



South Brisbane Sailing Club

Club Policy:	Numbering and Recording of Sail Numbers for Club Dinghies
Date:	31-08-2019
Status:	Approved by Management Committee
Background:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Club dinghies currently have a variety of sails of different ages with different numbers that often do not correspond with the number of the hull. 2) This is not a critical issue from the practical aspect of sailing, but can create confusion for hirers and down-stream problems when finishing and determining race results. 3) Swapping of sails between dinghies is common practice esp with Lasers. 4) In rare instances there are two sails with the same number that can be used on different boats in the same race. 5) At times sailors do not record the correct sail number when signing on. 6) Some sails do not meet class requirements and cannot be sailed in championship titles run by an association. 7) Hirers often sail a different dinghy in the same class each time they sail. 8) Inconsistent use of sail numbers causes problems when reconciling results. 9) Inconsistent recording of sail numbers can present a safety risk. 10) Under the Club's Sailing Instructions and race results system, points are entered and accumulated against a skipper x class identifier (e.g. Tom Brown in Laser Standard dinghy 'Storm' with sail number 123456 is represented as TB.LASER.S). This approach provides flexibility to sailors. 11) Sails are difficult to track at times as they are often in unmarked bags. 12) Club officials have various opinions on how to manage this, causing some friction between members.
Policy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Sails of all club dinghies are labelled with a number that aligns with the hull number of the dinghy. 2) The only exceptions to this policy are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> o laser radial training sails – unique number that do not correspond to a dinghy hull number o laser radial sails – sail numbers must correspond to a dinghy hull number o laser 4.7 sails – sail numbers must correspond to a dinghy hull number 3) Sails are stored in the dinghy with the corresponding hull number 4) Sails are not swapped between boats except in exceptional circumstances 5) Sailors failing to record correct sail numbers on sign-on sheet will be recorded as DSQ. 6) Finishers will record only sail number and finishing times 7) The race results team will record finishing times against a skipper x class identifier to determine and calculate series results.



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Implementation	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) The Commodore provides all members with a copy of the policy and briefs sailors and volunteers on its background and implementation2) Class Captains ensure that:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ sails for all club dinghies are numbered with the correct hull number○ club dinghies are clearly labelled with hull number○ sail numbers are correctly placed towards the leach of the sail and according to class regulations○ sail bags are clearly numbered and sails are stored in sail bags3) Class Representatives ensure that:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ All sailors esp. hirers record correct sail number4) Rear commodore maintain register of all sails and boats with assistance of Class Captains and Assistant Treasurer5) Commodore monitors effectiveness of Policy6) Management Committee reviews this Policy annually
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