



South of Perth Yacht Club (Inc.)

(Organizing Authority)

**SPORTS BOAT SHORT
COURSE REGATTAS 2011 - 2012**

12th and 13th November 2011,

28th and 29th January 2012

24th and 25th March, 2012

and

14th and 15th April 2011

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1 Rules

- 1.1 The regattas will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The current editions of the Australian Sports Boat Association rules and constitution will apply.
- 1.3 The SoPYC general Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for 2011-12 do not apply except as noted.

2 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the foyer of the Clubhouse.

3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 2 hours before a race in which it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4 Race Schedule

Regatta One

DATE	WARNING SIGNAL	CLASS FLAG	COURSE AREA
Sat 12/11/11	0900	Sports Boats	Melville Water East (MWE)
Sun 13/11/11	0900	Sports Boats	Melville Water East (MWE)

Regatta Two

DATE	WARNING SIGNAL	CLASS FLAG	COURSE AREA
Sat 28/1/12	0900	Sports Boats	Melville Water East (MWE)
Sun 29/1/12	0900	Sports Boats	Melville Water East (MWE)

Regatta Three

DATE	WARNING SIGNAL	CLASS FLAG	COURSE AREA
Sat 24/3/12	0900	Sports Boats	Melville Water East (MWE)
Sun 25/3/12	0900	Sports Boats	Melville Water East (MWE)

Regatta Four

DATE	WARNING SIGNAL	CLASS FLAG	COURSE AREA
Sat 14/4/12	0900	Sports Boats	Melville Water East (MWE)
Sun 15/4/12	0900	Sports Boats	Melville Water East (MWE)

Four back to back races are scheduled for each day. No warning signal will be made after 1245 hours each day.

5 Safety

The race is classified Category 7 and boats shall comply with YA Special Regulations Part 1 for Racing Boats.

6 Safety Regulations

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible, no later than the Finish Line Close Time.

7 The Course

The diagram in Attachment A shows the Windward/Leeward course. All marks are to be left to PORT. Marks 1 and 2 will be rounding marks. And the sequence will be: START – 1 – 2 – 1 – FINISH (downwind).

Should other fleets be racing on the same course, the course may be changed, verbally by the PRO prior to the warning signal.

8 Marks

8.1 Marks 1 and 2 will be yellow inflatable buoys.

8.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 11.1, will be a blue inflatable buoy.

8.3 The starting and finishing marks will be the race committee boat displaying a SoPYC burgee at one end and a black and white checked buoy at the other.

8.4 A buoy with a green and white flag may be streamed from the stern of the race committee start boat. This buoy will be deemed to be part of the race committee boat and a boat shall not touch it or pass between it and the committee boat.

9 Areas That Are Obstructions

The following areas are designated obstructions that boats shall not enter, or cross, as applicable.

- (a) The area bounded by four navigation marks defining Heathcote Channel;
- (b) Boats shall pass all navigation marks on their deepwater side, except Outer Dolphin (17) which may be passed on either side;
- (c) Lines in Use: A conspicuous orange flag displayed at a start or finish line will identify a line in use by a river club. A boat shall not pass in either direction through a line in use except between its preparatory signal and starting, when finishing or when using a mark of the line as a rounding mark.

10 The Start

10.1 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.

10.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been given shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11 Change of the Next Leg of a 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.

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 (black and white chequered buoy).

13 Time Limit and Target Time

13.1 The race time limit will be 45 minutes.

13.2 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, A4 and A5.

14 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office located at the Clubhouse north foyer. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will normally be conducted at the Club during the week following the event, at a place and time to be notified by email.
- 14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 14.5 Breaches of instructions 9(c), 18, 19, 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. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

15 Scoring

- 15.1 The number of races required to be completed to constitute a series shall be as notified in the Notice of Race.
- 15.2 Scoring for the regattas will use the SMS handicap system, boats that do not have a valid SMS handicap will be ineligible to win the regatta on SMS. The RC will use an estimated SMS handicap as a starting point for performance based handicap results in accordance with rule 90.3.
- 15.3 When the race committee becomes aware it may have made a scoring error, or when requested by a boat which lodges a Scoring Enquiry form, it may correct the error.

16 Replacement of Crew or Equipment

A change of skipper may be allowed subject to the approval of the race committee.

17 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 a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

- 17.1 A sail may be attached to a bowsprit, this changes rule 50.3
- 17.2 A boat with installed moveable ballast may utilise stored power for this purpose, this changes rules 51 and 52

18 Advertising

A boat intending to display advertising shall advise the race committee.

19 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.

20 Prizes

Prizes will be given in accordance with the Notice of Race.

21 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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 regattas.

22 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.

Attachment A

WINDWARD-LEEWARD COURSE

Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – Finish

