



**South of Perth Yacht Club (Inc.)**

(Organising Authority)

in conjunction with the  
**Pelican Sailing Association**



**53<sup>RD</sup> PELICAN  
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2011**

**9th to 14th January, 2011**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Proudly sponsored by:

***parkland* MAZDA**

## 53<sup>RD</sup> PELICAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS, 2011 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The 53<sup>rd</sup> Pelican State Championships will be conducted by South of Perth Yacht Club (Inc), in conjunction with the Pelican Sailing Association (Inc) from Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> of January to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2011, on the waters of Melville Water East, Western Australia.

### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS) including the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia and the rules of the Pelican Sailing Association (Inc).
- 1.2. Competitors attention is directed to the requirements of YA Special Regulations Part 2 rule 5.01 PFD's which will be enforced.

### 2. Notices to Competitors

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

### 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 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole in the vicinity of the rigging area adjacent to South of Perth Yacht Club Junior Club rooms.
- 4.1.1. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### 5. Registration and Measurement

Official registration and measurement will take place at SoPYC and will be conducted between 1200-1700 hours on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January and between 0900-1100 hours on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

### 6. Schedule of Races

<u>Race Description</u>	<u>Day and Date</u>	<u>Time of Warning Signal</u>
<b>Invitation Races</b>	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> of January	14:30
<b>Championship Races</b>		
Race 1	Monday, 10 <sup>th</sup> January	1355
Race 2	Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> January	0925
Race 3 and 4	Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> January	1355

Lay Day	Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> January	
Race 5	Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> January	0925
Race 6 and 7	Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> January	1355
Race 8	Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> January	0925

A briefing will be held at 1230 hours on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January at the SoPYC Junior Club rooms. Other briefings will be held at the discretion of the race committee.

- 6.1 On the last programmed day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.
- 6.2 The number of races per session will be at the discretion of the Race Officer, except that no race will be brought forward from a subsequent racing session.
- 6.3 After a long postponement, to alert boats that the race will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound not less than four minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

#### **7. Class Flag**

The class flag will be the Pelican Association Class Flag (black bird on white background).

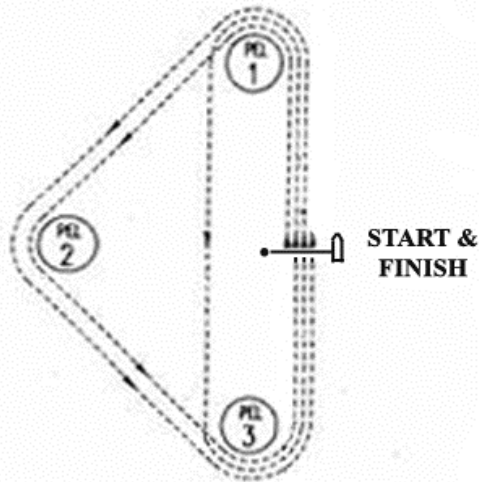
#### **8. Racing Area**

The chart in Attachment 'A' shows the vicinity of the racing area.

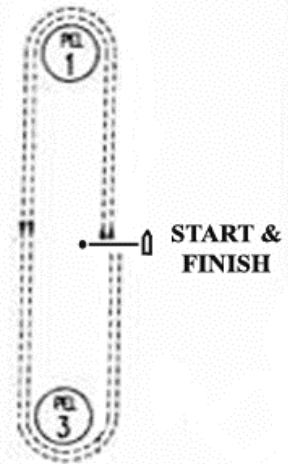
#### **9. The Course**

- 9.1 The diagrams below shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 The course to be sailed will be indicated by a numeral pennant displayed from the staff or mast on the race committee boat
- 9.3 No boat shall sail through the start/finish line while the Start/Finish Boat is on station displaying an orange flag except after her preparatory signal or when finishing. A boat that breaks this rule will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes rule A5.
- 9.4 A shortened course will be signaled by an S flag displayed on a committee boat adjacent to a mark of the course and by the use of two sound signals. All boats shall round or pass on the required side of the mark RRS 32.2a.

**PELICAN COURSE 1 - NUMERAL PENANT 1  
OLYMPIC TRIANGLE  
START- 1,2,3,1,3,1,2,3, FINISH**



**PELICAN COURSE 2 - NUMERAL PENANT 2  
WINDWARD - LEEWARD  
START-1,3,1,3, FINISH**



**10. Marks**

Marks will be large red inflatable buoys.

A new mark, as provided in sailing instruction 14, will be a yellow inflatable buoy.

The starting and finishing mark will be a black and white chequered buoy at the port end of the line.

**11. Areas that Are Obstructions**

Boats are not required to observe navigation marks, except Applecross Spit (39) and Heathcote Spit (22) which shall be passed on the deepwater side.

**12. The Start**

Races will be started by using rule 26.

**13. The Start Line**

13.1 The starting line will be between a mast or staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.

13.2 A buoy carrying a green and white flag may be streamed from the Race Committee boat from the time of the warning signal until all boats have started. The buoy is deemed to be part of the committee boat and no boat shall sail between it and the committee boat.

13.3. A boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

**14. Change of the Next Leg of the Course**

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. The Finish**

The finishing line will be between a mast or staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the finishing mark.

**16. Penalty System**

16.1 As provided in rule 67, the Protest Committee may penalise without a hearing, a boat that has broken rule 42.

16.2 A boat that has taken a penalty under rule 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the Clubhouse within the protest time limit.

**17. Time Limit**

The time limit will be 2 hours (or 1 hour for back to back races). Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes (or within 30 minutes for back to back races) after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

Boats should remain in the racing area between back to back races unless directed otherwise.

**18. Protests and Requests for Redress**

18.1 Protest forms are available at the SoPYC Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within 30 minutes of the protesting boat finishing its last race of the day

18.2 Notices will be posted no later than 10 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties.

18.3 Breaches of instructions 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.

18.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered:  
(a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;  
(b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

18.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

## **19. Mediation**

- 19.1 A mediation hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged by a boat in accordance with rule 61 that alleged an infringement of a rule of part 2 or 4 or rule 28. Such hearings will be held subsequent to protests being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.
- 19.2 The time organized for the mediation hearing will be decided by the mediator and such advice may be given verbally. One representative from each boat shall attend the hearing and no witness shall be allowed.
- 19.3 The mediator shall decide the manner in which the testimony is given.
- 19.4 After taking testimony at mediation hearing the mediator shall make one of the following conclusions:
- a) The protest does not comply with rule 61 and the protest may be withdrawn.
  - b) The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. (This may be because rules other than part 2 or 4 or rule 28 are 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 midway 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.)
- 19.5. A mediation hearing shall not be reopened. No conclusion of a Mediator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.
- 19.6. 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 the protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.

## **20. Scoring**

- 20.1 Championship Series.
- (a) 8 races are scheduled and a minimum of 4 races are required to be completed to constitute the Championship.
  - (b) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's championship score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's championship score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 20.2 Handicap Series
- (a) Handicaps will be determined and adjusted at the discretion of the race committee and are not subject to protest or request for redress.

- (b) Scores will be awarded on handicap in accordance with rule A3 and SI 20.1(a) and (b)

### 20.3 Team Series

- (a) A team competition will be run in conjunction with the Championship. Appendix D, Team Racing Rules, shall not apply and team racing tactics shall not be used.
- (b) Each Club may enter one or more teams. Each team will comprise of five boats. Clubs with less than five boats present may make up a team with boats from other clubs by mutual agreement.
- (c) Team compositions shall be provided in writing to the race committee by 11.00am on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2011.
- (d) Team scores will be calculated from each individual boat's scores in the Championship. The Team Shield will be awarded to the team with the lowest aggregate score.

## 21. Safety Regulations

- 21.1 The skipper of each boat shall personally sign the official signing-on sheet located at the junior/centreboard clubhouse, prior to the first race in which she intends to compete each day. A boat which breaks this rule will be penalised 3 places without a hearing. This changes rule A5.
- 21.2 The skipper of each boat shall personally sign the official signing-off sheet located at the junior/centreboard clubhouse, within 30 minutes of returning to shore after its last race each session. A boat which breaks this rule will be penalised 3 places without a hearing. This changes rule A5.
- 21.3 A boat intending to start in any race shall hail the race committee boat, after it is on station and prior to the warning signal, and shall receive verbal acknowledgment.
- 21.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee and sign the retirement form at the clubhouse within 30 minutes of returning to the beach.
- 21.5 Races will not be started while the wind strength is consistently exceeding 25 knots in the vicinity of the start line. The decision to start a race will be at the sole discretion of the Race Officer.

## 22. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 22.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Requests shall be made on forms available at the race office. Changes will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances and if granted, will be given in writing.
- 22.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee with the exception of bailing buckets retrieved by official boats for safety purposes. Request for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity, on forms available at the race

office. If damage occurs on the water, equipment may be substituted before the following race and written permission shall be requested before the end of protest time on the same day. Changes will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances and if granted, will be given in writing.

- 22.3 A boat with damage or lost equipment between 'back to back' races may seek additional time for replacement by advising the race committee boat as soon as possible, but not later than the warning signal for the next race. Any action or inaction by the RO under this clause will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1.

### **23. Equipment and Measurement Checks**

A boat or its 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 a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. A boats crew shall comply with such instructions and provide all reasonable assistance to inspection personnel.

### **24. Support Boats**

Team leaders, coaches and other spectator support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.

### **25. Radio Communication**

Except in an emergency 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.

### **26. Prizes**

The trophies will be awarded to Helm person and Crew as follows:

#### **Overall State Championship**

1<sup>st</sup> Perpetual Shield

Overall 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Trophy

Overall 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> PSA Award

#### **Consistency Championship (Handicap Results)**

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Trophy (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Overall Championship are ineligible)

Best First Year Skipper Overall Trophy

Best First Year Skipper (ind. race result) Trophy

Endeavour Award Trophy

Teams Race Perpetual Shield

**Championship Races 1—8**

Fastest Time 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Pennant

Handicap 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Pennant

**Invitation Race**

Fastest Time 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> PSA Award

Handicap 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> PSA Award

**Special Trophies**

Best Helm person 12 years or under

Best crew work

Club Travellers

Kevin Rose Spirit Award

**27. Disclaimer**

All those taking part in races conducted by the South of Perth Yacht Club Inc do so at their own risk.

The South of Perth Yacht Club Inc., Pelican Sailing Association (Inc) and any sponsor and any other party involved in the organization of the event disclaims any and every responsibility for any loss, damage, injury to persons and things, both ashore and on the water, as a consequence of participation in any way in the races covered by the Notice of Race.

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5 million for any one incident. By taking part in a race or event, owners are deemed to have made a declaration that they have such cover.

Attention is drawn to Rule 4 which states that “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

**28.** Race Committee shall comprise of Race Officer Les Swinton, Chairman Organising Committee Tim Cross, On Water Coordinator David Stewart, SoPYC Rear Commodore Regatta Paul Ward, Pelican Sailing Association President David Syme

**29.** The Protest Chairman is Geoff Sneesby

