Dinner

Opening of the sailing season by an official guest. Sailors then salute the Commodore on the water during a short race.

Members are asked to bring a plate for afternoon tea for official guests and spectators.

Normally dinner will be provided for a nominal charge. See also PRSC Sailing Instructions 18c1(Special Races)

Note 2; Sail Training

We have 6 junior sailing boats called Optimists. They are great little boats for young people to learn to sail in. They have been provided by Yachting South Australia. Life jackets are available for those wanting to sail.

If you are at all interested please contact any member for more information.

Formal sail training starts at 10.30 am on the dates shown in our program.

For parents of children learning to sail there are opportunities to assist our power boat crews on any given day. Just ask at the clubhouse or specifically request the attention of the Principal Race Officer.

Note 3; Metro Schools Team Sailing

Date for these events are. Sunday 13th November 2016

19th February 2107

19th March 2017

2nd April 2017

There will be approximately 50 to 60 students racing all day. There could be another 40 Adults at the event. The club will be supplying some of its power boats and the use of the bridge.

A roster will be prepared to cover the power boat personnel, beach controllers and canteen duties.

This is one of our major events in the 2016 - 2017 calendar. Please come along and help make this memorable for all our visitors.

We have also got the state titles in April on Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th, Friday 28th and Saturday the 29th 2017.

This event is on during the working week and school holidays. Calling all Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, and any others not mentioned who could help. They will be long days but a roster will be developed to make sure each helper only inputs a couple of hours on any one day.

Note 4; Short Course Racing

Several days in the Season have been set aside for short course racing. As the name implies the races are held over short triangular courses set in front of the club house. Depending on the wind strength, there are 3 to 4 races held, each race lasting 15 to 30 minutes. The fleet is always closely bunched, which makes the racing interesting for spectators in the club house. For those racing, if a start was "blown", or you end up on the wrong side of a wind shift, well there is always the next race to get your tactics right.

Notes for Club Program (cont)

Some of the most memorable racing in season 15/16 was short course racing on a windy Saturday afternoon. The Sabres and Herons went from one screaming reach across the River, into a “hairy” gybe around the marker and back onto another screaming reach. After 4 races of 3 laps each that day, all sailors came back to shore exhausted but exhilarated.

Note 5; Christmas Party and Dinner BBQ

A short race followed by Father Christmas arriving by boat to the club with gifts for members and member’s children under 12. Members are welcome to bring extra children with the member covering the cost of the gift.

Dinner will be provided for a nominal charge.

Note 6; Not the Nationals

Well, due to its great success last year we have decided to run this event again.

It is open to all classes of boats and will be run on the 27th 28th and 29th December 2016.

There will be three races a day starting at 1 o’clock. Start and finish at the club house, all marks will be fixed.

Protests will only be accepted, accompanied by a crisp one hundred dollar note.

Note 7; Australia Day

This is a special day and should be celebrated in good Aussie style.

BBQ on the beach or under our Shade sails.

Rubber Thong throwing competition, prizes will be presented to the best and worst throwers.

Swimming with the Dolphins.

Have a good time.

State Heats

Many of our members participate in State Heats during the season. Below is a summary of who is sailing where.

Sabre; 26/11/16 Largs Bay SC

27/11/16 Largs Bay SC

4/2/17 Wallaroo SC

5/2/17 Wallaroo SC

12/2/17 Resails at Adelaide SC

Fireball; 26th & 27th/11, Adelaide SC

18th & 19th/3/2012 Pt Vincent SC

Heron; 14th to 17th April, Whyalla Sailing Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

COMPETITORS ARE REMINDED OF THE BASIC PRINCIPLE OF WORLD SAILING RACING RULES OF SAILING:

SPORTSMANSHIP AND THE RULES

A body of rules governs competitors in the sport of sailing that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty or retire.

1. GENERAL

- 1a. All races will be governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and amendments; the prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions; and by these Sailing Instructions. The attention of competitors is drawn to the Transport SA Marine, Harbours & Navigational Regulations.
- 1b. The RRS, AS Addendum A - Special Regulations and Recommendations, Part 2 – Off the Beach Yachts apply.
- 1c. The Principal Race Officer (PRO) at all events conducted by the Port River Sailing Club will be the Commodore or the nominee of the Commodore. The PRO will have full control of the event. The PRO may consult other Sailing Committee members regarding weather conditions, number of safety boats and experience of competing sailors before deciding to start a race. The decision to postpone or abandon a race will be at the sole discretion of the PRO.
- 1d. The Club shall maintain a register of boats sailed by financial members. Club Championship and Club Handicap points shall be awarded to boats registered with the Club for the current season. All competitors must be members of the club.
- 1e. The following classes shall normally be eligible for P.R.S.C. trophies: Paper Tiger, Fireball, Hartley TS16, Laser, Sabre, Heron and Holdfast Trainer. Boats not included in the above shall sail in the Miscellaneous Class.
- 1f. A class of 3 or more boats may apply, in writing, to be included in 1d above at the discretion of the sailing committee.
- 1g. Outside coaching of skippers and crews shall be allowed for all class boats during designated club handicap races only. This alters RRS Rule 41.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2a. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located adjacent to the canteen.
- 2b. Courses will be posted on the official course board located in front of the club house.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3a. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board not later than 1 hour before the warning signal of the first scheduled race on the day it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS

- 4a. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag poles on the bridge of the PRSC
- 4b. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 15 minutes".
- 4c. When displayed alone, signals shall apply to all classes. Signals displayed above a class flag (or class flags) shall apply to the designated classes only.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACING

- 5a. The schedule of racing for the 2016/17 sailing season is shown in the program in the PRSC Year Book, on the official club website, or as displayed.
- 5b. Classes to be started and the start sequence will be posted on the official course board not less than 30 minutes or at the discretion of the PRO prior to the warning signal of the first class
- 5c. The Warning Signal for the first class shall normally be at approximately 1405 hrs, unless otherwise notified by the Principal Race Officer. For subsequent starts the Warning Signal for the next class will be displayed at the Starting Signal of the previous class.

6. NOMINATIONS

- 6a. Skippers are responsible for nominating their intention to race their boat including payment of the appropriate nomination fee prior to each event. A boat that has not been nominated will be considered as a non-competitor. Each crew member shall be listed on the race nomination form.

7. THE COURSE

- 7a. The course(s) shall be set by the PRO. The PRO may consult with the sailing committee to determine the type and length of each course.
- 7b. A diagram of the course(s) will be displayed not less than 30 minutes or at the PRO's discretion prior to the Warning Signal for the first class and shall describe the start and finish lines and course marks and the order and direction by which they shall be rounded or passed.

8. MARKS

- 8a. Normally, flagged buoys will be used as course markers for all classes. Fixed marks may be used as course marks at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer. The colour of the marks will be shown on the course diagram.
- 8b. The starting line shall be marked by black and yellow chequered flags and starts may be conducted from the clubhouse bridge or committee vessel.
- 8c. The finish line shall normally be between an orange coloured board on the Clubhouse and the pole on the eastern side of the river directly opposite the clubhouse.

9 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 9a. The area designated by an imaginary triangle from the inner post to the extremities of the Jetty to the entrance of the North Arm is designated an obstruction.

10. THE START

- 10a. Unless stated for some special events, races will be started as per RRS Rule 26.
- 10b. For "Short Course Racing" the starting procedure will be a 3 minute sequence as follows-

3 minutes	Warning signal	Display class flag
2 minutes	Preparatory Signal	Display "P" Flag or "I" flag or "Z" flag or "Black" flag
1 minutes	Preparatory Signal lowered	Remove "P" Flag or "I" flag or "Z" flag or "Black" flag
0 minutes	Start	Remove class flag

- 10c. The Warning Signal for the first class shall be at approximately 1405 hrs, unless otherwise notified by the Principal Race Officer. For subsequent starts the Warning Signal for the next class will be displayed at the Starting Signal of the previous class.
- 10d. The Warning Signal for short course racing for the first class shall be at approximately 1405 hrs, unless otherwise notified by the Principal Race Officer. For subsequent starts the Warning Signal for the next class will be displayed at the Starting Signal of the previous class. For short course racing only no race will be started after 1605 hrs
- 10e. Depending on the number of starters in a class, the start of two or more classes may be combined, or a class may be deleted from the sequence, at the discretion of the PRO. Yachts sailing in the Miscellaneous class shall be allocated a start by the PRO as required. The starting order will be stated on the race course board.

10. THE START (cont)

- 10f. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10g. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after the last class start may be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS rule A4.
- 10h. A starting area may be defined, at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer. The area may be bounded by the starting line and two flagged buoys. A boat shall not enter the Starting Area prior to its class preparatory signal being displayed.
- 10i. Only boats that are in their starting sequence or recalled may sail through the starting line in the opposite direction to that required for starting.
- 10j. No boat that has started and rounded the first mark shall enter the starting area or sail through the starting line until the starting signal of the last class has been made.
- 10k. When a general recall is signalled the recalled class shall re-start after the last class start. If there is more than one general recall the recalled classes shall restart in their original starting order after the last class start.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11a. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

12. TIME LIMIT

- 12a. Excepting the Long Race, the time limit will be 150 mins for all classes. Boats failing to finish within one hour after the first boat finishes will be scored "DNF". This changes RRS Rule 35, A4 & A5.
- 12b. For "Short Course Racing" the time limit will 60 mins for all classes. Boats failing to finish within 15 mins after the first boat finishes will be scored "DNF". This changes RRS Rules 35, A4 and A5.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13a. Protests shall be in writing in accordance with RRS, Part 5, Section A and shall be lodged with the PRO within one hour after the finishing time of the protesting boat.
- 13b. A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her protest concerns an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees, she shall hail 'Protest' and may conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. This changes RRS rule 61.1 (a) (2)

14. HELMSMAN

- 14a. The nominated skipper of a competing boat shall continue at the helm throughout a race, except in an emergency.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15a. All boats shall signal their intent to race by completing the Safety Nomination Form including payment of the appropriate safety fee no later than the warning signal for the first race of the day. The Safety Nomination Form shall include details of the boat and all crew members.

- 15b. The following nomination fees for PRSC events shall apply: -

Holdfast Trainers and Junior skipper and crew in other classes	\$5.00 per event
All other classes senior skipper or crew	\$10.00 per event

- 15c. Nomination fees paid in advance for the full season for all classes, excluding Holdfast Trainers and junior skipper and crew combinations in other classes, will be a total of \$160.00. Nomination fees paid in advance for the full season for Holdfast Trainers and junior skipper and crew combinations in other classes will be a total of \$80.00.
- 15c. Any boat failing to sign on as specified may be scored as Did Not Start.
- 15d. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible and shall sign off for that race on the sheet provided at the nomination point at the first reasonable opportunity but not later than 30 minutes after the last boat for that class has finished. Any boat failing to sign off as specified may be scored as Did Not Start.
- 15e. All crew shall wear a personal flotation device when on the water in accordance with RRS, YA Addendum A, Part 2, R1.
- 15d. The attention of competitors is drawn to the safety recommendations contained in RRS, AS Addendum A – Special Regulations, Part 2 – Off The Beach Boats.
- 15e. **People requiring assistance should signal in accordance with these recommendations:**
- (i) **Crew in boat:** Either both arms raised above the head and lowered to the sides cyclically at 5-second intervals, or a flag or other object, on a spar waved from side to side through an arc of 30 degrees either side of the vertical, cyclically at 5-second intervals.
 - (ii) **Crew in water:** One arm raised above the head for three seconds at 5-second intervals

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS (cont)

- 15f. Boats caught in the path of a ship may be towed or paddled away from the path of the vessel without the penalty of disqualification.
- 15g. An official boat displaying a yellow flag will normally lead Commercial vessels through the race area. No boat shall cross the line between the official boat displaying the yellow flag and the following commercial vessel(s). Any boat crossing the line between the official boat displaying the yellow flag and the following commercial vessel(s) shall be subject to disqualification by protest, RRS Rule 60.2 and 60.3.
- 15h. Attention is drawn to the Transport SA Marine, Harbours & Navigational Regulations regarding moored dredges. Skippers should familiarise themselves with dredge signals which identify the side on which another vessel may safely pass. Each boat shall navigate accordingly.
- 15i. Each yacht shall have a satisfactory point to attach a tow rope etc. The PRSC recommend the use of a 50mm diameter by 4mm thick stainless steel ring to achieve the above.
- 15j. Racing may be postponed, abandoned or modified due to extreme weather conditions at the discretion of the PRO.

16. WIND SPEED LIMITS

- 16a. Races for all classes except Holdfast Trainers and Optimists should not be sailed if the wind speed is greater than 25 knots (46.3 km/hr.), or at the discretion of the PRO. The decision may apply to individual classes.
- 16b. Races for Holdfast Trainers and Optimists should not be sailed if the wind speed is greater than 18 knots (33.3 km/hr) or at the discretion of the PRO. The PRO, in consultation with the Holdfast Trainer Representative, may allow Holdfast Trainers to race with Jibs furled.

17. HANDICAP SYSTEM

- 17a. A Club Handicap Series will be conducted for each class that has a minimum of 3 registered boats. The Miscellaneous and Holdfast Trainer classes are excluded from this requirement.
- 17b. The normal safety fees for PRSC events shall apply to each race in the Club Handicap Series (Refer Sailing Instruction 4b).
- 17c. Club Handicap Series scores will be awarded following each race in the series, to each competitor (skipper/boat combination) that: -
 - (i) is registered on the Club Register (refer Sailing Instruction 1c).
 - (ii) Holdfast Trainers sailed single-handed, under mainsail only, will be eligible for handicap points.

17. HANDICAP SYSTEM (cont)

- 17d. The Club Handicap Series will constitute Handicap Races on dates scheduled in the Club Program plus handicap scores from the Championship Series, and specified Special Races. At least five races shall be completed to constitute a series. The minimum number of starters in each class for a valid race during the Handicap Series is two (2). Short course racing will not be included in the handicap series.
- 17e. Handicap races shall be numbered sequentially in the order of completion.
- 17f. Calculating Handicaps:
The Handicapper will provide an Initial Handicap (IHC) for the first race when a competitor enters this Handicap Series. Handicaps will then be calculated using the Performance Handicap system (weighted averaging process). The rate of change to a competitor's Back Calculated Handicap (BCH) will be limited to four percent (4%) in any one race, averaged over four (4) races and only use the best and worst score combined as one. The Handicapper has discretion to adjust a competitor's (skipper/boat combination) handicap.
- 17g. When a skipper transfers to a boat of the same class as previously sailed within the same or previous season, and has completed three handicap races in that new boat, the skipper may apply for the new skipper/boat combination to be re-handicapped. The Handicapper has discretion to allow up to 75% of the competitor's previous handicap.
- 17h. The scoring system for the Club Handicap Series will be the Low Point System as described in WS RRS Appendix A. For the purposes of Clause A2, each competitor's (skipper/boat combination) score shall be:-
- (i) the total of her race scores excluding her worst three scores when eleven or more races in the series are completed,
 - (ii) the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores if seven to ten races inclusive in the series are completed,
 - (iii) the total of her race scores excluding her worst score if six races in the series are completed or
 - (iv) the total of her race scores if five races in the series are completed.

For each class, the competitor (skipper/boat combination) with the lowest series score wins and the others shall be ranked accordingly.

- 17i. Penalty Place System for the Handicap Series will be ISAF RRS clause A9 'Race Scores in a Series Longer than a Regatta'.

17. HANDICAP SYSTEM (cont)

- 17j. Late entrants to a Series: Competitors who join a Series after one or more races have been run will be awarded a "Late Entrant" score for the earlier race/s. The "Late Entrant" score will be the DNC score for the first (non abandoned) race run after the competitor joins the Series. Previously allocated DNC scores will not be altered.
- 17k. Rostered Sailor's Duty Score: Competitors that are required to be 'on duty' to assist in the racing administration on his/hers nominated duty day and unable to race will be scored as 'Duty Score'. This score is calculated as the average of their five (5) best scores for the entire Series.
- 17l. The latest Calculated Handicap of a competitor with the same skipper/boat combination will transfer to a new series irrespective of time.

18. HANDICAP TROPHIES

- 18a. A Club Handicap Series will be conducted for each class in accordance with Clause 15a.
- 18b. Handicap trophies shall be awarded at the discretion of the Executive Committee of the Club based on the principle of requiring 2 starters for a first place, 4 starters for a second place and 6 starters for a third place.
 - i. A skipper finishing less than five club races will not be eligible for handicap trophies

19. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

- 19a. A Club Championship Series will be conducted for each class.
- 19b. Trophies -Championship trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the executive Committee of the Club based on the principle of requiring 3 entrants for a first place, 5 entrants for a second place and 7 entrants for a third place with the exception of the Holdfast Trainer class.
- 19c. Club Championship Series scores will be awarded following each race in the series, to each competitor (skipper/boat combination) that: -
 - (i) is registered on the Club Register (refer Sailing Instruction 1c)
 - (ii) has paid the entrance fee prior to the race and
 - (iii) complies with class rules and measurement certificates in accordance with ISAF RRS Rule 78.1.

19. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (cont)

- 19d. The Club Championship Series will constitute eight races on dates scheduled in the Club Program (including re-sailed races where necessary). At least four races shall be completed to constitute a series. A minimum of 3 entrants (who satisfy rule 17c above) after the third completed heat of the Championship series is required in each class for a valid series. Only 1 starter in each class is required for a valid race.
- 19e. The scoring system for the Club Championship Series will be the *Low Point System* as described in WS RRS Appendix A. For the purposes of Clause A2, each competitor's score shall be:-
- (i) the total of her race scores excluding her worst three scores if eight races in the series are completed,
 - (ii) the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores if seven races in the series are completed.
 - (iii) the total of her race scores excluding her worst score if six races in the series are completed
 - (iv) the total of her race scores if five races or less in the series are completed.

For each class the competitor (skipper/boat combination) with the lowest series score wins and the others shall be ranked accordingly.

- 19f. Penalty Place System for the Club Championship Series will be ISAF RRS clause A4.2.
- 19g. A Championship Race will be rescheduled if the PRO requires competitors of the nominated Rostered class to be 'on duty' to assist in sailing administration.

20. SPECIAL RACES

- 20a. At the discretion of the Committee, special races may be conducted in addition to the program of handicap and championship events.
- 20b. These Sailing Instructions shall apply to special races. Additional sailing instructions, variations from these Sailing Instructions, course, method of determining winners and the nature of trophies shall be advised prior to each special race.
- 20c. Special Races include:
1. **Port River Sailing Club Opening Day Regatta:** A short race with winners decided by positions across the finish line. Only PRSC members are eligible to win the PRSC Opening Day Regatta.
 2. **Crew's Race:** The date of Crew's Race published in the Program may be varied by the Sailing Committee due to inclement weather. Winners are decided on the handicap of each boat's usual skipper who acts as crew in this race. Only the registered crew of a boat, who has sailed a minimum of 5 races in the boat in the current season, is eligible for a trophy in the Crew's Race.
 3. **Long Race:** Warning signal approx 10:25. Winners will be decided on handicap. This race will not be included for points in the club handicap series.
 4. **Queen of the River Regatta:** Sailed in conjunction with PASC, the winners are decided on positions across the finish line. A normal club handicap race or championship heat may be conducted in conjunction with this event. Only PRSC members are eligible to win the Queen of the River Regatta. This race may be resailed at the discretion of the sailing committee.
 5. **Handicap Start Race:** Each skipper/boat combination will be given a starting time based on current club handicap at the discretion of the Handicapper. Winners will be decided by position across the finish line. The idea is that if all boats sail to their allotted handicap, all boats should finish together.
 6. **The George Robertson Shield:** : George Robertson was a life member of both the PASC and PRSC for services provided to both clubs. George was one of the founding members of the PRSC and what we have today is part of his legacy. Sailed in conjunction with PASC, the winner will be decided by yardsticks across all classes. The yardstick is the Victorian Yardstick as varied by YSA. A normal club handicap race or championship heat may be conducted in conjunction with this event. Only PRSC members are eligible to win the George Robertson Shield. This race may be resailed at the discretion of the sailing committee.

SABRE

The Sabre has been sailed for many years at PRSC, and currently has the biggest fleet with 6 or seven boats sailing regularly each week. It is expected that there will be 10 sabres in the Club in 2016/17. Hopefully we will see all 10 boats out racing on many weekends.

The Sabre is light (40 kg hull weight), and easy and fast to rig. The relatively small sail area makes the class suitable for the average sailor to handle even in the strong winds. But on the other hand the boat is always a challenge to achieve optimum speed, particularly against the top SA sabre sailors who have been in the class for years and who know every go-fast trick in the book.

At PRSC the sabre fleet offers competitive, close sailing. Off the water everyone is always willing to help get the boats back to the boat park, offer advice (whether asked for or not!) and talk tactics over a beer after the race.



Many people may not know that the current Sabre National champion, Craig McPhee, started sailing at PRSC in Herons.

The SA state heats in 2016/17 will be shared between Largs Bay and Wallaroo Sailing Clubs. Two or three boats from PRSC are expected to compete.

Paper Tiger Catamarans

The Paper Tiger Catamaran is a 4.3m (14ft) single-handed catamaran (two-hulled sailing boat) that is sailed in all states in Australia, on both islands in New Zealand and in a few other countries like South Africa and Canada. These boats are "one-design", meaning they are almost identical in hull shape and sail size. However there is quite a variety in the way they are fitted out, catering to each sailor's individual tastes. The strong similarity in the boats provides close and exciting racing and it also means that the person who wins is the best sailor in the conditions, not the one with the most money.

Twofold Bay Yacht Club will be hosting a major sailing event during the Christmas New Year period of 2016/17. These Australian Championships are the highlight event for the Paper Tiger Catamaran class of sailing boat in Australia. The event is held every year and rotates between New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania where each state takes it in turns to host the event. The Australian Championships have been running since 1971. Twofold Bay Yacht Club, who hosted this event back in 2007, is situated near Eden on the NSW far south coast approximately 6 hours from Sydney and Melbourne.

The event will see up to 30 Paper Tiger Catamarans competing in 11 races over 6 days with a lay day to determine the 2017 Australian Champion. The first race will be on Thursday 29th December 2016 with racing concluding on Tuesday 3rd January 2017.

Length Overall	4.26 m	14 ft
Beam (width)	2.13 m	7 ft
Sail Area	9.29 m ²	100 sq ft
Mast Length	6.78 m	22 ft 3 in
Minimum Hull/Platform Weight (unrigged)	50 kg	110 lb
Weight Rigged (approximate)	73 kg	160 lb



Paper Tigers at PRSC, State Titles 2013

THE HERON

The Heron is a small two person dinghy. It carries a mainsail and jib, with no spinnaker or trapeze. The Heron class offers a relatively easy to handle and low priced boat for entry into the sport of sailing for beginners. It also provides an ongoing challenge to improve and optimise sailing skill. These qualities have introduced many people to sailing. They have also attracted a number of top end sailors over the years who revel in the close competition at the top of the fleet.



Combined with a tradition of family involvement and a friendly culture of sharing knowledge and experience, the Heron has a lot to offer.

These qualities were understood by the founders of Port River Sailing Club, who selected the Heron as the principal club class. In fact, the sand on which the PRSC fleet initially rigged and launched was dubbed Heron Beach. Port River sailors boast an enviable success record in Heron sailing, bringing 13 National and 24 State Championship trophies back to the club over the years.

The Heron can be built in timber or fibreglass. Second hand timber boats are available at low cost.

Older boats remain competitive due to restrictions on hull shape, foils and rig. For example, Heron 7814 Sobraon won the 2009 National Championship 39 years after she was built in 1970. New fibreglass boats can be bought off the shelf or in various stages of completion, and can also be purchased second hand.

The traditional Heron rig uses a sliding gaff on a short mast. This is called a gunter rig. In recent years, a one piece Bermudan mast rig has been introduced as an option. This option offers ease of rigging, but gives no speed advantage over the traditional rig. A larger headsail (or genoa) has been introduced for crew combinations over 135 kg (or over 125kg sailing with corrector weights to bring the total to 135kg). This has broadened the range of competitive crewing combinations in the class.

The Heron is sailed in every state of Australia. Championships are held each season. National championships follow a state-based rotation. This season's championship regattas will be held as follows:

58th Australian National Heron Championship: 29th Dec 2016 to 6th January 2017 at St Leonards Sailing Club

51st South Australian Heron Championship: 12-14 March 2016 at Largs Bay Sailing Club.

More information about the Heron can be found by visiting:

National Heron website: www.heronssailing.com.au

South Australian Heron website: www.heron.sa.asn.au

Or contact the SA Heron Sailing Association President, Richard Gibson, on rgibson@scorpex.net or mobile 0412974327.

125 Class Sailing Dinghy

The 125 is a 3.83 m (12.5 foot) two person intermediate sailing dinghy complete with spinnaker and trapeze. The 125 is a low cost, easy and interesting boat to sail that is suited to adults and teenagers across a range of body sizes.

Originally designed for easy owner building in plywood, the 125 is now readily available in low maintenance fibreglass. Second-hand boats are readily available and with a bit of attention can provide two people entry to sailing for less than \$1000. Weighing in usually at about 55 kg , the 125 is an ideal craft for family sailing and family involvement.

125s have been sailed at Port River Sailing Club since the late 1970s and the design is well suited to local conditions. Various members of the Robertson family have been sailing their 125 *Gremlin* continuously since 1980, nowadays in the Club's Miscellaneous class. Anyone interested in sailing a 125 at PRSC is welcome to contact Stuart or Sally Robertson on (08) 8297 6556, srobs@internode.on.net or inquire at the club on sailing days.



The International Fireball

The Fireball is an easy boat to sail, very forgiving, an absolute dream, fast, fun boat.

Spinnaker, jib and main sails and with a trapeze for the Forward Hand of the two person Crew, gives the Fireball a great turn of speed, along with some physical and mental challenges, and yet the Fireball has an appeal that covers all needs, filling the void for all age groups and genders.

The Fireball has yearly State Championships as well as National Championships. Each year the World Body conducts World Championships at various locations throughout the world's glamour locations. There is also the Fireball European Series held each year in one of the European Countries.

This year the Fireball Worlds are being held in South Africa during December, and this has present the International Fireball Association of South Australia (IFASA) with an unprecedented set of circumstances.

The IFASA is holding the Nationals in South Australia this season and is conducting the Nationals at Rivoli Bay from the 17th Feb 2017 to 20th Feb 2017 away from the usual time slot of over the Xmas break.

This Season is a great opportunity to jump into the Class and sail in an awesome 4 day, 11 race National Championship, at Rivoli Bay Sailing Club with borrowed or loan boat and have an absolute ball. Go to the Fireball Website or see Dave Godden for any information or a sail in the Fireball. (14503)

The IFASA wavers the first season's fees for new Members another reason to join in the Rivoli Bay Series.



Hartley TS16

- The TS16 was the first “trailer-sailer”, designed to be big enough for a family to sail together but easily towed by a small car.
- The Hartley TS16 is a 5m yacht with a big beam, which can be home made of wood or professionally built using fibreglass. Building plans can be purchased from the Association.
- The boats can carry a fair turn of speed for their size and can plane easily off the breeze and surf on the waves.
- The boat has a mainsail and jib and can carry a 4hp to 9hp outboard for cruising. The TS16 has a minimum weight of 360kg including the steel centreboard.
- The TS16 can be easily handled by its usual crew of two but has room to accommodate up to four persons when cruising. The Association organises regular cruising trips, training days and other social functions.



Laser

The Laser 4.7 is a very well designed and enjoyable to sail, singled handed dinghy that allows for much development and learning to be done. The 4.7 is designed for sailors between the weights of 45 and 65 kg. Also, because it is a large international class, there is always something to compare your skills to. Also, by sailing in the Laser 4.7 as a young person it is a very good start to eventually start to sail the larger rigs of the Laser class. These are the radial and the standard rig. The radial is designed for sailors between the weight of 60 and 65 kilograms whilst the standard rig is designed for the weights above 65 kilograms.

The Lasers are an international class and therefore there are championships that sailors compete in to improve their sailing and compare their skill at sailing with others. The championships are held annually and consist of state, national and international series. The Laser class is so large there are many sailing series that you are able to compete in and develop your skills. If you become very good at sailing these crafts in the national titles, it is possible that they could be chosen to compete in the Olympic Games. However, the Laser 4.7s do not compete in the Olympics.

The National Championships will be held at Adelaide Sailing Club between 27th Dec and 4th Jan.



Optimist Dinghy

The Optimist is a small, single-handed sailing dinghy intended for use by children up to the age of 15. Nowadays boats are usually made of fiberglass, although wooden boats are still built.

Port River Sailing Club is lucky enough to have 6 Optis in our shed, ready for juniors to jump into and sail.

They are a great boat to start sailing, 80% of the sailors that competed at the last Olympics started sailing in them.

The Optimist class is holding the next National Titles at Largs Bay Sailing Club 3rd to 9th January 2017.



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