



68th PELICAN WA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Jan 4 – 9, 2026

Sailing Instructions

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





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The notation '[SP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that the standard penalty for a breach of the rule may be applied by the race committee or technical committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by:
 - a) The rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*,
 - b) The Australian Sailing Special Regulation: Part 2,
 - c) The Class rules for the Pelican Sailing Association (PSA) as applicable,
 - d) The Notice of Race & as per these Sailing Instructions, which shall prevail.
- 1.2 Each competitor shall always wear a personal flotation device (PFD) whilst afloat. This changes RRS 40.1.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no less than 60 minutes before the racing session that it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the event webpage [HERE](#) & made available on the Notice Board located at the Centreboard Clubhouse.
- 3.2 The race office is located at the Centreboard Clubhouse and contactable via email outside of office hours at sailingadministrator@sopyc.com.au.

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 abide by the general Australia Sailing [Codes of Conduct](#) & the PSA Code of Conduct for the event, and shall abide by RRS69. RRS69 shall prevail if there is a conflict.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed via the flag mast on the beachside lawn of the Centreboard Clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Schedule shall be as follow:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun, Jan 4	1200 -1500	Registration & Measurement
	1700	Welcome Function - Burger Night
Mon, Jan 5	0830 - 0930	Regatta Briefing
	1000	Invitation Race
	1330	Race Session 1

	1730	Race Day Presentations
Tues, Jan 6	0900	Competitor Race Day Briefing
	1000	Race Session 2
	1330	Race Session 3
	1730	Race Day Presentations
Wed, Jan 7	<i>Lay day No Racing</i>	
Thurs, Jan 8	0900	Competitor Race Day Briefing
	1000	Race Session 4
	1330	Race Session 5
	1730	Race Day Presentations
Fri, Jan 9	0900	Competitor Race Day Briefing
	1000	Race Session 6
	1830	Race Day & End of Regatta Presentation Dinner

6.2 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.

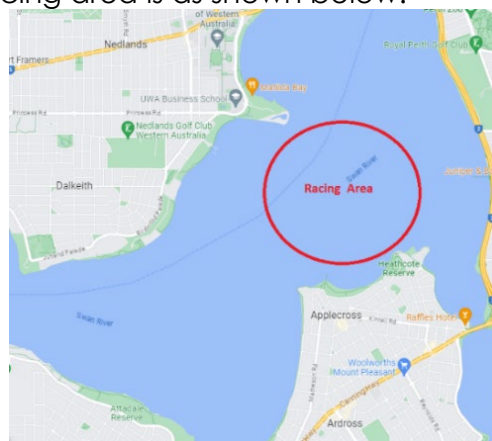
7. CLASS FLAGS

The Pelican Class flag to be used is as shown below:



8. RACING AREA

8.1 The approximate racing area is as shown below:



9. COURSES

9.1 The diagram(s) in SI 'Addendum A' show the course(s), the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10. MARKS

10.1 Mark(s) are as described in SI 'Addendum A'.

~~10.2 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.~~

11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

11.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee (RC) vessel at the starboard end and a checkered buoy at the port end.

11.3 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13. THE FINISH



13.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee (RC) vessel at the starboard end and a checkered buoy at the port end.
13.2 **[SP]** Except when starting, finishing or correcting an error in compliance with RRS 28.1, boats shall not sail through the Start / Finish line whilst the RC vessel is displaying an orange or blue flag. The SP for breaking this rule is 5 points, this changes RRS A5.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The Scoring Penalty [SCP], RRS 44.3, applies. The penalty is 2 points.
14.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. TIME LIMITS

15.1 A races length and associated time limits and target times will be determined by the Race committee by hoisting the flag before the start sequence of a race from the RC vessel. A 'Long' course shall be signalled by Naval Numeral Pennant 1 and a 'Short' course signalled by Naval Numeral Pennant 2. The time limits and target times for each type of race are as shown in the table below:

Course Length	Target Time	Time Limit for 1 st Boat	Finishing Window
 Long	60 mins	75 mins	25 mins
 Short	30-35 mins	45 mins	15 mins

15.2 Boats failing to finish within the 'Finishing Window' after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored in the order they are placed on the course at the time and a finishing time given as the end of the 'Finishing Window'. This changes RRS Rules 35, A4 and A5.

15.3 After finishing each race, boats should remain in the racing area unless directed otherwise.

16. HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the session or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
16.2 Boats intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing by approaching the starboard side of the RC vessel, hailing the sail number of the boat they are protesting and receiving acknowledgement from the RC. If unable and returning to shore, they shall notify the beach marshal immediately. This changes RRS 60.2
16.3 Hearing request forms are available from the race office.
16.4 Notices will be posted no later than 60 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings

will be held in the protest room, located at the Centreboard Clubhouse beginning at the time posted.

17. SCORING

17.1 **Championship series:** Boats shall be scored 'over the line'.

17.2 **Consistency series:** Boats shall be scored on handicap. Handicaps may be adjusted by the PSA as required.

17.3 **Team Series:** Shall be run in conjunction with the 'Championship' series:

- a) Each club may enter one of more teams comprised of 5 boats. Clubs with less than 5 boats may make up teams from multiple clubs at mutual agreement.
- b) Team compositions shall be finalised on Registration Day
- c) Appendix D, Team Racing Rules, shall not apply and team racing tactics shall not be used.
- d) Team scores will be calculated from each individual boats score in the Championship. The 'team shield' will be awarded to the team with the lowest aggregate score.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 **[SCP]** Each boat shall **sign-on** before a racing session and **sign-off** as soon as practicable when returning to shore via the sheets provided inside the Centreboard Clubhouse.

18.2 **[DP]** A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racecourse prior to the final race of a session shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 **[DP]** Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

19.2 **[DP]** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized 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. This does not include 'bailing buckets' retrieved by official boats.

19.3 **[DP]** A boat joining the racecourse after the first race of a session has started, shall notify a race committee vessel as soon as practicable prior to racing.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 Official Registration and Measurement will take place at SoPYC and will be conducted between 1200 – 1500 hours on Sunday 4th of January, 2026.

20.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

20.3 Advertising shall not be displayed unless authorised by the OA.

21. OFFICIAL VESSELS

Official vessels will be identified by a flag as follows:



22. SUPPORT TEAMS [DP]

22.1 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels, shall remain at least **50 metres outside** areas which boats are racing from the time the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the RC signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, except when rendering assistance to boats in distress.

- 22.2 All support and coach boats are required to have a VHF radio that is turned on and monitoring the race channel as specified by the RC.
- 23. TRASH DISPOSAL**
Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.
- 24. BERTHING**
[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places or as designated by the OA while at the event.
- 25. PRIZES – Refer NoR**
- 26. RISK STATEMENT – Refer NoR**
- 27. INSURANCE – Refer NoR**