NOTICE OF RACE

Foundation 36 Championships

Saturday, 28 February to Monday, 2 March 2026 • Royal Perth Yacht Club Inc.

PC: Protest Committee	NoR: Notice of Race	OA: Organising Authority
RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing	SI: Sailing Instruction	RC: Race Committee
RO: Race Officer	[NP]: A boat may not protest as per NoR 1.5	

1. RULES

The event will be governed by:

1.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS) as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The Australian Sailing (AS), Special Regulations Part 1, Category 6.

1.3 The Department of Transport WA (DoT) safety regulations for vessels operating in more than 400m from shore in unprotected waters.

1.4 Races will be umpired and conducted as per Addendum A.

1.5 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).

1.6 In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail (this changes RRS 63.5(c)).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The SIs will be available to entrants at least one week prior to the event and posted on the RPYC website and Swan River Sailing website: www.swanriversailing.com/foundation36-championships

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online official notice board is located at https://rpyc.com.au/web/pages/wa-keelboat-championships.

3.1.1 Secondary to the Official noticeboard, an "instant messaging" system such as WhatsApp may be used to notify skippers of timely information, including schedule updates, abandonment of racing etc. Further details on how to join the group will be available on the website and in the SIs.

3.2 All boats will be supplied with an operational VHF radio. Any boat requiring emergency assistance during the event shall signal the RC either on VHF Channel 72 or with the use of a mobile phone on the number published in the SIs.

3.3 Except Except in the case of emergency, VHF radios shall be used specifically for Race Committee communications on the allocated channel. Casual radio communications between boats are to be avoided. Except in the case of emergency, VHF radios shall be used specifically for Race Committee communications on the allocated channel. Casual radio communications between boats are to be avoided.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 Entries are limited to 8 teams. Teams wishing to receive an entry may register their request by completing the online form available at www.revolutionise.com.au/swanriversailing/events/324317 by Saturday, 31st January 2026.

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

4.3 The skipper shall complete registration, pay an entry fee of AUD$3,500 by Friday, 13th February 2026 and arrange the damage deposit of AUD$2,000 at registration.

4.4 A minimum of 6 teams is required to constitute a fleet.

4.5 Entries will be accepted at the discretion of Swan River Sailing.

5. FEES

5.1 The entry fee is $3,500 per yacht.

6. DAMAGE DEPOSIT

6.1 Each supplied boat is insured by Swan River Sailing for third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD$5,000 per incident.

6.2 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to continue in the event.

6.3 Swan River Sailing will refund any remaining damage deposit within 10 days after the event.

7. CREW LIMITATIONS

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

7.2 A substitute helmsman for the regatta may be permitted and must be named on the nomination form.

8. [NP] ADVERTISING

8.1 Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by Swan River Sailing.

9. VENUE

9.1 The regatta venue will be the Royal Perth Yacht Club Annexe, Mews Road, Fremantle.

9.2 The racing area will be situated on Owen Anchorage.

9.3 The Foundation 36 yachts will jointly utilise the Annexe facilities and courses in conjunction with the WA Keelboat State Championship fleets including the S80s, S97s and Farr 9.2s.

10. RACE SCHEDULE

Eight (8) races are scheduled from Saturday, 28th February through to Monday, 2nd March 2026.

8.1 Dates of Racing

Day	First Warning Signal
Saturday, 28th February	1000
Sunday, 1st March	As advertised by the RC prior to 1800, 28/2/26
Monday, 2nd March	As advertised by the RC prior to 1800, 1/3/26

8.2 No more than three (3) races will be sailed on any day.

8.3 No warning signal will be made after 1130 on Monday, 2nd March.

11. BOAT ALLOCATION

11.1 Boats will be allocated for the duration of the event by Swan River Sailing and competitors will be advised of their boat number by 0700 on Saturday, 28th February.

11.2 All boats will be located at Royal Perth Yacht Club Annexe and are to be returned to their berth at the end of each session.

11.3 Each boat will be supplied with a mainsail, genoa 1, genoa 2, jib and spinnaker, a VHF radio and safety equipment.

11.4 Berths will be provided within Challenger Harbour for all participating boats as advised by the OA.

11.5 A complimentary training session is included in the entry fee for each team. Please email Adele Jackson at eo@sswanriversailing.com to organise a session. Additional training sessions are available for $300 for up to 3 hours.

12. REGATTA BRIEFINGS

12.1 A mandatory volunteer briefing shall be held at 0800 on Saturday, 28th February.

12.2 A mandatory skippers briefing shall be held at 0815 on Saturday, 28th February as indicated by a whistle sounded at 0810. Briefings on Sunday, 1st March and Monday, 2nd March shall be at the discretion of the RO, indicated by a whistle.

12.3 A mandatory competitors debrief shall be held on Saturday, 28th February as indicated by a whistle sounded within one hour of RC boat docking. Debriefing on Sunday, 1st March shall be at the discretion of the RO.

13. SCORING

13.1 Scoring will be in accordance with the Low Point System, RRS Appendix A.

13.2 Four (4) races must be completed to constitute a series.

13.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14. MEASUREMENT AND SAFETY

14.1 All boats may be subjected to a safety inspection supervised by an AS equipment auditor or the Maintenance Manager at any time during the series.

14.2 An emergency plan shall be issued prior to the event.

14.3 It is each competitor's responsibility to ensure they carry sufficient hydration and adequate means of sun protection for the entire regatta.

14.4 All skippers are required to submit a list (form to be provided) showing names and emergency contact details of all crew intending to race each day of the event.

14.5 [DP] All skippers are required to sign on and off and record crew numbers each day on the sign on sheet at the race office.

15. VOLUNTEER RACE STAFF AND SUPPORT CRAFT

15.1 All Race Committee members and support staff are volunteers and are to be treated with courtesy and respect at all times.

15.2 Other than for a purpose approved by the RO, no competitor shall board any support craft, nor command its use for any purpose except SOLAS emergency.

16. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

16.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta, nor cleaned below the waterline by any means.

17. PRIZES

17.1 The Foundation 36 Championships perpetual trophy will be awarded to the winning team.

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

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1 It is the skipper's decision to enter the event or to start and continue in any race. Skippers shall accept that their participation in the event is at their exclusive risk in every respect.

18.2 By signing the entry form for the event, skippers indemnify Swan River Sailing and the OA, their officers, members, staff, volunteers and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the event.

18.3 Swan River Sailing and the OA, their officers, members, staff, volunteers and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the event or howsoever arising in connection with the event.

18.4 Skippers and crew should note RRS Fundamental Rule 3: '*The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.*'

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

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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*** *&* ***#F36Champs2026***

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.

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.