



## SOUTH of PERTH YACHT CLUB

(Organising Authority (OA))

# NOTICE OF RACE 2024-25

South of Perth Yacht Club (**SoPYC**) has the pleasure of inviting you to participate in its 79<sup>th</sup> Sailing Season from October 2024 to September 2025.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 These events are governed by the rules as defined in:
  - a) The Racing Rules of Sailing (**RRS**).
  - b) The Prescriptions of Australian Sailing (**AS**) including the Special Regulations.
  - c) The Class Rules where applicable.
  - d) The SoPYC Performance Handicap Rules (**PHS**) where applicable.
  - e) The Offshore Racing Congress Rating (Club) (**ORCC**) system will apply where applicable. The "Triple Number, Coastal" rating will be used.
  - f) Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply.
- 1.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for all Keelboat, Off the Beach (**OTB**) and DF95 races.
- 1.3 Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI's), separate Notice of Races (**NoR's**) and Sailing Instructions (**SIs**) may be issued for individual events.
- 1.4 **AS Race Equipment Audit Categories**

All boats/boards (**boats**) shall comply with the following AS Race Equipment Audit Category:

  - a) Category 7 – For Keelboats competing on Swan River during daylight hours.
  - b) Category 6 – For Keelboats competing in inshore races i.e. The Billy Run.
  - c) Special Regulations Part 2 - Off the Beach Boats.

### 2. RED BOOK, SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & RACE DOCUMENTS

The Red Book contains this NoR, the SI's and Race Documents and will be available from the On Water Group Office (**OWG**) and online.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located in the foyer of the main clubhouse, OTB notices will be duplicated on the OTB notice board located on the wall of the OTB Clubhouse. The online notice board is located on the SoPYC web site.
- 3.2 All Keelboats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF 16, 69 & 77. **[DP]**
- 3.3 On the water, the Race Committee (**RC**) will monitor these channels and communicate with competitors on **VHF 69**.
- 3.4 While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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. **[DP]**
- 3.3 The Race Officer may be contacted **in an emergency on 0412 704 945**.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The events are open to all boats of the following divisions and classes:
  - a) **SATURDAY KEELBOAT SERIES**

Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, S80, SS27, SS22, H28 & Red Witch.

On Club Championship race days: Division 1 boats eligible for ORCC will compete as a sub-division and Division 2 Cole32's will compete as a sub-division.

- b) **MIDWEEK KEELBOAT SERIES**  
Division 1, Division 2, Division 3 and H28 Class.
- c) **TWILIGHT KEELBOAT SERIES**  
Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3.
- d) **FROSTBITE KEELBOAT SERIES**  
Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3.
- e) **OFF THE BEACH BOATS (OTB) SUMMER SERIES & OTB WINTER SERIES**  
Optimist, O’pen Skiff, ILCA 7, 6, & 4, Windsurfer LT, Quest, Flying Fifteen and Viper 640.
- d) **DF95 SERIES - DF95s**

4.2 **The following rating systems apply:**

EVENT	DIVISION	RATING
Club Championship	Division 1	ORCC

4.3 **The following handicap systems apply:**

EVENT	DIVISION / CLASS	HANDICAP SYSTEM
Saturday Series	All Divisions & Classes	Club Performance Handicap
Doug Rickman Series	Division 3	Club Performance Handicap
Midweek Series	All Divisions & Classes	Club Performance Handicap
Twilight Series	All Divisions	Club Performance Handicap
Frostbite Series	All Divisions	Club Performance Handicap
OTB Consistency Series	All Classes	Club Performance Handicap

- 4.4 If, by the first scheduled race of a series, there are less than 5 Keelboats (KB) or 4 OTB boats entered in a fleet, then the OA may abandon the series or amalgamate the boats into a another or a ‘mixed fleet’.
- 4.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing and submitting the online entry form before their first race of the respective series.
- 4.6 To be considered an entry in an event, a boat shall complete the following registration requirements:
  - a) Be listed on the SoPYC Vessel Register.
  - b) Submit a completed AS Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form.
  - c) Hold a valid third-party liability insurance policy with a minimum cover of \$10million per incident or the equivalent. **It is strongly recommended that the insurance includes a “racing” extension.**
  - d) A boat shall sail in the fleet to which it is assigned by the OA.

4.7 **Helmsperson**

The Helmsperson shall be a current financial member of SoPYC at least equivalent to the following categories:

4.7.1 **Keelboats (KB):**

- a) Ordinary, Life, 60 Year or Centreboard Member.
- b) A substitute Helmsperson under NoR11.1(b) shall be a financial member of SoPYC from any membership category.
- c) Helmspersons of approved visiting boats shall hold the equivalent membership noted in NoR4.7.1(a) at a club affiliated with AS.
- d) In special circumstances, with a request in writing, the OA may approve a Junior SoPYC Member who meets the competency criteria, to be the Helmsperson of a KB.
- e) A KB may nominate more than one Helmsperson, provided that each is eligible and, for handicap purposes, the arrangement for sharing the boat entry is stated. Note: Only one Helmsperson may helm during the race.
- f) For the Spacesailer 22 ‘Crew Helmsperson’ Race, the nominated helm must also have participated in 50% of said boats races for the Saturday Series.

#### 4.7.2 Off the Beach Boats (OTB):

- a) Ordinary, Life, 60 Year, Centreboard or Junior Member.
- b) Helmspersons of approved visiting boats shall hold the equivalent membership noted in NoR 4.7.2(a) at a club affiliated with AS.
- c) For OTB Club Championship series, there shall be no substitutions.

#### 4.7.3 DF95s:

- a) Any SoPYC membership category.
- b) Helmspersons of approved visiting boats shall hold the equivalent membership at a club affiliated with RSAWA.
- c) For DF95 Club Championship series, there shall be no substitutions.

**5 FEES** - Unless specified in a separate NoR, there are no fees applicable.

## 6 LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 Visiting boats shall be registered at a club affiliated with AS.
- 6.2 Visiting boats shall be eligible to compete in any event except those designated in the Schedule of Events as "Club Championship".
- 6.3 For scoring purposes, a visiting boat is only eligible to be included in a series that is designated as an invitation series.
- 6.4 Crew not complying with the AS Prescription - RRS46, shall obtain a Day Membership Sail Pass. The Club's Day Pass guidelines are included in the Red Book and online.

## 7 SCHEDULE

Racing is as per the "Schedule of Events" published in the Red Book and online.

## 8 THE HULL, EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT

- 8.1 If required, each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a **valid measurement or rating certificate**.
- 8.2 **Sails – KB** - For the Midweek and Twilight Series, boats may only carry normal working sails tacked in the normal position for working to windward. Boats shall not use asymmetrical spinnakers or the like. A sail may be poled out.
- 8.3 **Change of Hull (OTB & DF95)**
  - a) Change of hull and the carry-over of results will be permitted for classes where SoPYC club rental/try-before-you-buy arrangements have been entered in the first part of the series.
  - b) Other OTB classes may seek permission, in writing, for the same dispensation which will be considered by the OA on a case-by-case basis.
  - c) DF95s may replace hulls due to damage.

## 9 RACING AREAS AND COURSES

- 9.1 Races will be conducted on Melville Water, Canning River or as shown in separate SI's & SSI's.
- 9.2 Course sheets will be available at the OWG, published in the Red Book and online.
- 9.3 OTB course sheets will also be available from the Centreboard Clubhouse.

## 10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 RRS44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 10.2 Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply.
- 10.3 **[DP]** Discretionary Penalty – the penalty for a breach of this rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.
- 10.4 **[NP]** Breaches of the SI's marked [NP] will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS60.1(a).

- 10.5 **[SCP] Scoring Penalty** – for some specific breaches of the rules, the RC may apply an SCP without a hearing. The RC may still protest a boat when they consider the SCP inappropriate. The SCP is 2 points. This changes RRS63.1 & A5.

## 11 SCORING

### 11.1 For scoring purposes:

- a) 'Boat' means the combination of a hull to which a sail number is assigned and the nominated helmsperson (NoR4.7).
- b) The helmsperson of a KB may apply, in writing, for a SoPYC member who regularly crews on that KB to be the substitute helmsperson. This applies to all the series and the handicap may be amended. After three substitutions, NoR11.1(a) applies.
- c) The helmsperson of an OTB boat may apply, in writing, for a SoPYC member to be substituted for three consistency race days per season. The handicap may be amended. After three consistency race day substitutions NoR11.1(a) applies.
- d) A boat shall be entered in a series for which it is eligible when it first comes to the starting area of a race of that series.

### 11.2 Scoring will be in accordance with the RRS Appendix A (including A5.3) amended as follows:

#### 11.2.1 Saturday, Twilight, Frostbite and OTB Consistency Series

- a) All divisions & classes scored on Club Performance Handicap.
- b) The number of races to constitute a series shall be 40% of all scheduled races.
- c) A boat's series score shall exclude **one worst score per 6 races** completed and scored except for Division 1 and their ORCC sub fleet which shall exclude **one worst score per 4 races** completed and scored.

#### 11.2.2 Midweek Consistency Series

- a) All divisions & classes scored on Club Performance Handicap.
- b) The number of races to constitute a series shall be 40% of all scheduled races.
- c) A boat's series score shall exclude **one worst score per 5 races** completed and scored except for Division 1 and their ORCC sub fleet which shall exclude **one worst score per 4 races** completed and scored.

#### 11.2.3 Club Championship Series

- a) One Design Classes – Over the line results.
- b) Division 1 – ORCC rating handicaps.
- c) Division 3 – Club Performance handicaps (Doug Rickman Series)

### 11.3 The Club Championship number of races required to be completed to constitute a series, and the number of discards shall be in accordance with the table below:

KEELBOATS		OFF THE BEACH BOATS	
Races in Series	<b>7</b>	Races in Series	<b>14</b>
Races Constitute a Series	<b>4</b>	Races Constitute a Series	<b>7</b>
Discards after 5 races	<b>1</b>	Discards after 7 races	<b>1</b>
Discards after 7 races	<b>2</b>	Discards after 10 races	<b>2</b>
		Discards after 13 races	<b>3</b>

## 12 SUPPORT & COACH BOATS [DP]

- 12.1 Except when rendering assistance to a boat in distress, all support and coach boats shall remain **at least 50 metres outside** areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the RC signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.
- 12.2 All support and coach boats shall have a VHF radio and maintain a listening watch on **VHF 69** or any other channel specified by the Race Officer.
- 12.3 All support and coach boats shall render assistance as and when directed by the Race Officer.
- 12.4 All support boats shall have a minimum of **two able bodied persons** aboard.

- 12.5 All occupants of support and coach boats, less than 6m LOA, shall wear an approved **PFD** whilst afloat.
- 12.6 Skippers of support and coach boats, shall wear the **engine kill switch cord**.

**13 SAFETY KEELBOATS [DP]**

- 13.1 While racing, no anchor shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or protruding outward from the hull.
- 13.2 Operable marine VHF radios shall be carried, which may be permanently installed or waterproof handheld and shall be **turned on** whilst racing.
- 13.3 In addition to the Helmsperson, there shall be at least one crew member who shall be competent to handle the boat in an emergency.
- 13.4 All sailors competing **double handed shall wear a PFD** Type 1, Level 100 or higher which conforms to AS 4758 or ISO 12402 or AS 1512.

**14 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 these events each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds, 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 Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**15 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat/board (excluding DF95s) shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD 10 million per incident or equivalent. **It is strongly recommended that such insurance include a racing extension.**

**16 PRIZES**

16.1 Pennants will be awarded in each race and series for each fleet:

**a) Handicap results:**



**b) Club Championship results:**



**c) Visiting crew may be nominated by their Skipper to receive a Visitors Pennant.**



*Visitors Pennant*

**d) Visiting boats will be eligible for pennants in the days races but shall not be eligible for any series prizes or trophies.**

- 16.2 Trophies & Prizes will be awarded for Club Championship and Consistency series with other awards as published in the Red Book.
- 16.3 Season perpetual trophies will be awarded at the annual presentations. Perpetual trophies shall remain at the clubhouse.

- 16.4 if there is a trophy to be awarded for a single race on a multiple race day, the trophy shall be awarded for the result in the first race, unless otherwise stated.
- 16.5 A minimum of two starters in a fleet are required to constitute a race.
- 16.6 If the average number of boats in a division or class competing in each series is less than 4, series trophies will only be awarded to first place.

## 17 PRESENTATIONS

Daily Result presentations will be at a time and location as notified.

## 18 MEDIA

By participating in these events, competitors grant to the Organising Authority, Australian Sailing and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, digital media, motion pictures and live, taped, or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

## 19 FURTHER INFORMATION

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