



# 68<sup>th</sup> PELICAN WA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Jan 4 – 9, 2026

## NOTICE OF RACE

Hosted by South of Perth Yacht Club  
(Organising Authority)  
in association with  
Pelican Sailing Association (Inc.)



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\*Amended 3/1/26

The **South of Perth Yacht Club** (SoPYC) on behalf of the **Pelican Sailing Association** (PSA), invites entries to the 2026 State Championships to be conducted from January 4 to January 9, 2026.

The Notation '[NP]' denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat.

## 1. RULES

- 1.1 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),
- 1.2 **Racing RRS Appendix T, Arbitration shall apply.**

## 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available by January 2, 2026, online and at the event.

Link: <https://sopyc.com.au/web/pages/pelican-regattas>

## 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official noticeboard is located online.  
Link: <https://sopyc.com.au/web/pages/pelican-regattas>  
A physical noticeboard is in the SoPYC Centreboard Clubhouse, this will only be used during event days as scheduled.
- 3.2 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. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all skippers and crew who are financial members of a club affiliated with AS and the PSA and hold a current AS membership, and are under 16 years of age on the 1st October 2025.
- 4.2 The regatta is open to boats currently registered with the PSA.
- 4.3 Competitors shall comply with the PSA skipper and crew (eligibility) as detailed in the Class Document.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and submitting it together with the required fee via the link below: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/psa/events/321322>  
To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Entries close on Friday December 19, 2025 at 1700hrs.
- 4.6 Late entries may be accepted by the Race Committee up until 5pm January 3, 2026.
- 4.7 Changes to an entries skipper and/or crew will only be looked at upon request in writing to the Race Committee. Any approvals will be posted on the official Notice Board(s) no less than 2 hours prior to an affected race(s)

- 4.8 All sailors and parents/guardians must sign the Code of Conduct form 'Attachment A' and provide to the OA during Registration on Jan 4.

## 5. FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees (includes entry to Presentation function) are as follows:
- Standard entry is \$220 per boat (covering both skipper & crew)
  - Late entry fees of \$50 per boat will apply.
  - Camping levy (if req.) \$10 per person

## 6. LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 Skippers\* must have completed at least three race days in a Pelican Sailing Dinghy, at their home sailing club, to qualify to compete in the Pelican State Titles.
- 6.2 Skippers not meeting these criteria may apply to the Race Committee, by no later than the 14th December 2025, to be considered for an exemption.
- \*First Year Skippers are exempt from this ruling*

## 7. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA and PSA. Individual boats may display other advertising subject to OA and PSA approval. Competitors will not display advertising that is not approved from their boats and equipment.

## 8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Schedule shall be as follow:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
<b>Sun, Jan 4</b>	1200 -1500	Registration & Measurement
	1700	Welcome Function - Burger Night
<b>Mon, Jan 5</b>	0830 - 0930	Regatta Briefing
	1000	Invitation Race
	1330	Race Session 1
	1730	Race Day Presentations
<b>Tues, Jan 6</b>	1000	Race Session 2
	1330	Race Session 3
	1730	Race Day Presentations
<b>Wed, Jan 7</b>	<i>Lay day No Racing</i>	
<b>Thurs, Jan 8</b>	1000	Race Session 4
	1330	Race Session 5
	1730	Race Day Presentations
<b>Fri, Jan 9</b>	1000	Race Session 6
	1830	Race Day & End of Regatta Presentation Dinner

- 8.2 The regatta will consist of up to 10 races.
- 8.3 There shall be no more than 3 races per day.
- 8.4 The scheduled time for the first warning signal on Racing days will be as listed in 8.1
- 8.5 On any scheduled day of racing, no warning signal made after 1600hrs. On the last day of racing (Jan 9), no warning signal shall be made after 1300hrs.
- 8.6 A mandatory briefing will be held prior to the warning signal for 1<sup>st</sup> race session on Jan 5.

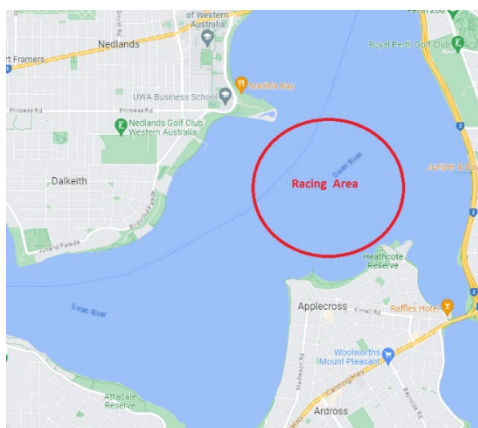
## 9. MEASUREMENT & EQUIPMENT

- 9.1 Measurement forms will be available from the Registration desk
- 9.2 The hull and equipment shall comply with the Rules of Construction & Measurement of the PSA.
- 9.3 All competing boats shall be measured at the schedule championship measurement day. The race committee may nominate any boat for remeasuring at any time during the championships.
- 9.4 At registration, each helmsperson shall nominate and have measured, stamped by an Official PSA Measurer, a maximum of one mainsail and one spinnaker and only those sails may be used on the boat during the championship.
- 9.5 Request for changes of sails or equipment shall only be permitted under exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## 10. VENUE

The venue for this regatta is South of Perth Yacht Club, with the racing area being Melville Water East.

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



## 11. COURSES

Courses to be used will be **Windward/Leeward/Triangle**, as described in the Sailing Instructions.

## 12. SCORING

- 12.1 5 races are required to constitute a series.
- 12.2 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- a) When fewer than 6 races a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
  - b) When from 6 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - c) When from 9 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 12.3 If fleets are split, scoring for those fleets will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

## 13. PENALTIES

- 13.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by the one- turn penalty.

- 13.2 The Notation '[DP]' denotes a rule in the NoR and SIs that is at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 13.3 The Race Committee may apply a scoring penalty [SCP] without a hearing for some breaches of the rules.

## 14. SUPPORT/COACH BOATS [DP]

- 14.1 Support and coach boats not supplied by the OA shall register online.  
Link: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/sopyc/events/321149>
- 14.2 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).
- 14.3 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.
- 14.4 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.
- 14.5 When requested by the Race Management Team, support and coach boats shall render immediate assistance as and when directed.

## 15. BERTHING & CAMPING

- 15.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned areas on the western lawn as directed by race officials. Trailers shall be stored in designated areas in the carpark.
- 15.2 Camping spaces will be provided upon request via a competitor's registration. Please note limited space is available.

## 16. 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.**

## 17. 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.

## 18. PRESENTATION OF RESULTS AND PRIZES

- 18.1 Overall prizes will be awarded as follows:

Category	Placing	Away	When awarded
Open Division Championship	1st	Perpetual Shield and Individual Trophy	Presentation Night
	2nd	Individual Trophy	Presentation Night
	3rd	Individual Trophy	Presentation Night
	4th to 10th	PSA Individual Trophy	Presentation Night
Consistency	1st	Perpetual Shield and Individual Trophy	Presentation Night
	2nd	Individual Trophy	Presentation Night
	3rd	Individual Trophy	Presentation Night

First Year Skipper	Overall Best Placed Individual	Individual Trophy Individual Trophy	Presentation Night Presentation Night
Endeavour Award	Sportsperson Award	Awarded to Skipper & Crew of a vessel	Presentation Night
Teams Trophy		Perpetual Trophy	Presentation Night
<u>Individual Races:</u> Championship Consistency	1st, 2nd, 3rd 1st, 2nd, 3rd	Club Pennants Club Pennants	Daily Presentations
<u>Invitation Race:</u> Championship Consistency	1st, 2nd, 3rd 1st, 2nd, 3rd	PSA Award PSA Award	Daily Presentation
Best Helmsperson 12 Years or under	Overall	Individual Trophy	Presentation Night
Best Crew Work		Individual Trophy	Presentation Night
Club Travellers		Individual Trophy	Presentation Night
Kevin Rose Spirit Award		Perpetual & Individual Trophy	Presentation Night

18.2 Definition of a '**First Year Skipper**', as provided by the P.S.A. Rules of Racing,

- "A first year skipper is a skipper who has not skippered any class of yacht (in active racing) before the last State Championships. They are considered a First Year Skipper from after a State Championship until the following State Championships.

18.3 **Teams Trophy** shall be awarded in accordance with the following guidelines:

- A teams' competition will be run in conjunction with the Championship.
- Team Racing Rules, shall not apply and team racing tactics shall not be used.
- Each Club may enter one or more teams. Each team will comprise of five boats. Clubs with less than five boats present may make up a team with boats from other clubs by mutual agreement.
- Team compositions shall be provided in writing to the Race Committee by 1730 on Sunday 7th January 2024 and the race committee will adjudicate or approve the team's makeup.
- Team scores will be calculated from each individual boat's scores in the Championship. The Team Shield will be awarded to the team with the lowest aggregate score.

18.4 **Club Travellers' Award** shall be awarded in accordance with the following guidelines:

- When State Championships are in the metropolitan area, metropolitan clubs are not to be considered.
- Host club not to be considered.
- Percentage of each clubs registered boats participating in the State Championships. In case of a tie greatest total distance travelled of the tied clubs shall determine the winning club.

18.5 **Endeavour Award** shall be awarded in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Boats finishing in the top ten not to be considered.
- The number of races the boat has started in.
- The number of races the boat has finished.
- The amount of improvement made throughout the series.
- The level of sportsmanship and fair sailing.

18.6 **Best Crew Work Award** shall be awarded in accordance with the following guidelines:

- The speed in which the spinnaker is set.
- The speed in which the spinnaker is dropped.
- Ability to keep spinnaker trimmed and set.

- Ability to keep spinnaker set and speed when gybing.
- Ability to lean and keep boat level and trimmed.
- Method and speed of bailing if needed to.

18.7 **Kevin Rose Spirit Award** shall be awarded in accordance with the following guidelines:

- A helm or crew who has sailed for 3 years or more and helped develop the class in that time i.e. helped coached younger sailors.
- Has been a role model on and off the water to other sailor's i.e. fair sailing and respects rules.
- The determination to succeed but not necessarily achieved this success as of yet.
- Two nominations per club to be submitted **in writing** to the P.S.A. secretary by the end of the 4th State heat for consideration by P.S.A. Life Members and President.

18.8 Trophies and awards as part of 18.4 to 18.7 shall be awarded at the sole discretion of the PSA.

## 19. MEDIA DISCLAIMER

Competitors agree to grant the OA and PSA 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.

## 20. SOCIAL SCHEDULE

Day	Event
Sunday 4th January 2026	Welcome Night Function 1800hrs: 'Build Your Own Burger' at \$10.00pp
Monday 5th January 2026	Galley open for lunches 1730 hrs: Presentation of pennants (all welcome)
Tuesday 6th January 2026	Galley open for lunches 1730 hrs: Presentation of pennants (all welcome)
Wednesday 7th January 2026	<b>Lay Day (Check PSA for events!)</b>
Thursday 8th January 2026	Galley open for lunches 1730 hrs: Presentation of pennants (all welcome)
Friday 9th January 2026	Galley open for lunches 1630 hrs: Presentation Night Dinner Buffet Dinner (Details to be confirmed by PSA)

## 21. FURTHER INFORMATION

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**PSA Event info:** <https://www.pelican.org.au/pelicanstates2026>