



South of Perth Yacht Club (Inc.)

(Organizing Authority)

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

- 1.1 Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Spinnakers shall not be used. For this purpose of this rule a spinnaker is defined as any sail set forward of the mast not attached to the forestay at regular intervals or hoisted in a continuous groove device.

2 Eligibility

- 2.1 The regatta is open to keelboats of classic wooden boat design or replicas.
- 2.2 Races will be conducted for three fleets; Old Gaffers, H28/Timber Yachts and Couta Boats. Boats will be allocated to a fleet by the race committee.
- 2.3 To remain eligible a boat shall be;
 - (a) listed on the South of Perth boat register
 - (b) registered at a club or association affiliated with Yachting WA and complying with that club or association's safety requirements. Boats shall comply with rule 77, Identification on Sails.

3 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the north east foyer of the clubhouse.

4 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1345 on the day of the race except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1600 on the day before the race.

5 Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal mast on the Clubhouse north east lawn
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 Schedule of Racing

- 5.1 A Pre-Racing Briefing for skippers will be held at 1345 in Archies Bar, SoPYC clubhouse,.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1425.

6 Class Flags

- 6.1 Class flags will be;

Fleet	Class Flag
Old Gaffers	OGA Association Flag
H28/Timber Yachts	H28 Flag
Couta Boats	Code Flag B

- 6.2 Boats shall display their identification flag from the backstay or mainsail leech when racing.

7 Racing Area

The racing area will be generally Melville Waters West and East.

8 Courses

- 8.1 Courses are listed in Attachment A. The course will be designated by a numeral pennant corresponding to the course number, displayed below the fleet identification flag.
- 8.2 A Turning Mark will be laid after the start as listed in the course.

9 Marks, and Starting and Finishing Marks

- 9.1 Marks of the course will be standard club fixed buoys as shown in the Guide to Swan River Yacht Racing marks.
- 9.2 The Turning Mark will be a blue inflatable buoy.
- 9.3 The Box Start Line and Box Finish Line will be between the Box signal mast and a yellow outer mark. A yellow inner buoy will mark the extent but not necessarily the position of the line and shall be left on the same hand as the Start Box.

10 Shortening the Course

- 10.1 The race committee may shorten a course before or after the start. This changes rule 32.1.

Before the Starting Signal

If flag S is displayed below the course flag no later than the warning signal, then the marks prefixed * in the course description shall be omitted.

After the Starting Signal

The course may be shortened in accordance with rule 32.2, or

When flag S is displayed together with the SoPYC pennant, adjacent to a mark of the course, then the marks prefixed * in the course description shall be omitted.

11 Obstructions

- 11.1 The area and the lines listed are designated obstructions that boats shall not enter, or cross, as applicable.
 - (a) the area bounded by the four navigational marks defining Heathcote Channel;
 - (b) an imaginary line between Bricklanding (33A) and (33b) buoys;
 - (c) an imaginary line between Smith buoy (35A) and Lucky Bay buoy (35B).
- 11.2 The penalty for breaking this rule is DSQ without a hearing except that a boat which breaks this rule and notifies the race committee within the protest time limit will be penalised 3 places.

12 Navigation Marks

Boats shall pass all navigation marks on the deepwater side, except Outer Dolphin (17) and Foam Spit (18), which may be passed on either side.

13 Mark Missing

If a mark of the course is missing, boats shall round its usual position. Rule 34(b) is deleted.

14 Line 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.

15 Starting – Fleet Start

- 12.1 Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the start.
- 12.2 When a general recall is signalled the First Substitute will be displayed for 1 minute only. The warning signal for a new start for the first recalled fleet will be made at the starting signal of the last fleet in the original sequence. New starts for other recalled fleets will follow in order thereafter. This changes rule 29.2 and race signal, 'First Substitute'.
- 12.3 The starting line will remain open for any boat until 5 minutes after the starting signal for the last fleet. Boats starting after that time will be scored DNS without a hearing.

16 Penalty System

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

17 Time Limits

The Time Limit for boats in all fleets will be 1700. Boats failing to finish by this time will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

18 Protests, Redress, Mediation and Penalties Without a Hearing

18.1 Protest forms are available at the On Water Group Office in the Clubhouse foyer.

18.2 For each fleet the time limit for protests, requests for redress and scoring enquiries shall be one hour after the finishing time of the last boat to finish.

18.3 A protest lodged by a boat in accordance with rule 61 which alleges an infringement of a rule of Part 2, Part 4 or rule 28.1 will be subject to mediation in accordance with Appendix A of the sailing instructions.

18.4 When the race committee becomes aware it may have made a scoring mistake, or when requested by a boat which lodges a Scoring Enquiry form at the On Water Group offices within 24 hours of the announcement of results, it may correct the error.

19 Scoring

Finishing places will be calculated on handicap in accordance with rule A3. The race committee will post a list of handicaps for all boats prior to the Pre-Race Briefing.

20 Prizes and Trophies

Pennants will be awarded in each fleet for Fastest and 1st, 2nd and 3rd on handicap.

Other prizes and trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

21 Insurance

Each participating boat shall take out valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

22 Disclaimer

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained prior to, during, or after any event. No boat shall start in any race unless it has signed the Declaration forming part of the Sailing Nomination Form.

Appendix A – Protest Mediation Guidelines

- A1 Mediation hearings will be conducted as soon as practicable after a protest is lodged and prior to any protest hearing.
- A2 A mediator will be appointed by the race committee and will decide the time and place of the hearing. Notice of the hearing may be given verbally.
- A3 A mediation hearing shall not proceed without a representative of each boat present. No witnesses will be allowed. The mediator will decide the manner in which testimony is given.
- A4 At the conclusion of the mediation hearing and in the presence of the parties 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 for any 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 take a penalty which shall be half the difference between the score for her finishing position and the score for disqualification. The adjusted score shall be calculated to the nearest half point. No other boats scores shall be changed. This changes rule 63.1.
- A5 A mediation hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of a mediator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.
- A6 Should the matter proceed to a protest hearing the mediator may be a member of the protest committee. The parties to the hearing may question evidence given by a mediator.

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Attachment A – Courses

When a shortened course is signalled marks designated * shall be deleted

H28 and Couta Boat courses

Course 1(SW/NE)

Start	Start Box
Turning Mark (Blue Buoy)	P
Deepwater Spit (37)	S
Bartlett Buoy (39)	S
Dolpin East Buoy (42b)	S
*King Buoy (61)	S
*Robins Buoy (59)	S
*Dolphin East Buoy (42b)	S
*Print Buoy (20)	S
*Como Buoy (65)	S

Finish

Course 6.9 nm Short 4.4 nm

Course 2 (E or W)

Start	Start Box
Sampson Spit (19)	P
Hallmark Buoy (41a)	P
King Buoy (61)	S
Deepwater Spit (37)	S
Dolphin East Buoy (42b)	S
Thelma Buoy (67)	S
Finish	
<i>Course 6.6 nm</i>	

Course 3 (NW or SE)

Start	Start Box
Turning Mark (Blue Buoy)	P
Hallmark Buoy (41a)	P
Dee Road Buoy (38)	P
Deepwater Spit (37)	S
Print Buoy (20)	S
*Frenchman's Buoy (60)	S
*Robin's Buoy (59)	S
*Thelma Buoy (67)	S

Finish

Course 6.8 nm Short 5.1 nm

Course 4 (SW)

Start	Start Box
Turning Mark (Blue Buoy)	P
Deepwater Spit (37)	S
Hallmark Buoy (41a)	P
Armstrong Buoy (32)	P
Print Buoy (20)	S
Deepwater Spit (37)	S
Dolphin East Buoy (42b)	S
Sampson Spit (19)	S

Finish

Course 7.9 nm

Old Gaffers Courses

Course 1 (SW)

Start	Start Box
Turning Mark (Blue Buoy)	P
Dolphin East Buoy (42b)	S
King Buoy (61)	S
Print Buoy (20)	S
Thelma Buoy (67)	S
*Robins Buoy (59)	S
*Como Buoy (65)	S
*Thelma Buoy (67)	s

Finish

Course 6.3 nm Short 3.9 nm

Course 2 (NW or SE)

Start	Start Box
Turning Mark (Blue Buoy)	P
Deepwater Spit (37)	S
Print Buoy (20)	S
Como Buoy (65)	S
*Robin's Buoy (59)	S
Finish	

Course 5.6 nm Short 3.9 nm

TURNING MARK (Day Buoy) in the vicinity south east of Como Buoy

VHF Channel 77, 27 Meg Channel 94, Race Control 0421 704 945