

SATURDAY SERIES SAILING INSTRUCTIONS




SOUTH of PERTH YACHT CLUB (Organising Authority (OA)) SATURDAY KEELBOAT 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.
 - c) The Class Rules where applicable.
 - d) The SoPYC Performance Handicapping Rules (**PHS**) where applicable.
 - e) The ORC Club Measurement System (**ORCC**) where applicable.
 - f) 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 Notices to Competitors (**NTC**) will be posted on the official notice board located in the foyer of the main clubhouse and online.
- 3.2 The race office is the On Water Group (**OWG**).
- 3.3 On the water, the Race Committee (**RC**) will monitor VHF 16, 77 & communicate with competitors on **VHF 69**.
- 3.4 The call sign for South of Perth Yacht Club is '**South of Perth Race Control**'.
- 3.5 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 main clubhouse lawn.
- 5.2 Signals made at the Start Box are deemed to be made afloat.
- 5.3 When **Flag AP** is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP. 

6. SCHEDULE

- 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.

7. DIVISION/CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The Division/Class flags are:

Division 1	Naval Numeral 1		RedWitch	
Division 2 / Cole32	Naval Numeral 2 (Cole32 Flag displayed for CC only)		Spacesailer 27 (SS27)	
Division 3	Naval Numeral 3		Spacesailer 22 (SS22)	
H28	Naval Numeral 7		S80	

7.2 Boats shall display their fleet flag from the backstay or mainsail leech when racing.

7.3 The flag shall be removed when no longer racing.

8. RACING AREA

Races will be conducted on Melville Water and Canning River.

9. COURSES

9.1 The Courses for each fleet are available from the OWG and online.

9.2 The Course to be sailed will be designated by an international numeral pennant corresponding to the course number displayed below the fleet flag.

10. MARKS

10.1 Marks for the Courses will be fixed marks as shown on the 'Saturday Series 2024/25 Courses' sheets.

10.2 **Missing Mark** - If a mark is missing and **Flag 'M'** is not in position, boats shall round the mark as if it were in its usual position. This changes RRS34. 

10.3 **Day Buoy** 

Flag 'Q' displayed at the warning signal indicates a yellow Day Buoy has been laid to windward of the starting line.

a) **Flag 'Q'** with a **red Port** flag means 'After starting, boats shall round the yellow Day Buoy and then the **red** Clearance Buoy, leaving both to **port**, before continuing to the first mark of the course.'

b) **Flag 'Q'** with a **green Starboard** flag means 'After starting, boats shall round the yellow Day Buoy and then the **green** Clearance Buoy, leaving both to **starboard**, before continuing to the first mark of the course.'

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas, lines and navigation posts are designated as obstructions:

a) The area encompassing the northern point of the western hardstand, Heathcote Channel and Heathcote Spit (22).

b) An imaginary line between Bricklanding buoys (33A) and (33B).

c) An imaginary line between Smith buoy (35A) and Lucky Bay buoy (35B).

d) All navigation posts carrying top marks (except Outer Dolphin (17), Foam Spit (18) and Deepwater Spit (37)) shall not rank as marks but shall rank as obstructions for the purpose of RRS19.


e) While racing, all navigation posts carrying top marks, except Outer Dolphin (17), Foam Spit (18) and Deepwater Spit (37), shall be passed on their correct navigational side.

12. THE START


- 12.1 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. **[DP]**.
- 12.2 Boats that are near the starting line in the last minute of another fleets start may receive an **[SCP]** without a hearing.
- 12.3 A boat that does not start within five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (**DNS**) without a hearing. This changes RRSA5.
- 12.4 **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'.



12.5 Mid-River Starts:

- The Mid-River Start Line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee (**RC**) boat at the starboard end and a black and white chequered inflatable buoy at the port end.
- A buoy may be attached to the stern of the **RC** boat. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the **RC** boat at any time.
- The RC may relocate a mid-river start to the Start Box at any time. Flag 'R'  displayed ashore or afloat with 3 sound signals, means 'all races not yet started shall start in accordance with SI_12.6.'

12.6 Box Starts:

- The **Box Start line** will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Box and the outermost of the two yellow pyramid buoys. The inner yellow buoy will mark the extent but not necessarily the position of the line and shall be left on the same hand as the Start Box.
- When a race is scheduled or signalled to start at the Box, boats shall start in a **northerly direction** leaving Sampson Spit (19) to Port, before continuing on their signalled course.
- If **Flag 'D'** is displayed no later than the 'on station signal', boats shall start in a **southerly direction** and leave additional marks, Martin Buoy (69), Weaver Buoy (68),  Outer Start Line Buoy and Sampson Spit (19) all to Port, before continuing on their signalled course.

12.7 Pursuit Starts:

- Start times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded. This changes RRS26.
- Boats shall start in accordance with the following pursuit race signals:

Signal	Flag and Sound	Minutes before starting signal
Warning	Division/Class Flag displayed, '00' displayed - 1 sound	5
4 minutes to Start	P Flag displayed '00' displayed - 1 sound	4
1 minute to Start	P Flag removed '00' displayed - 1 long sound	1
First Start	Timer begins count up '00' displayed - 1 sound	0

- Pursuit race start times will be displayed in sequence from '00' from the first start signal and increasing in one-minute intervals.
- Boats shall start when their start time is displayed.

- e) A boat which starts before its allocated start time will be penalised by adding two minutes to its finish time plus one minute for each full or part minute early.
- f) No recall signals will be made. This changes RRS29.
- g) Once individual boat start times are published, they may be updated up to 2 hours prior to the 1st warning signal and the affected boats notified by SMS.
- h) Courses shall be the fleets Course 4 unless detailed in a separate SSI.
- i) Flag D shall be disregarded for Pursuit races.

13. SHORTENING THE COURSE

13.1 **Before the start** – The RC may shorten a course before the starting signal by flying **Flag 'S'** over the relevant fleet flag no later than the warning signal. The marks prefixed * on the Course sheets shall be omitted. This changes RRS32.

13.2 **After the start:**

- a) When a fleets course includes rounding the outer start line buoy, the RC may shorten the course for that fleet by flying **Flag 'S'** over the fleets flag. The marks prefixed * on the Course sheets shall be omitted. This changes RRS 32.
- b) The RC may shorten the course in accordance with RRS32.2 - A RC vessel will fly **Flag 'S'**, the relevant fleets flag(s) and the **Blue Finish Line Flag**.

14. THE FINISH

The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying the blue finish line flag from the Box and the outermost of the two yellow pyramid buoys. The inner yellow buoy will mark the extent but not necessarily the position of the line.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 RRS44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 15.2 Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply.
- 15.3 **[DP]** Discretionary Penalty – the penalty for a breach of this rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.
- 15.4 **[NP]** Breaches of the SI's marked [NP] will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS60.1 (a).
- 15.5 **[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.

16. TIME LIMIT

- 16.1 The Race Time Limit is 1730.
- 16.2 If no boat has finished within the time limit, the race will be abandoned.

17. PROTEST HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 The protest time limit is one hour after the last boat finishes.
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available from OWG and online.

18. SCORING – refer NoR

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]

- 19.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.2 While racing, no anchor shall be carried on the deck forward of the stem or protruding outward of the hull.
- 19.3 Operable marine VHF radios shall be carried, which may be permanently installed or be waterproof handheld and shall be turned on whilst racing.
- 19.4 In addition to the Helmsperson, there shall be at least one crew member who shall be competent to handle the boat in an emergency.

19.5 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.

20 SIGN ON [SCP][NP]

20.1 All boats shall sign on with the TopYacht links supplied at registration and are available on the club website.

20.2 It is the Skipper's responsibility to record all persons on board their boat.

20.3 Boats that fail to Sign On shall receive a **[SCP]** without a hearing.

21 PRIZES – refer NoR

22 RISK STATEMENT – refer NoR

23 INSURANCE - refer NoR