

NOTICE OF RACE

Inter Club and Country Club Championships

Friday, 16 to Sunday, 18 April 2021 • Hosted by Royal Perth Yacht Club



1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is Royal Perth Yacht Club in conjunction with Swan River Sailing

2. RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

2.2 Race will be umpired and conducted as per Appendix A attached to this NoR.

3. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY and CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

3.1 Clubs shall field teams in 3 categories (with 4 sessions) Veterans, Womens and Opens (2 sessions).

3.2 All competitors shall be members of an Australian Sailing affiliated club and hold a sailor identification number (SIN). Competitors shall be members of the Yacht Club that they represent. Compliance with this requirement is the responsibility of the skipper and/or team manager of each Yacht Club.

3.3 Clubs shall enter by completing the online entry form [here](#) including paying the entry fee by Friday the week before the event.

3.4 Entries are accepted at the discretion of the OA.

3.5 The number of crew (including the skipper) will be 6 if all crew are male or 7 if 2 or more crew are female or youth. Youth are defined as being 21 years of age or under as at 31, December 2020.

3.6 Metropolitan Teams

(a) Helms may not skipper in more than one session of the championship, unless approval is granted in writing by the OA.

(b) Crew members may not participate in more than two sessions of the championship, unless approval is granted in writing by the OA.

(c) Championship session 1 shall be skippered and crewed predominantly by Veteran crews. A veteran is defined as 50 years of age or over as at 31, December 2020. A maximum of two crew members may be under 50 years of age, but may not skipper the boat.

(d) Championship session 2 shall be skippered and crewed by all women.

3.7 Non-Metropolitan Teams

(a) Although compliance is encouraged, NoR 3.6 is not mandatory for non-metropolitan yacht club teams. Crew members from yacht clubs outside the Perth metropolitan area are permitted to compete in all races scheduled.

4. ENTRY FEE and DAMAGE DEPOSITS

4.1 The entry fee is \$900.00 for metropolitan Clubs and \$700.00 for non-Metropolitan Clubs

4.2 No damage deposit is required but teams are responsible for, and will be charged for any damage.

4.3 The maximum damage cost for any one incident is \$2,000.00.



5. FORMAT and SCORING

- 5.1 The event will be sailed in Foundation 36 yachts provided by the OA.
- 5.2 As many races will be sailed in each session as time allows.
- 5.3 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS appendix A.
- 5.4 Each session will be scored separately with a Clubs final position in each session being counted as its score for the overall result. No discards will be allowed (Changes RRS A2.1). In the event of a tie the positions in session 4 will determine the overall result.
- 5.5 One race will constitute a session.

6. SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Details
Friday, 16 April	1545	Daily briefing
	1630	Session 1 racing for Veterans. No warning signal will be made after 1800hrs.
	1830	Presentation of prizes for session 1 races
Saturday, 17 April	0800	Daily briefing
	0845	Session 2 racing for Female teams. No warning signal after 1100hrs.
	1130	Presentation of prizes for session 2 races
Sunday, 18 April	0900	Daily Briefing
	0945	Session 3 racing for Open teams
	1300	Session 4 racing for Open teams. No warning signal after 1500.
	1530	Closing Presentations

7. BOAT ALLOCATION

- 7.1 Boats will be allocated by the OA and this will be advised to competitors at the first briefing.
- 7.2 All yachts will be at the venue for start of the regatta.
- 7.3 It is requested that teams assist returning the yachts to RPYC 45 minutes after the closing presentations.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 Sailing Instructions will be available via the Swan River Sailing website at least 3 days prior to the event.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 Courses will be windward/leeward and fully described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1 The Inter Club Championships perpetual trophy will be awarded to the winning team.
- 10.2 The Country Clubs Regatta perpetual trophy will be awarded to the highest placed non-metropolitan team when 2 or more country teams are competing.

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

11.1 All those taking part in this event do so at their own risk and responsibility. The OA, Swan River Sailing and any other associated sponsor disclaims any and every responsibility for loss, damage, injury or inconvenience that might occur to persons and things both ashore and at sea, as a consequence of participation in any way in this event. Attention is drawn to RRS Part 1, Fundamental Rules, in particular, the RRS which states that “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

12.1 For further information please contact;
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A1 CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES**A1.1 Changes to the Definitions and the Rules of Part 2**

- (a) The definition *Finish* is changed to
- A boat *finishes* when any part of her hull, or crew or equipment in normal position, crosses the finishing line in the direction of the course from the last *mark*, either for the first time or after completing any penalties or, under rule 28.1, after correcting an error made at the finishing line.
- (b) When rule 20.1 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:
- (1) for 'Room to tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
 - (2) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

A1.2 Changes to Rules Involving Protests and Exoneration

- (a) In rule 60.3(a)(1) 'serious' is deleted.
- (b) The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted.
- (c) A boat that, while *racing*, may have broken a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury) may take a One-Turn Penalty under rule 44.

A2 PROTESTS BY BOATS

When a boat protests under a rule of Part 2 or under rule 31 or 42 for an incident in the racing area, she is not entitled to a hearing and the following applies:

- (a) She shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a "Y" (Yankee) flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each.
- (b) The boats shall be given time to respond. A boat involved in the incident may respond by promptly taking an appropriate penalty or clearly indicating that she will do so as soon as possible.
- (c) If no boat takes a penalty, an umpire shall decide whether to penalize any boat.
- (d) If more than one boat broke a rule and was not exonerated, an umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and did not take an appropriate penalty.
- (e) An umpire shall signal a decision in compliance with rule A3.
- (f) a boat penalized by an umpire shall take a Two-Turns Penalty.

A3 SIGNALS BY UMPIRES**A3.1** An umpire shall signal a decision as follows:

- (a) A green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty.'
- (b) A red flag with one long sound means 'The identified boat is penalized.'
- (c) A black flag with one long sound means 'The identified boat is disqualified.'

A3.2 A boat penalized under rule A3.1(b) shall promptly take a Two-Turns Penalty under rule 44. A boat disqualified under rule A3.1(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

A4 PENALTIES INITIATED BY UMPIRES**A4.1 Rule Changes**

Rule 64.1(c) is changed so that the provision for exonerating a boat may be applied by the umpires without a hearing, and it takes precedence over any conflicting rule of this appendix.

A4.2 When a boat

- (a) breaks rule 31 or 42 and does not take a penalty,
- (b) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
- (c) breaks rule 2, or
- (d) fails to comply with rule 44.2 when required by an umpire,

an umpire may penalize her without a *protest* by another boat. The umpire may impose a penalty of one or more turns, each including one tack and one gybe, signalled by displaying a red flag and hailing the boat accordingly, or penalize her under rule A3.1(c) or report the incident to the protest committee for further action.

A4.3 If the umpires decide that a boat may have broken a *rule* other than those listed in rules A2 and A4.2, they shall so inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3.

A5 REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

A5.1 A boat intending to request redress because of circumstances that arise before she *finishes* or retires shall clearly display a red flag as soon as possible after she becomes aware of those circumstances, but not later than two minutes after *finishing* or retiring. She shall keep the flag displayed until she has informed the umpires after *finishing* or retiring.

A5.2 There shall be no request for redress or an appeal from a decision made under the rules of this appendix. In rule 66 the third sentence is changed to 'A party to the hearing may not ask for a reopening.'

A5.3 A competitor may not base a request for redress on a claim that an action by an official boat was improper. The protest committee may decide to consider giving redress in such circumstances but only if it believes that an official boat, including an umpire boat, may have seriously interfered with a competing boat.

A5.4 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by the umpires, except as permitted in rule A5.3.

- A5.5**
- (a) *Protests* and requests for redress need not be in writing.
 - (b) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
 - (c) If the protest committee decides that a breach of a *rule* has had no significant effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a penalty or make any other arrangement it decides is fair for all boats affected, which may be to impose no penalty.

A5.6 Neither the race committee nor the protest committee shall protest a boat for breaking a rule listed in rule A2, except rule 14 when there is damage or injury.