



Vision Design Australian 9er Championships 2024

06/01/2024 – 12/01/2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority
South of Perth Yacht Club
on behalf of
AUSTRALIAN 9ER ASSOCIATION INC.
Swan River Perth WA

*The notation **[NP]** in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

*The notation **[DP]** in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a protest committee can award a penalty less than disqualification (including no penalty) at their discretion. This changes RRS 64.2*

*The notation **[SP]** in a rule of the sailing instructions (Sis) means that the Race Committee can award a standard penalty without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1(a) and A5.1*

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the following rules:
 - 1.1 (a) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
 - 1.1 (b) Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2 for Off-the-Beach Boats,
- 1.2 Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
 - 1.2 (a) No Penalty [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat, this changes RRS60.1(a)

- 1.2 (b) The two-turns penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty. This changes RRS 44.1 and Appendix P2.1.
 - 1.2 (c) 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.
 - 1.3 These SIs takes precedence when there is a difference between the Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI). This changes RRS 63.7
 - 1.4 A National Jury has been appointed by Australian Sailing for the Australian 9er Championships 2024.
 - 1.5 RRS Appendix P shall apply.
 - 1.6 RRS Appendix T Shall apply.
- 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**
- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official online notice board.
 - 3.2 The race office is located at the On Water Group office, South of Perth Yacht Club
 - 3.3 [DP]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.
- 4. CODE OF CONDUCT**
- 4.1 [DP]Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
 - 4.2 [DP]Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment or place advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, and seamanship, by any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.
- 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**
- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flag pole located on Centreboard Clubhouse lawn.
 - 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes in Race Signals AP.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The class flags are:

Class	Flags
29er	29er class flag,

7. RACING AREA

7.1 SI Attachment A shows the location of the racing area.

8. COURSES

8.1 The diagram in SI Attachment B shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks are as described in SI Attachment B.

10. THE START

10.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.3 A boat that does not start within four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 During a race, the course will not be changed.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on race committee vessel and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

13. TIME LIMITS

13.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
15 minutes	45 minutes	15 minutes

13.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

13.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place, one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

14. HEARING REQUESTS

14.1 For each class, the protest time limit ends 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day, regardless of the class or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

14.2 Hearing request forms are available from and shall be submitted to the race office

14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at a time and place advised on the hearing notice.

14.4 Penalties for breaches of the class rules, RRS 50.1 or rules in the NoR and SIs marked [DP], or [SP] should the case go to a hearing, are at the discretion of the Jury and may be less than disqualification.

15. SCORING

15.1 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 When five (5) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

15.3 When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her two worst scores.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 [NP] All skippers shall SIGN ON before racing each day and SIGN OFF at the earliest possible time after the completion of racing (but not later than the end of protest time). The Sign On and Sign Off will be via online tool. <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/default.aspx?ID=81560>
- 16.2 [DP][NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1 Substitution of the helm will not be allowed.
- 17.2 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without the prior written approval of the Jury or Race Committee. Please submit your request via the online tool: <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/default.aspx?ID=81560>
- 17.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race. Please submit your request via the online tool: <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/default.aspx?ID=81560>

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, a notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 18.2 [DP] When instructed by a member of the technical committee on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

19. SUPPORT TEAMS [DP]

- 19.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. No support team shall be forward of the start line or it's extensions during the starting sequence unless acting in a support or safety role under the instruction of the race officer.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 20.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

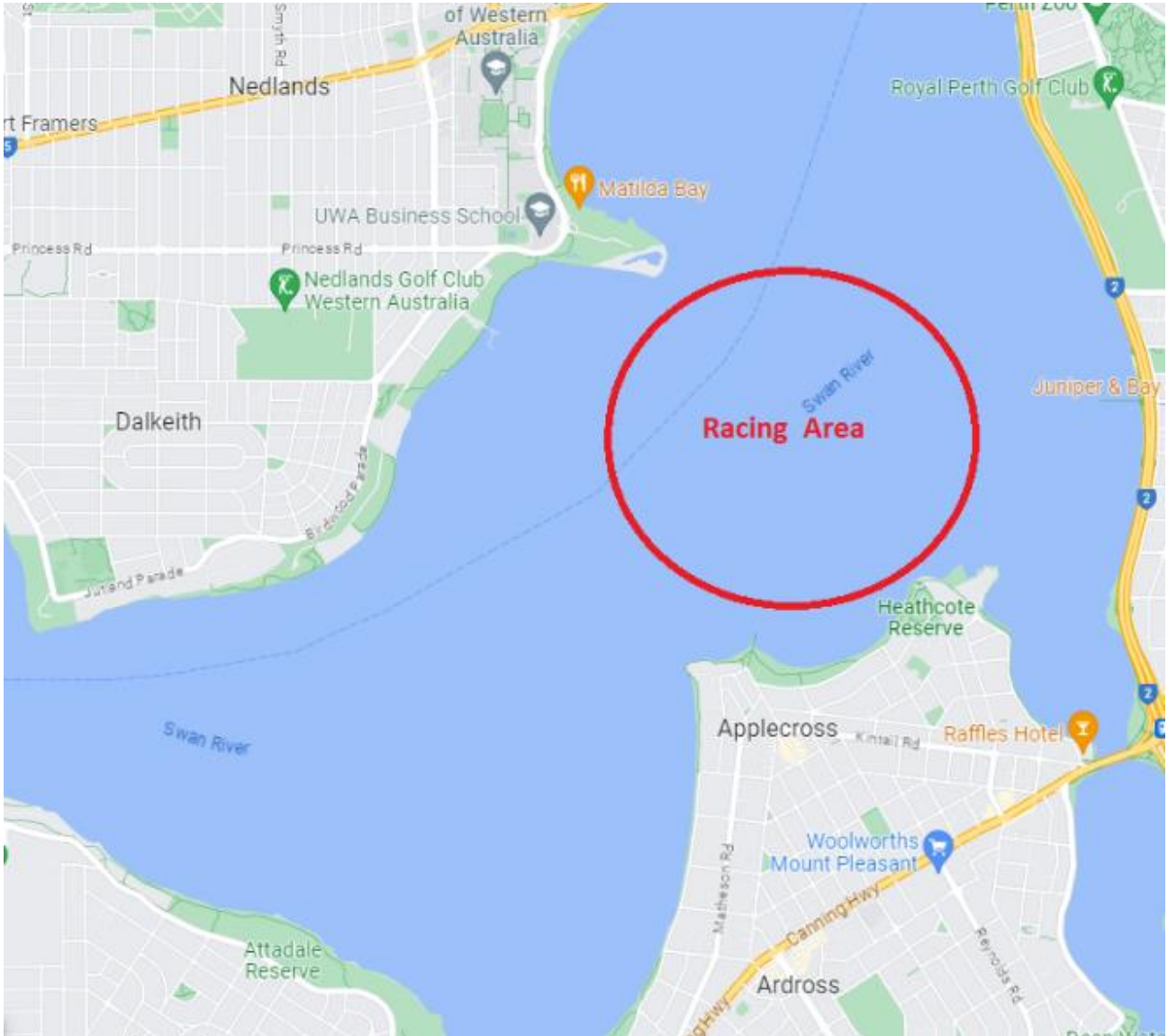
21. RISK STATEMENT

- 21.1 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 an 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.

22. INSURANCE

- 22.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000AUD per incident or the equivalent.

SI Attachment A
Racing Area

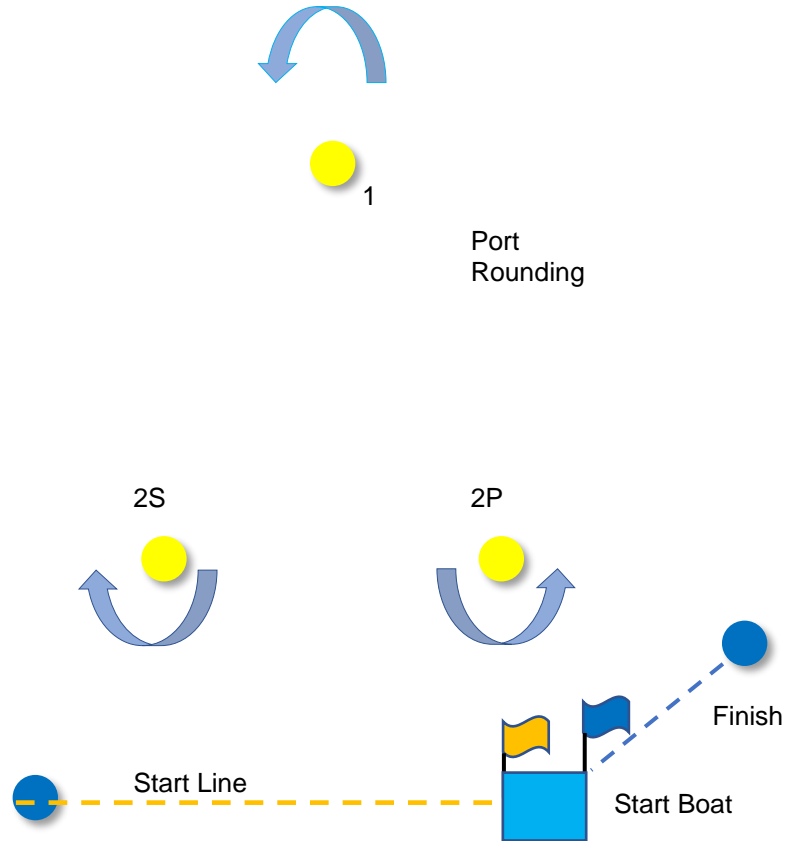


SI Attachment B

Marks	
Marks 1, 2p, 2s	Will be yellow inflatable conical marks
Start Mark	Will be an orange inflatable conical mark
Finish Mark	Will be a blue inflatable conical mark

Courses		
29ers	2	Start, 1, 2s/2p, 1, 2p, Finish

Courses



All marks are to be taken to port except 2s which is part of a gate and is to be taken to starboard