



Australian 9er CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

South of Perth Yacht Club



NOTICE OF RACE

South of Perth Yacht Club
(Organising Authority)

The South of Perth Yacht Club (SoPYC) on behalf of the Australian Niner Association (ANA), invites entries to the Australian 9er Championships 2024 to be conducted from Saturday 6 to Friday 12 January 2024.

South of Perth Yacht Club and the Australian 9er Association acknowledge the Nyoongar Whadjuk people - traditional custodians of this land. We wish to acknowledge the strength of their continuing culture and offer our respects to Elders past and present.

1. COVID-19 REGULATIONS [DP]

- 1.1 The racing will be conducted in accordance with Federal & State legislations relating to COVID-19. WA regulations can be found here:
<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus/covid-19-coronavirus-managing-covid-19-wa>
- 1.2 Competitors are responsible for deciding whether to participate or not, and for compliance with all applicable rules and regulations, including all COVID regulations.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the following rules:
 - a) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
 - b) Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats,
 - c) The Class Rules (except where any of these are altered by the SI's),
 - d) Sailing Instructions (SI's)
- 2.2 Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
 - a) RRS Appendix P shall apply.
 - b) RRS Appendix T, Arbitration shall apply.
 - c) The Notation '[NP]' denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat, This changes RRS 60.1(a). The Notation '[DP]' denotes a rule in the NoR and SIs that is at the discretion of the protest committee. A boat may accept a discretionary penalty before a hearing concerning the same incident by completing a form available at the jury office.
 - d) RRS 63.1, 64.1 & Appendix A5 will be amended in the SI's to enable the Race Committee to apply a scoring penalty [SCP] without a hearing for some breaches of the rules.
 - e) RRS 44.1 and Appendix P2.1 are changed so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by the one- turn penalty.
 - f) For the 29er class only, Appendix P2.3 will not apply and RRS Appendix P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after 1700 Saturday 30 December 2023 at:
<https://sopyc.com.au/australian-9er-championships-2024/>



4. COMMUNICATION

The official noticeboard is located at <https://sopyc.com.au/australian-9er-championships-2024/>

A physical noticeboard is located in the Centreboard Clubhouse.

While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

5.1 The event is open to all boats of the 29er, 49er FX and 49er classes.

5.2 Australian competitors shall be financial members of their respective state 29er/49er (9er) class association.

5.3 Australian competitors shall be financial members of AS and a club affiliated with AS.

5.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and submitting it together with the required fee via the link below:

<https://sopyc.com.au/australian-9er-championships-2024/>

5.5 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5.6 Entries close at midnight Thursday 30 November 2023.

5.7 For all competitors under 18 years of age at any time during the event, completing the online registration form will be deemed Parental/Guardian consent for entry to the Regatta.

6. FEES

6.1 Entry fees (includes entry to Welcome and Presentation functions) are as follows:

- Early Bird entry \$445 (available until midnight Thurs 30 November 2023)
- Standard entry is \$495

6.2 No fees are refundable after the entry closing date. Before that the date, entry fees can be refunded as follows with administration expenses retained.

- Up to 12th November 2023 - 85 % of the entry fee will be refunded.
- Up to 12th December 2023 - 75 % of the entry fee will be refunded.
- After 12th December 2023 - 50 % of the entry fee will be refunded.

6.3 If the Australian 9er Championships 2024 is cancelled, each competitor or coach shall receive a refund of 85% of the entry fees paid.

7. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA and ANA.

Individual boats may display other advertising subject to OA and ANA approval. Competitors will not display advertising that is not approved from their boats and equipment.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1 Schedule

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sat 06 Jan 2024	0800 – 1600	Measurement / Registration
Sun 07 Jan 2024	0800 – 1030	Measurement / Registration
	1100	Competitors Briefing
	1300	1 st warning signal Practice Racing
Mon 08 Jan 2024		Championship Racing
Tue 09 Jan 2024		Championship Racing
Wed 10 Jan 2024		Championship Racing
Thur 11 Jan 2024		Championship Racing
Friday 12 January 2024		Championship Racing
	1600	No warning signal after 1600 Prize Presentation and closing party asap after racing

8.2 The regatta will consist of up to 15 races.



- 8.3 There shall be no more than 4 races per day.
- 8.4 The scheduled time for the first warning signal on Championship Racing days will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.
- 8.5 On any scheduled day of racing, no warning signal made after 1730hrs. On the last day of racing (12/1/24), no warning signal shall be made after 1600hrs.
- 8.6 The organising Authority may decide based on entry numbers to split fleets, in which case racing will be conducted along the following lines.
 - i. The Organising Authority will allocate boats into two approximately equal fleets for day one of racing, after which they will be reallocated on subsequent days based on series results to have a consistent standard between the two fleets.
 - ii. A list of boats in each fleet will be posted on the notice board no later than 2 hours before the scheduled start time.
 - iii. The first two race days will be used for qualifying races, with a minimum of 3 races required to constitute a series. Should three qualifying races not be completed at the end of day 2, then all races on day three will be used as qualifying races.
 - iv. After qualifying, the top half (rounded up) of the boats, based on their combined overall results, will be allocated to the Gold fleet, with the remained allocated to the Silver fleet for the duration of the finals.
 - v. Finals races will commence on the day after the qualifying series concludes.

9. MEASUREMENT

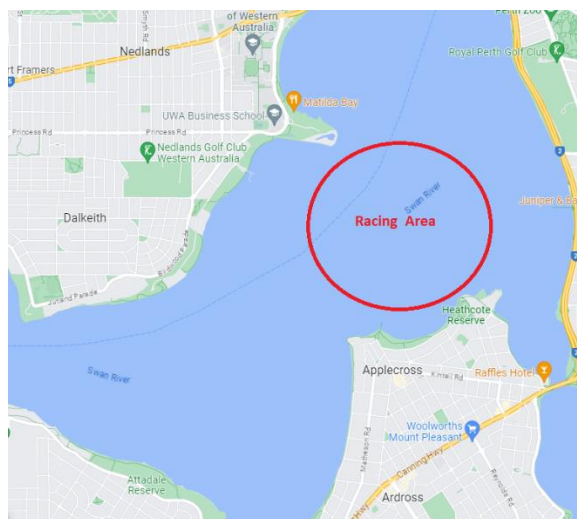
The format for measurement will be as follows:

- 9.1 The 29er, 49FX and 49er are closed class rules. Please read the class rules available on the respective class websites.
- 9.2 This will be a self-declaration measurement i.e. the correct class measurement form is to be filled in and signed off by the skipper. See Addendum C at the end of this NoR for 29er and 49er/49erFX. The required serial numbers for the foils, sails and mast sections, spreaders and 49er wing sections will be recorded on the measurement form.
- 9.3 All boats will be weighed as part of the measurement process.

During the course of the regatta random boats will be selected to have the hulls check weighed for compliance. It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure that their boat conforms to their class rules.
- 9.4 All forestays will be measured and sealed by a class sticker by the team of measurers.
- 9.5 Two jibs and one mainsail, spinnaker and forestay shall be used throughout the duration of the Championships.
- 9.6 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Class Measurer (Technical Committee). Requests for substitution shall be made to the Technical Committee at the first reasonable opportunity, including retrospectively, provided that, in the case of a retrospective application, a Request for Substitution of Equipment Form is completed and submitted to the Technical Committee prior to the protest time limit of the day in which the substitution occurred.
- 9.7 Skipper and crew must carry a SOLAS-approved whistle whenever on the water.

10. VENUE

10.1 [Google maps](#) shows the location of the racing areas.



11. COURSES AND RACE FORMAT

11.1 Courses will be windward - leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.

11.2 The racing format may consist of the following:

- 29er, 49er FX and 49er classes will race on the same course area.
- The 49er FX and 49er may start together as one division and will be scored separately.
- Race target time is 30mins, each session is back to back race format.

12. SCORING

12.1 Five races are required to constitute a series.

12.2 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

12.3 When fewer than six races a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

12.4 When from six to nine races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12.5 When from ten to fifteen races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

12.6 If fleets are split, scoring for those fleets will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

13. SUPPORT/COACH BOATS [DP]

13.1 Support and coach boats shall register online at with the OA via the link below:
<https://sopyc.com.au/australian-9er-championships-2024/>

13.2 All support and coach boats shall keep clear of the racing area while boats are racing (except when rendering assistance to a boat in distress).

13.3 All support and coach boats shall remain at least 50 metres outside areas where all fleets are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

13.4 All support and coach boats are required to have a VHF radio and maintain a listening watch on VHF 69 or any other channel as directed by the Race Committee.

13.5 When requested by the Race Management Team, support and coach boats shall render immediate assistance as and when directed.

14. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned areas on the west lawn as directed by race officials. Trailers shall be stored in designated areas in the carpark.

15. RISK STATEMENT

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.**

16. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per incident or equivalent and shall be made available upon request.

17. PRESENTATION OF RESULTS AND PRIZES

17.1 Overall prizes will be awarded as follows:

29er Class

29er Australian National Championship Perpetual Trophy

- Awarded to the 1st placed Australian team.

1st, 2nd, 3rd overall (Open)

1st All Female Perpetual Trophy

- Awarded to the first Australian team.

1st Female Skipper Perpetual Trophy

- NB for mixed crew, awarded to the 1st placed Australian female skipper with male crew.

1st Junior Skipper Perpetual Trophy

- Awarded to the 1st placed Australian skipper whose age is under 16 on 31 Dec 2023.

1st Junior Perpetual Trophy

- Awarded to the 1st placed skipper and crew whose age is under 16 on 31 Dec 2023. Team can be male, female or mixed.

49er FX Class

49erFX Australian National Championship Perpetual Trophy

- Awarded to the 1st placed Australian competitor.

1st, 2nd, 3rd overall (Open)

1st Non-Olympic Current Australian Sailing Squad and Australian Sailing Team Members are excluded from this prize.

49er Class

49er Australian National Championship Perpetual Trophy

- Awarded to the 1st placed Australian competitor.

1st, 2nd, 3rd overall (Open)

1st Non-Olympic Current Australian Sailing Squad Members including Australian Sailing performance path sailors are excluded from this prize.

17.2 If the number of boats in a class is than three, no perpetual trophies will be awarded

18. MEDIA DISCLAIMER

Competitors agree to grant the OA and ANA the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

19. PARENTAL / GUARDIAN CONSENT

For all competitors under the age of 18 years of age at any time during the event, completing the online registration form will be deemed Parental/Guardian consent for entry to the Regatta.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

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