



South of Perth Yacht Club (Inc)



BILLY RUN
2011

Saturday 26th March, 2011

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**Annual club event at Rottnest comprising
Racing for keelboat fleets,
Escorted Passage sail and
non-competitive cruise for power.**



South of Perth Yacht Club (Inc)
as organising authority will conduct the
BILLY RUN 2011
on Saturday, 26th March 2011

1. Rules

- 1.1. Races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The SoPYC General Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for 2010-11 does not apply.

1. Eligibility

- 2.1 Only boats which are eligible and have lodged a Nomination Form in accordance with the notice of race shall compete.

2. Category

Races are classified Category 6 for boats in Racing Fleets A, B and C and Category 7 for boats in the Escorted Passage Fleet.

3. Safety Requirements

- 3.1. Boats shall comply with YA Special Regulations Part 1 for racing boats.
- 3.2. In addition to the requirements of the event category all vessels shall comply with the requirements of the WA Department of Transport for craft proceeding beyond the port of Fremantle which include;
 - Anchor and line
 - Two Way Radio
 - Life Jacket for each person
 - Flares (Inshore and Offshore)
 - Fire Extinguisher/s
 - Recommended – Compass and Chart
- 3.3. Boats shall carry a fully operational 27MHz or VHF marine radio.
Skippers are required to sign on by contacting the start boat prior to the first warning signal and advising;
 - Vessel name
 - Sail Number
 - Number of persons on boardA boat shall not start a race or deem to be in the escorted fleet unless its 'sign-on' call is acknowledged by the race committee boat.
- 3.4. Boats shall maintain a continuous listening watch through the race.
- 3.5. A boat that does not start or retires shall notify the race committee as soon as practicable. Failure to do so may result in the boats entry for the event being excluded in future years.
- 3.6. A boat shall have at least one person on board in addition to the skipper who is competent to handle the boat.
- 3.7. The skipper shall not leave the helm while racing except in an emergency.
- 3.8. Display of flag N over A on the Committee vessel located near the mouth of Fremantle Harbour shall mean the race is abandoned. In addition a general radio message will be broadcast on 27.94MHz and VHF Ch 72.
- 3.9. When Flag Y is displayed with one sound before or with the warning signal, competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.

4. Notices to Competitors

- 4.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the race notice board located in the foyer of the Clubhouse. The race office is the South of Perth On Water Group office.
- 4.2. Any changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1200 the day before they take effect.
- 4.3. Any changes made after that time will be notified to boats prior to the start. If a change is to be made the race committee boat will display flag L when on station and broadcast the change on 27.94MHz and VHF Ch 72.

5. **Identification – Fleet Identification, Warning Signals, Sail Number**

- 5.1. Boats shall clearly display their sail number in accordance with rule 77
- 5.2. Boats shall display their class identification flag from the backstay or mainsail leech when racing. The club burgee is an acceptable alternative identification flag on boats in the Escorted Fleet.
- 5.3. A boat may request temporary use of alternative sail numbers in writing to the Race Committee. The finishing place for a boat that breaks this rule will be adjusted by the number of places equal to 25% of the number of boats in the fleet.

6. **Schedule of Events**

| Date | Race | Class Flag | Scheduled Time of Warning Signal | Racing Area and Course |
|-----------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 26/3/2011 | Racing; A Fleet (Cat 6) | Naval Numeral 1 | 0955 | Fixed Mark course Gage Roads start and Thompsons Bay finish |
| | Racing; B Fleet (Cat 6) | Naval Numeral 2 | 1000 | |
| | Racing; C Fleet (Cat 6) | Naval Numeral 3 | 1005 | |
| | Escorted Fleet (Cat 7) | Naval Numeral 4 | 1010 | |

7. **The Start, Courses & Marks**

- 7.1. The course for each fleet is listed in Appendix A. Legs of the course will not be changed after the start. This changes rule 33.
- 7.2. Starting and Finishing Lines
 - (a) Locations and descriptions are listed in Appendix B
 - (b) The Gage Roads Start Line will be:
 - located approximately 500 metres North West of the Fremantle Harbour Entrance North Mole.
 - between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a black and white chequered inflatable buoy at the port end. A buoy displaying a green and white flag, when streamed from the stern, shall be deemed to be part of the race committee boat and no boat shall touch the mark or pass between it and the race committee boat.
 - (c) The Thompsons Bay Finish Line will be:
 - located approximately 500 metres east of Phillip Rock.
 - between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a large yellow inflatable buoy at the port end.

7.3. **Shortening the Course**

The race committee may shorten a course before or after the start. This changes rule 32.1

Before the Starting Signal.

If flag S is displayed below the course flag no later than the warning signal, then the marks following *** in the course description shall be omitted.

After the Starting Signal.

If flag S is displayed with the SoPYC pennant, adjacent to the mark designated *** in the course description then subsequent marks shall be omitted and boats shall proceed directly to the finish.

In addition to the flag signal, the race committee will make a general announcement by radio to 'all South of Perth Billy Run boats' on 27.94MHZ and VHF Ch 72.

- 7.4. **Day Buoy**
Flag Q displayed at the warning signal indicates a single day buoy has been laid to windward of the starting line. Flag Q with a red flag means 'After starting, boats shall round the large yellow day buoy leaving it to port, before continuing to the first mark of the course. Flag Q with a green flag has the same meaning except the buoy shall be left to starboard.
- 7.5. **Mark Missing**
When a mark of the course is missing, the race committee will replace it with a temporary red inflatable buoy. Flag M will not be used. This changes rule 34.
- 7.6. **Obstructions**
- Success Channel (The main channel into Cockburn Sound) will be deemed to be an obstruction. A boat shall not enter or cross the channel.
 - Commercial Shipping – all boats shall keep clear of commercial shipping which may be manoeuvring in the racing area or approaching or departing the port.
- 7.7 **General Recall**
When a general recall is signalled, the warning signal for a new start for the first recalled fleet will be made at the starting signal of the last fleet in the original sequence. New starts for other recalled fleets will follow in order thereafter. A general recall signal will be displayed for one minute. This changes Rule 29.2 and race signal "First Substitute".
8. **Time Limits**
The time limit is 1700. Boats finishing after this time will be scored DNF.
9. **Protests, Redress, Mediation and Penalties Without a Hearing**
- 9.1. Protest forms will be available from the race committee on shore at Rottnest. Protests and requests for redress shall be advised to the race committee by 1730 on the day of the race and formally lodged as soon as possible thereafter.
- 9.2. Mediation will not apply.
- 9.3. Hearings will be conducted at SoPYC clubhouse at times to be advised.
10. **Scoring**
- 10.1. Scoring will be in accordance with rules Appendix A.
- 10.2. Handicaps will be posted on the Notice Board before 1200 the day before the race.
- 10.3. The Billy Run does not form part of any South of Perth Yacht Club Consistency Series.
11. **Landing Fees**
Boats shall arrange their own moorings and pay all landing fees. Contact the Rottnest Island Authority for more information and bookings.
12. **Prizes**
- 12.1 Results will be announced on the day of the race at the Rottnest Island Hotel at 1800.
- 12.2 Prizes will be awarded for:
- Rear Commodore Trophy Overall winner
 - Fleet A Handicap winner
 - Fleet B Handicap winner
 - Fleet C Handicap winner
 - Escorted Fleet Crossed with best style
 - Fastest Visiting Yacht Fastest non SoPYC boat in each fleet
 - T-Bone Award Best reported misdemeanour
 - Navigators Award Most Creative Seamanship
 - Biggest Catch Biggest fish or otherwise catch during the race time limit
 - Additional awards will be made at the discretion of the race committee

13. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

14. Disclaimer

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained prior to, during, or after any event. No boat shall start in any race unless it agrees to these terms. This also applies to participants in the Escorted Passage Fleet.



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APPENDIX A – Courses

A FLEET



Division One (Category 6)

Start in the vicinity of North Mole

Day Buoy

Burnell Buoy P

11m Bank Iso Mark S

Green No. 3 Buoy P

Eastern Windmill *** Leave to S

11m Bank Iso Mark S

Western Windmill P

Finish in vicinity of Phillip Rock

Course 17.7nm

*Shortened Course: after *** proceed directly to finish (14.2 nm)*

C FLEET



Divisions 3,4,5, SS22, SS&MB24 etc (Category6)

Start in the vicinity of North Mole

Day Buoy

Burnell Buoy *** P

11m Bank Iso Mark S

Western Windmill P

Finish in vicinity of Phillip Rock

Course 11.1nm

*Shortened Course: after *** proceed directly to finish (10.3 nm)*

B FLEET



Division Two, Cole 32, S80 (Category 6)

Start in the vicinity of North Mole

Day Buoy

Burnell Buoy P

Green No. 3 Buoy P

Eastern Windmill *** Leave to S

11m Bank Iso Mark S

Western Windmill P

Finish in vicinity of Phillip Rock

Course 15.0nm

*Shortened Course: after *** proceed directly to finish (11.5 nm)*

ESCORTED FLEET



Optional Cruising Route (Category 7)

H28, Red Witch and other Category 7 Boats

Start in the vicinity of North Mole

Day Buoy

Burnell Buoy *** P

11m Bank Iso Mark S

Western Windmill P

Finish in vicinity of Phillip Rock

Course 11.1nm

*Shortened Course: after *** proceed directly to finish (10.3 nm)*



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APPENDIX B – Marks and Additional Information

Marks

| Name | Position | Position | Comment |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------|--|
| Start Line | 32° 02.8' S | 115° 42.9' E | Approx 500m north of North Mole light |
| Day Buoy | | | Red Buoy approx windward of Start Line |
| Green No. 3 Buoy | 32° 00.0' S | 115° 40.8' E | |
| 11m Bank ISO Mark | 32° 03.2' S | 115° 40.7' E | |
| Burnell Buoy | 32° 01.4' S | 115° 44.3' E | |
| Eastern Windmill | 32° 01.2' S | 115° 37.7' E | |
| Western Windmill | 32° 01.3' S | 115° 37.1' E | |
| Finish Line | 31° 59.9' S | 115° 34.0' E | Approx 500m east of Philip Rock |

Information to Competitors

1. If the weather before or during the start is considered to have deteriorated to a point where the Race and Safety Officers deem that competitor safety may become an issue but not severe enough to cancel the race, a "Y" flag will be displayed from the Start Boat. See Sailing instruction 3.9. A "Y" Flag, if flown, is displayed as follows:



If the Race Committee decide to take this action, you and your crew are required to wear a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) for your own safety.

2. The Club will be operating a Taxi Service for the duration of the stay at Rottnest to assist sailors to and from their vessels moored in Thompsons Bay. Sailors wishing to take advantage of this service are asked to note the following:

To be picked up either from your vessel or from the Quokka Arms Jetty:

Contact **Casey Skinner** via mobile on **0412 745 844** or **VHF Channel 77 - Call Sign Beacon 1**.

The taxi service will run from:

Saturday: Arrival of first yacht – 2400 hrs

Sunday: 0700 hrs – 1000 hrs

A PFD must be worn by all persons using this service.