

South of Perth Yacht Club (Inc.)



UK HALSEY SAILMAKERS 2009 S80 SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS



7 NOVEMBER 2009 AND 14 NOVEMBER 2009

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**The organising authority is the South of Perth Yacht Club (Inc.)
in association with
The S80 Yacht Association of Western Australia**



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Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (“rules”).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Yachting Australia (“YA”) will apply.
- 1.3 The rules of the S80 Yacht Association of Western Australia (“S80YAWA”) will apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the foyer of the South of Perth Yacht Club Senior Clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day 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.
- 3.2 A change to the sailing instructions may be made on the water in accordance with rule 88.2(c). Any change made will be delivered from a Race Committee Boat, and this may be orally. Flag L will be displayed while the change is being given. It shall be the responsibility of each boat to obtain any instructions within a reasonable time.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal mast on the South of Perth Yacht Club Senior Clubhouse East lawn.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Six races are scheduled as follows;

<u>Race Description</u>	<u>Day and Date</u>	<u>Time of first Warning Signal</u>
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Race 1	Saturday 7 November 2009	0855
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Races 2 and 3 to follow

Race 4	Saturday 14 November 2009	0855
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Races 5 and 6 to follow

- 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, the postponement signal will be displayed for at least one minute before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.3 Should races 1,2 or 3 be postponed they may be rescheduled for Saturday 14 November 2009. In which case, and time permitting, as many races as needed to complete the scheduled 6 races will be sailed.
- 5.4 No Warning Signal will be made after 1130 on either 7 November 2009 or 14 November 2009.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flag will be a black S80 on a white background.
- 6.2 All boats shall display the S80 class flag from their backstay while racing.

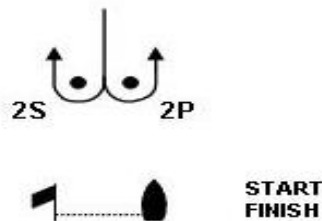
7. RACING AREA

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, 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.
- 8.3 Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark

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 other than mark 1a 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. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration. 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 35 and A4.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 Breaches of instructions 10.4 and 17 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.
- 14.2 For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is either the current S80 Yacht Association of Western Australia's measurer, Simon Cunningham or the immediate-past S80 Yacht Association of Western Australia's measurer, Dennis Hill.

14.4 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.

15. MEDIATION

15.1 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.

15.2 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.

15.3 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.)

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

15.5 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.

16. SCORING

16.1 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.2 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.

16.3 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.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 17.3 At least one person additional to the nominated skipper on each boat shall be capable of handling the vessel.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 A substitute helmsman shall be a regular member of the boat's crew and a skipper member of the Association as well as a member of YA.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost sails, or of damaged or lost equipment, will not be allowed unless approved by both the 'authority responsible' (see section 14.4) and the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee in writing at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. 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.

20. 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.

21 PRIZES AND RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT

- 21.1 Prizes will be presented at the 2010 S80YAWA annual dinner. A trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Championship. Pennants will be awarded to First, Second and Third-placed yachts in both Championship and Consistency results.
- 22.2 Presentation of results will be in the Main Clubhouse at SPYC on 14 November 2009 at 1330 followed by a BBQ.

23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

24. 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.