

NOTICE OF RACE

Inter Club & Country Club Championships



Friday, 19 to Sunday, 21 April 2024 • Hosted by Mounts Bay Sailing Club

(Amended 28/03/2024)

PC: Protest Committee or International Jury
OA: Organising Authority
SI: Sailing Instruction
[NP]: A boat may not protest as per NoR 1.3

NoR: Notice of Race
RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing
RC: Race Committee

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Races will be umpired and conducted as per Addendum A.
- 1.3 The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SI's will be available after 5pm on Tuesday, 16th April 2024 on the Swan River Sailing event page www.swanriversailing.com/inter-club-championships

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board which is located at www.swanriversailing.com/inter-club-championships.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 All Western Australian yacht clubs are invited to enter teams in accordance with NoR 6.
- 4.2 Clubs may enter the event by registering online at www.revolutionise.com.au/swanriversailing/events/199777/
- 4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a Club shall complete registration and pay the entry fee by Friday, 5th April.
- 4.4 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. Crew lists for each team are to be submitted no later than 2 days prior to the event to projects@swanriversailing.com.
- 4.5 Entries will be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$1,450.00 for Metropolitan Clubs and \$800.00 for Non-Metropolitan Clubs.
- 5.2 No damage deposit is required but teams are responsible for any damage and will be charged accordingly.
- 5.3 The maximum damage cost for any one incident is \$5,000.00.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 Clubs shall field teams in 3 categories across 4 sessions including Veterans, Women's and Open (2 sessions).
- 6.2 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 under 25 years of age as at 1st May 2024.
- 6.3 **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 2 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 1st May 2024. A maximum of 2 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.

6.4 Non-Metropolitan Teams

- 6.5 Although compliance is encouraged, NoR 6.3 is not mandatory for non-metropolitan yacht club teams. Crew members from yacht clubs located outside the Perth metropolitan area are permitted to compete in all races scheduled.



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7. EVENT FORMAT

- 7.1 The event will be sailed in Foundation 36 yachts provided by the OA. Each boat will have the following sails: mainsail, genoa, jib and spinnaker.
- 7.2 The sails to be used will be allocated by the RC.
- 7.3 As many races will be sailed in each session as time allows.

8. SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Details
Friday, 19 th April	1545	Daily briefing at Mounts Bay Sailing Club
	1630	Racing for Session 1 Veteran teams. No warning signal will be made after 1830hrs.
	1900	Presentation of prizes for Session 1 Veteran races at Mounts Bay Sailing Club
Saturday, 20 th April	0900	Daily briefing at Mounts Bay Sailing Club
	0945	Racing for Session 2 Women's teams commences. No warning signal after 1145hrs.
	1230	Presentation of prizes for session 2 races at Mounts Bay Sailing Club
Sunday, 21 st April	0900	Daily Briefing at Mounts Bay Sailing Club
	0945	Racing for Session 3 Open #1 teams commences.
	1230	Racing for Session 4 Open #2 teams commences. No warning signal after 1500hrs.
	Straight after racing	Closing Presentations at Mounts Bay Sailing Club

9. BOAT ALLOCATION

- 9.1 Boats will be allocated for the duration of the event by the OA and competitors will be advised of their boat number by 12pm Friday 19th April.
- 9.2 All boats will be located at Royal Perth Yacht Club and are to be returned to their berth at the end of each session.
- 9.3 A complimentary training session is available for each team. Please email [Tessa Parkinson](mailto:Tessa.Parkinson) to organise a session. Additional training sessions are available for \$750 for up to 4 hours.

10. VENUE

- 10.1 Racing will be conducted in Matilda Bay.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 Courses will be windward/leeward with a leeward gate finishing downwind and will be described in full in the Sailing Instructions.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A.
- 12.2 Each session will be scored separately with a Club's 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.
- 12.3 One race will constitute a session.

13. RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.** The OA, Swan River Sailing and any other associated entity 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.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1 The Inter Club Championships perpetual trophy will be awarded to the winning team.
- 14.2 The Country Clubs Regatta perpetual trophy will be awarded to the highest placed non-metropolitan team when 2 or more country teams are competing.
- 14.3 Prizes may be awarded for first, second and third overall.



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15. FURTHER INFORMATION

15.1 For further information, please contact:

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

Please tag @SwanRiverSailing and use the hashtags #SwanRiverSailing & #InterClubChamps2024



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ADDENDUM A UMPIRED FLEET RACING

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.



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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.



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