



South of Perth Yacht Club (Inc.)

(Organizing Authority)



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1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Yachting Australia (YA) will apply.
- 1.3 The rules of the International Flying Fifteen Class will apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the north western side of the South of Perth Yacht Club Centreboard Clubhouse

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than two hours before the first race in which it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1930 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag mast on the lawn on the north western side of the Centreboard Clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.
- 4.3 Rule 40 is altered so that it shall always apply to boats racing and display of flag Y is not required.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Day	Date	Time of first Warning Signal	Races per Day
Saturday	5 March 2011	1530	3
Sunday	6 March	0925	3

- 5.2 When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, Flag AP will be displayed for at least two minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.3 If less than 3 races are completed on Saturday, they may be rescheduled to Sunday. In which case, and time permitting, as many races as needed to complete the scheduled 6 races will be sailed. No warning signal shall be given after 1145 on 6 March 2011.

6. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be a white flag with a red FF insignia.

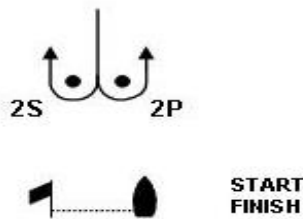
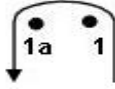
7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Melville Water East on the Swan River adjacent to South of Perth Yacht Club.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram below shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Mark 1 will be approximately 800 metres from the Start

Start 1, 1a, 2S or 2P, 1, 1a, Finish



- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee boat may display the approximate compass bearing from the midpoint of the starting line to Mark 1.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2S & 2P will be red inflatable buoys. Mark 1a will be a red pimple buoy.
9.2 The starting and finishing marks will be the race committee boat at one end and a black and white checkered inflatable buoy at the other.
9.3 Any replacement marks, used in accordance with sailing instruction 11.1 will be yellow inflatable buoys.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26.
10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
10.3 A buoy carrying a green flag may be streamed from the Race Committee Boat. For the purpose of the application of RRS the buoy is deemed to be part of the Race Committee Boat and any boat touching the mark or passing between it and the Race Committee Boat shall be deemed to have touched the Race Committee Boat.
10.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start". This changes rule A4.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
11.2 Shorten course signal: when flag S is displayed with a repetitive sound in the vicinity of Mark 1, boats shall round Mark 1 and 1a to port and proceed directly to the Finish. This changes rule 32.2(a).

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the port end and the starboard-end finishing mark.

13. THE PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14. TIME LIMIT

The race time limit will be 60 minutes. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 20 minutes of the start then the race will be abandoned. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing. This changes rules 3, A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protests forms are available at the South of Perth Yacht Club Race Office. Protest shall be delivered there within the protest time limit. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

15.2 Breaches of instructions 19 and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.

15.3 A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 20 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

16. MEDIATION

16.1 A mediation hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with rule 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or 4. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.

16.2 The time and place of the mediation hearing will be decided by the mediator and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat shall attend the mediation hearing and no witnesses shall be allowed. The mediator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.

16.3 After taking testimony at a mediation hearing the mediator 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 rules other than Part 2 or 4 are or may be involved, or because 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 decided by the mediator.)
- (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 finishing place 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.)

16.4 A mediation hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of a mediator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.

16.5 Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the mediator may be a member of the Protest Committee. Any evidence given by a mediator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.

17. SCORING

17.1 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.2 Scoring shall be in accordance with the Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A.

- (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from 5 to 6 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

- 17.3 For Consistency results, the Handicaps will be calculated for all races. Performance will be assessed over the first three races and a starting handicap will then be calculated and applied from the first race for the purpose of determining Consistency results. Yachts finishing in the first three places in the Championship event will be excluded from the overall consistency results.
- 18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**
- 18.1 Boats intending to start shall report to the Race Committee Boat prior to the Warning Signal of the first race in that session. They shall hail the Race Committee Boat with their sail number and receive verbal acknowledgement.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**
Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**
A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the Race Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 21. SUPPORT BOATS**
Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.
- 22. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**
A boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 23. PRIZES AND RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT**
- 23.1 There will be a presentation of pennants to Classic, Silver and Open fleets for 1st, 2nd and 3rd for helm and crew provided sufficient entries (six) are received in each fleet to constitute a fleet. Pennants will also be presented to the helm and crew for the first three places in the Consistency Results
- 23.2 Presentation of overall regatta results will be in the Main Clubhouse Alfresco dining area at 1300 on 6 March 2011.
- 24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
- 24.1 All those taking part in races conducted by the South of Perth Yacht Club (Inc.) do so at their own risk and responsibility.
- 24.2 The South of Perth Yacht Club (Inc.), its sponsors and any party involved in the organization for the event disclaims any and every responsibility for any loss, damage or injury to persons and things, both on shore and afloat, as a consequence of their participation in any way in the races and event covered by the Sailing Instructions.
- 24.3 Attention is drawn to rule 4 which states, "The responsibility for a boats' decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone."