

OFF THE BEACH SAILING INSTRUCTIONS




SOUTH of PERTH YACHT CLUB (Organising Authority (OA)) **OFF THE BEACH SERIES 2024/2025** **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is 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 Part 2 for Off The Beach Boats.
 - c) The Class Rules where applicable.
 - d) The SoPYC Performance Handicapping Rules (PHS) where applicable.
 - e) Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply.
- 1.2 RRS44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

-  Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 2 hours before the scheduled warning signal 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. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notice to Competitors (**NTC**) will be posted on the official notice board located in the foyer of the main clubhouse, plus the board at the Centreboard Clubhouse and online.
- 3.2 The race office is the On Water Group (**OWG**) located in the main clubhouse.
- 3.3 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]**

4. CODE OF CONDUCT [DP]

Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials and adhere to the AS Code of Conduct.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal mast on the 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. 
- 5.3 Bravo Course: When Flag 'D'  is flown from the Centreboard signal mast the following fleets will sail on Bravo Course: O'pen Skiff and Optimists.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The schedule of races, which includes the times of the first warning signals are published in the Red Book and online.
- 6.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least one minute before a warning signal is made.
- 6.3 No warning signal will be made after 1600.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The Class flags are:

ILCA	Optimist	O'pen Skiff	Quest
			TBA
Flying 15	Viper 640	Windsurfer LT	
			

7.2 Intermediate fleet sailors **shall fly a pink streamer** attached to the top of their mast.

8. RACING AREA

Racing will be conducted on Melville Water and Canning River.

9. COURSES AND MARKS

9.1 On each race day the courses to be sailed will be available from the Centreboard Clubhouse. The details will include:

- Diagrams to show 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.
- The course to be sailed will be designated by an international numeral pennant corresponding to that course number, displayed below the relevant class flag.

9.2 When an orange **or** blue flag is displayed on the Race Committee (**RC**) vessel this will identify that the line is in use and a boat shall not pass in either direction through it except between its warning signal and starting, when finishing or when using the mark of the line as a rounding mark. **[NP][SCP]**

9.3 Bravo Course

- The nominated Bravo RC boat, shall be identified with Flag 'D'. 
- Bravo Fleets shall use **'Bravo Courses' sheets**.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started as detailed below. This changes RRS26.

Minutes before Starting Signal	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Meaning
3	Class flag	One	Warning signal
2	Preparatory flag (P or U)	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute to start signal
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal


10.2 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat at the starboard end and a black and white checkered inflatable buoy at the port end.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. **[SCP]**

10.4 A boat that does not start within 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (**DNS**) without a hearing. This changes RRSA5.

10.5 The RC will signal the order to start via class flags. Two classes may be started together.

10.6 The warning signal for the 2nd and 3rd races of the day, will not be made within the 3 minute window of the last boat finishing in the previous race.

10.7 **General Recall:** When a General Recall is signalled, the warning signal for a new start for the first recalled fleet will be made at the starting signal of the last fleet in the original sequence. New starts for other recalled fleets will follow in the order thereafter. A General Recall signal will be displayed for one minute. This changes RRS29.2 and race signal, 'First Substitute'. 

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.
- 11.2 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC boat and an inflatable buoy.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 RRS44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 13.2 Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply.
- 13.3 **[DP]** Discretionary Penalty – the penalty for a breach of this rule may at the discretion of the Protest Committee be less than disqualification.
- 13.4 **[NP]** Breaches of the SI's marked [NP] will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RR60.1(a).
- 13.5 **[SCP]** Scoring Penalty – for some specific breaches of the rules, the RC may apply a 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.

14. TIME LIMIT AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 Time limits shall apply to each class in accordance with the table below:

Flying 15, ILCA, Viper 640, Windsurfers

Event	Target Time	Time Limit for 1 st Boat	Finishing Window
Multiple Race Series	30-35 mins	60 mins	10 mins
Club Championship	45-50 mins	75 mins	15 mins

Open Skiff, Optimist

Event	Target Time	Time Limit for 1 st Boat	Finishing Window
Multiple Race Series	25 mins	35 mins	15 mins
Club Championship	30 mins	40 mins	15 mins

- 14.2 If no boat sails the course and finishes within the Time Limit for the first boat, then the race will be abandoned.
- 14.3 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, penalized 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 RRS35, A5 & A10.
- 14.4 Failure to meet the Target Times will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS62.1(a).

15. PROTEST HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1 The protest time limit is one hour after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.2 Hearing request forms are available from OWG and online.

16. SCORING – refer NoR

17. SIGN ON [NP][SCP]

- 17.1 All boats shall complete a "Sign On/Off" as advised at registration.
- 17.2 "Sign/On" will be available **at least 1 hour before the first warning signal.**

- 17.3 Boats that fail to "Sign On/Off" shall receive a **[SCP]** without a hearing for each breach.
- 17.4 Boats coming to the starting area from another club, by water, shall complete "Sign On/Off" via the Start Boat prior to joining/leaving the course area.
- 17.5 Retirement from a race – A boat that retires shall notify a RC boat and complete the "Sign Off" immediately upon returning to shore.

18. CHANGE OF HELMSPERSON – Refer NoR

19. OUTSIDE HELP (On Water Coaching) [DP][NP]

- 19.1 Any class may request approval from the OA for a nominated club coach to conduct on-water coaching during any race except a Club Championship.
This changes RRS41(c).
- 19.2 O'pen Skiff, Optimist and the ILCA 4 sub-fleet may receive club approved on-water coaching for any race except Club Championship races

20 SUPPORT/COACH BOATS [DP][NP]

- 20.1 Support and coach boats shall register with OWG.
- 20.2 Support and coach boats shall remain at least **50 metres outside** areas where boats are racing from the time of the first preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the RC signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, except when rendering assistance to a boat in distress.
- 20.3 All support and coach boats are required to have a VHF radio that is **turned on** and **monitoring VHF 69** or any other channel specified by the RC.
- 20.4 When requested by the Race Officer, support and coach boats shall render assistance as and when directed.
- 20.5 All support boats will have a minimum of **two able bodied persons** aboard.
- 20.6 All occupants of coach/support boats less than 6m LOA **shall wear an approved PFD** whilst afloat.
- 20.7 The skipper of a coach/support boat less than 6m LOA shall wear the engine kill switch cord.

21. PRIZES – refer NoR

22. RISK STATEMENT – refer NoR

23. INSURANCE - refer NoR