

# NOTICE OF RACE

## 2023 Womens State Keelboat Championships

Saturday, 1 April 2023 • Hosted by the South of Perth Yacht Club



### 1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is South of 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 Races will be umpired and conducted as per Appendix A attached to this NoR.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY and CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

3.1 Clubs are invited to enter teams of women.

3.2 The maximum number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 7.

3.3 All competitors shall be members of an Australian Sailing affiliated club and hold a sailor identification number (SIN).

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

3.5 Entries are accepted at the discretion of the OA.

### 4. ENTRY FEE and DAMAGE DEPOSITS

4.1 The entry fee is \$475.00 + booking fee.

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 as the programme allows;

a. If five or more races are sailed a boats score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

b. If four or less races are sailed all races shall be scored.

c. One race will constitute a series.

### 6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Sailing Instructions will be available via the Swan River Sailing website at least three days prior to the event.

### 7. PROGRAMME

7.1 A competitors briefing will be held at the host club at 0730hrs.

7.2 The first warning signal will be made at 0815hrs.

7.3 Each subsequent race will start as soon as possible after the preceding race.

7.4 No warning signal will be made after 1215hrs.

7.5 Presentations will be held ashore at the host club at approximately 1245hrs.

### 8. BOAT ALLOCATION

8.1 Boats will be allocated by the OA and this will be advised to competitors at the briefing.

8.2 A complimentary training session is available. Please email [Ethan](#) to organise a session. These are per a fixed schedule and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Additional training slots are available at \$200+GST per three hours.

8.3 All yachts will be at the venue for the start of the regatta.



**9. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means

**10. COURSES**

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

**11. PRIZES**

11.1 The Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winning skipper.

11.2 Prizes may be awarded for first, second and third overall.

**12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

12.1 All those taking part in this event do so at their own risk and responsibility. The OA, Swan River Sailing and any other associated sponsors 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 3 which states that “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.

**13. FURTHER INFORMATION**

13.1 For further information please contact;  
Ethan Prieto-Low [coo@swanriversailing.com](mailto:coo@swanriversailing.com)  
Or telephone 9386 9488.

We encourage all participants to engage with us on your social media channels!

Please tag **@SwanRiverSailing** and use the hashtags **#SwanRiverSailing** & **#WomensKeelboatChamps2023**



**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 single gybe when on an upwind leg or single tack when on a downwind leg 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 64.2 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 shall impose a penalty of two or more turns, each including two tacks and two gybes, 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. Rule 66.2 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.