



South of Perth Yacht Club (Inc)

## LITTLE WHEEL MATCH RACING REGATTA - QUALIFYING SERIES

Sunday, 15, 22, 29 November and 6 December 2009

# Sailing Instructions

## 1. Organizing Authority

The Organising Authority (OA) is South of Perth Yacht Club (SoPYC/club).

## 2. Rules

2.1 The event will be governed by;

- (a) the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix C, Match Racing,
- (b) the rules for Handling of Boats (Appendix B) which shall also apply to any practice sailing.

2.2 Class rules shall not apply

2.3 Matches will be umpired for prestarts only.

2.4 Umpiring will cease from the time both boats have started and completed any penalty to which they are subject.

2.5 When part of a match is not umpired the following changes to rules of Appendix C will apply.

- (a) Rule C5 is deleted *[umpire signals]*
- (b) Rule C6.2 is changed so that a boat may protest under this rule except C4 *[prestart errors]*. A red flag shall be displayed.
- (c) Rule C6.5 is deleted *[umpire decisions]*
- (d) Rule C7.2(a) is changed so that a boat which may have infringed a rule and intends to take a penalty shall take it immediately in accordance with rule C7.2(a), (1) and (2).
- (e) C7.2(b), (d), (e) and (f) are deleted *[no signals by umpire, penalties do not cancel out]*
- (f) Rule C8 is deleted *[penalties initiated by umpire]*
- (g) Rule C7.3 (c) and (d) are deleted *[penalty limitations]*.
- (h) Rule C7.4 is deleted *[penalties not taken correctly]*

*[Bracketed notes in italics are for information only and do not form part of the sailing instructions.]*

## 3. Boats and Boat Assignments

3.1 The event will be sailed in J24 boats supplied by the OA. Boats are equipped in accordance with Appendix C. While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This alters rule 62.

## 4. Entries and Eligibility

4.1 Only crews accepted by the OA in accordance with the Notice of Race shall be eligible to compete.

4.2 After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.

4.3 When a registered skipper or crew is unable to continue in the event, the race committee may authorise a replacement. A replacement skipper shall be from the team's normal club fleet. A replacement crew may be any current member of the club.

## 5. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the SoPYC clubhouse main foyer.



## 6. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 6.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than one hour before the first race it will take effect, except that any change in the Schedule of Races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.
- 6.2 Amendments made afloat will be signalled by the display of code flag 3rd Substitute from the Race Committee (RC) boat accompanied by three sound signals. These may be communicated by an umpire either orally or in writing.

## 7. Signals Made Ashore

- 7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag staff on the North lawn of the South of Perth Yacht Club.
- 7.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

## 8. Event Format and Program

### 8.1 Round Robin Format

Teams will be allocated into two pools, A and B, by the OA. Each pool will sail one round robin with each boat each other once. The two highest scoring boats in each pool will sail a single round robin as Finals.

- 8.2 The RC may terminate the event at any time it is clear further racing will not affect the result.

### 8.3 Schedule of Races

DATE	RACE DESCRIPTION	TIME OF FIRST WARNING SIGNAL
15/11/2009	Pool A, Skippers briefing	0800
	3 flights scheduled	0900
22/11/2009	Pool B, Skippers briefing	0800
	3 flights scheduled	0900
29/11/2009	Finals, 3 flights scheduled	0900
06/12/2009	Spare day if required	0900
12/12/2009	Prize award (Keelboat presentations)	1800

- 8.4 Skippers in each pool and match pairings lists are detailed in Appendix A
- 8.5 Each subsequent flight will be started as soon as practicable after the previous flight. The number of flights in a day shall be decided by the RC.
- 8.6 When a match cannot start at its intended time, the signals and starts of the following matches will remain as originally scheduled, leaving blank start for the pair not starting.
- 8.7 The Committee may terminate any round of the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled.

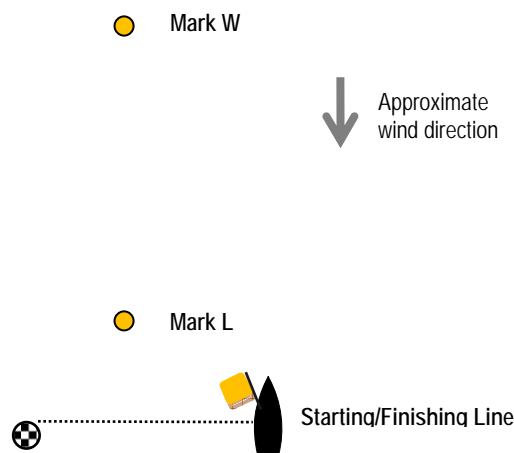
## 9. Racing Area

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



## 10. The Course

- 10.1 The diagram below shows the course (not to scale) including the approximate angles between legs. The course will be Start – W – L – W – Finish. Marks W and L shall be rounded to starboard.



### 10.2 Course signals

Course signals will be displayed from the RC boat before or with the warning signal.

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Course</u>
No signal	Start - W - L - W - Finish
Flag S	Start - W - Finish

## 11. Marks

- 11.1 The RC boat will be identified by a SoPYC burgee above and orange flag.  
11.2 The starting/finishing line mark will be a black and white chequered buoy.  
11.3 Marks W and L will be red inflatable buoys.  
11.4 A new mark, laid in accordance with SI 11, will be a yellow inflatable buoy.

## 12. Starting / Finishing Line

- 12.1 The starting/finishing line will be a straight line between the course side of the starting/finishing mark and the mast displaying an orange flag on the RC boat.  
12.2 A buoy may be attached to the RC boat's stern. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the RC boat at any time. For the purpose of the rules this buoy is deemed to be part of the RC boat.

## 13. The Start

- 13.1 Rule C3.1 is amended to: Flag F, the attention signal, will be displayed at 7 minutes.  
13.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her Starting Signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.1

## 14. Change of the Position of the Next Mark

To change the next leg of the course, 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.

## 15. Abandonment and Shortening

- 15.1 Rule 32 is deleted and replaced with: "After the starting signal the RC may abandon or shorten any match for any reason, after consulting with the umpires when practical."  
15.2 Abandonment of a match which has started will be signalled by an official boat displaying flag N or the match umpires approaching the two boats concerned and hailing. This alters Race Signals.



- 15.3 The course may be shortened after the start whilst boats are in the general vicinity of Mark W. A shortened course will be signalled by a RC boat approaching the two boats concerned, displaying flag S and making a repetitive sound signal. Boats shall proceed to the finish at the starting /finishing line rounding Mark W if they have not already done so. This alters Race Signals.

## **16. Breakdown and Time for repairs**

- 16.1 Before the attention signal of a flight or within two minutes of finishing, whichever is later, a boat may display a green flag to signal breakdown or damage to the boat, her sails or injury to her crew and to request a delay to the next start. She shall sail as soon as possible to leeward of the RC boat and remain there, unless otherwise directed.
- 16.2 The time allowed for repairs shall be at the discretion of the race committee.
- 16.3 Except when rule 62.1 applies, failure to effect repairs in time allowed, or breakdowns after the attention signal which are not caused by another vessel required to keep clear, shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.

## **17. Time Limit**

A boat that does not finish within 5 minutes after her opponent will be scored DNF.

## **18. Protests**

- 18.1 A boat intending to protest shall hail the RC boat and display a red flag at the finish. The time limit for protests shall be 1 minute after the protesting boat finishes.
- 18.2 Hearings will be conducted in accordance with rule C6.6. Hearings will be held as soon as practical and may be conducted in any manner deemed appropriate by the umpires. Only one representative of a boat may be a party to a hearing.

## **19. Support Boats**

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Warning Signal until all boats have finished or the RC signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel.

## **20. Radio Communication**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **21. Prizes**

- 21.1 The winning team and skipper will be invited to enter the Little Wheel Match Racing Regatta to be conducted by the club in February 2010. If the winner is unable to accept the invitation by 14 days before the close of entries the prize will be transferred to other teams in order of their finishing place.
- 21.2 The name of the winning team and skipper will be engraved on the Little Wheel Qualifying Series perpetual trophy.

## **22. Disclaimer**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The Organizing Authority, its associates and appointees will not accept any responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death or inconvenience sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Attention is drawn to RRS Part 1, Fundamental Rules, in particular, RRS 4 which states that: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."





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## APPENDIX A –PAIRINGS LIST

First mentioned competitor – PORT end, BLUE flag  
Second mentioned competitor – STARBOARD end, YELLOW flag

Flight	Match	Competitors				
<b>ROUND ROBIN – POOL A</b>						
1	1	Skipper A	Boat ...	v	Skipper B	Boat ...
	2	Skipper C	Boat ...	v	Skipper D	Boat ...
2	1	Skipper B	Boat ...	v	Skipper C	Boat ...
	2	Skipper D	Boat ...	v	Skipper A	Boat ...
3	1	Skipper D	Boat ...	v	Skipper B	Boat ...
	2	Skipper C	Boat ...	v	Skipper A	Boat ...
<b>ROUND ROBIN – POOL B</b>						
1	1	Skipper A	Boat ...	v	Skipper B	Boat ...
	2	Skipper C	Boat ...	v	Skipper D	Boat ...
2	1	Skipper B	Boat ...	v	Skipper C	Boat ...
	2	Skipper D	Boat ...	v	Skipper A	Boat ...
3	1	Skipper D	Boat ...	v	Skipper B	Boat ...
	2	Skipper C	Boat ...	v	Skipper A	Boat ...
<b>ROUND ROBIN – FINALS</b>						
1	1	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pool A	Boat ...	v	1 <sup>st</sup> Pool B	Boat ...
	2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pool B	Boat ...	v	1 <sup>st</sup> Pool A	Boat ...
2	1	1 <sup>st</sup> Pool A	Boat ...	v	1 <sup>st</sup> Pool B	Boat ...
	2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pool B	Boat ...	v	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pool A	Boat ...
3	1	1 <sup>st</sup> Pool B	Boat ...	v	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pool B	Boat ...
	2	1 <sup>st</sup> Pool A	Boat ...	v	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pool A	Boat ...





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## APPENDIX B RULES FOR HANDLING OF BOATS

### 1. Prohibited Items and Actions

Except in an emergency or to prevent damage or injury, or when directed by an umpire or the RC otherwise, the following are prohibited:

- 1.1 Any additions, omissions or alterations to the equipment supplied.
- 1.2 The use of any equipment for a purpose other than that intended.
- 1.3 Replacement of any equipment without the sanction of the RC.
- 1.4 Sailing the boat in a manner that it is reasonable to predict that significant further damage would result.
- 1.5 Moving equipment from its normal stowage position except when being used.
- 1.6 Boarding a boat without prior permission.
- 1.7 Taking a boat from its berth or mooring without having paid any required damage deposit or without having permission from the RC, or on race days prior to one sound signal being made by the RC or while flag AP is displayed ashore.
- 1.8 Hauling out a boat or cleaning surfaces below the waterline.
- 1.9 Attaching lines to the fabric of spinnakers.
- 1.10 Perforating sails, even to attach tell tales.
- 1.11 Adjusting or altering the tension of standing rigging, excluding the backstay.
- 1.12 Using a winch to adjust the mainsheet, backstay or vang.
- 1.13 Marking or writing directly on the deck or luff with permanent pens.
- 1.14 Attaching masking tape to the hull or rigging (electrical, gaffer or duct tape is permitted).
- 1.15 Omitting any headsail car or turning block before sheeting onto a winch.
- 1.16 Cleating halyards using either of the cabin top car cleats.
- 1.17 The use of electronic instruments (including portable radios and telephones) other than watches.
- 1.18 After the starting signal and while sailing close hauled for more than a few seconds, the main boom position shall be controlled only by using the mainsheet as it exits the block or the cockpit floor and the vang.

### 2. Permitted Items and Actions

- 2.1 Taking a bag on board containing:
  - (a) basic hand tools
  - (b) adhesive tape
  - (c) line (elastic or otherwise of 4 mm diameter or less)
  - (d) marking pens
  - (e) tell tale material
  - (f) watch, timers and hand held compass
  - (g) shackles and clevice pins
  - (h) velcro tape
  - (i) bosun's chair
  - (j) spare flags
- 2.2 The use of the contents of the bag to:
  - (a) prevent fouling of lines, sails and sheets
  - (b) attach tell tales
  - (c) prevent sails being damaged or falling overboard



- (d) mark control settings (including on halyards and sheets)
  - (e) make minor repairs
  - (f) make signals as per Appendix C6
- 2.3 Altering the number of falls on the mainsheet

### 3. Mandatory Items and Actions

The following are mandatory:

- 3.1 The completion of a written damage report and submitting it to the RC's representative before leaving a boat, even if no damage or loss is recorded. The report shall include any damage or loss of equipment, however minimal or slight, and shall include advice of matters which could potentially result in damage, danger or disadvantage to the boat during further races.
- 3.2 At the end of each sailing day:
  - (a) Folding, bagging and placement of the sails as directed.
  - (b) Leaving the boat in the same state of cleanliness as when first boarded that day.
  - (c) Returning the Jib & Genoa to the clubhouse.
- 3.3 At the end of the final day for a particular boat, the crew last assigned, shall clean the boat (cabin and decks), remove all trash and remove all tape and marks including (if directed), sponsorship signage,
- 3.4 Any request to alter, in any way, the equipment on a boat shall be directed in writing to the RC and worded to permit a yes/no answer,
- 3.5 Compliance with any regulations, including speed restrictions and navigation marks, while leaving or returning to the berth or mooring,
- 3.6 Infringement of items 4.2 and 4.3 will be considered as damage and the cost of rectification will be deducted from the damage deposit.

## APPENDIX C EQUIPMENT LIST

The Equipment Bucket for the boat should be obtained from Race Control before boarding the boat. The bucket contains the following:

- ⊕ 2 – jib sheets
- ⊕ 2 – spinnaker sheets
- ⊕ 2 – tweekers
- ⊕ 1 – winch handle

Other Equipment located on the boat includes

- ⊕ 1 – medical kit (behind the sink)
- ⊕ 1 – boat hook
- ⊕ 1 – spinnaker pole
- ⊕ 4 – personal flotation devices (PDF type 1, located in port cockpit lockers)
- ⊕ 4 – mooring lines (located under starboard berth)
- ⊕ 2 – fenders (located under starboard berth)
- ⊕ 2 – paddles (located under starboard berth)
- ⊕ 1 – anchor, chain and line (located in bow)

