



South of Perth Yacht Club Inc

On behalf of



Flying Fifteen International Western Australia Inc



**65th Western Australian Flying Fifteen
State Championship**

Friday 3 April 2026 to Sunday 5 April 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

**The Organising Authority is the South of Perth Yacht Club Inc. on behalf of
Flying Fifteen International Western Australia Inc.**

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The Organising Authority, South of Perth Yacht Club Inc (“SoPYC or the Organising Authority”), on behalf of Flying Fifteen International Association Western Australia Inc (“FFIWA”) has the pleasure of inviting you to participate in the 65th Western Australian Flying Fifteen State Championships (“the Regatta”) to be conducted on Melville Water East, from Friday 3 April to Sunday 5 April 2026.

1.	RULES
1.1	The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in <i>The Racing Rules of Sailing</i> . (“RRS”).
1.2	The Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2 for off the beach boats and small open ballasted boats shall apply.
1.3	The Class Rules of ff International (“FFI”) apply at all times other than FFI Class Rule B15.3 which, as permitted by that rule is deleted, and no anchor needs to be carried.
1.4	The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.
1.5	The notation [SP] in a rule means that a standard penalty may be imposed by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing
1.6	The notation [DP] in a rule means that a discretionary penalty may be imposed by the Protest Committee.
1.7	RRS 63.5(c) is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race (“NOR”) and Sailing Instructions (“SIs”), the SIs shall prevail.
1.8	RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, shall apply.
2.	ADVERTISING
2.1	Advertising is permitted in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20, subject to Class Rule B17. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.
3.	ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY
3.1	The Regatta is open to all boats of the International Flying Fifteen Class which hold a valid FFI Measurement Certificate and are entered on the FFIA Register of Boats or are registered with an association established outside Australia affiliated with FFI.
3.2	Both helm and crew shall be financial members of YA or affiliated to an alternative Member National Authority.
3.3	The boat’s owner shall be a full member of a recognised State or National Flying Fifteen Association with affiliation to FFI. In addition, the boat’s helm and crew shall each be a current member of a recognised State or National Flying Fifteen Association.
3.4	Persons nominated on the entry form to sail the boat in the Championship may not be substituted without the permission of the Race Committee. Any substitute thus permitted shall not helm the boat.
3.5	All entrants will compete in the Open Division, while entries will be accepted for both Classic and Silver Divisions.
(a)	The Classic Division is open to all boats with sail numbers below 2701 but excluding boats which have had substantial hull shell modifications, and in addition including unmodified boats with sail numbers above 2700 derived from genuine Classic moulds. A definitive listing of boats qualifying for Classic status is published on the Flying Fifteen International website at www.flying15.org and in the current Flying Fifteen International Yearbook
(b)	The Silver Division is open to boats with registrations from 2701 to 3400 and includes any boats with sail numbers below 2701 that do not meet the criteria for Classic Division.

	(c)	Any dispute regarding the eligibility of a boat in either of the above sub-divisions will be resolved by a National Measurer of FFIA, in consultation with the Race Committee, whose decision will be final.		
3.6	Eligible boats may enter the Regatta by completing the entry form located on the Regatta website at the following link https://sopyc.com.au/web/pages/flying-15-wa-state-championships#			
3.7	A Parent/Guardian Consent and Supervision Form must be completed by the Parent or Guardian of any competitor under the age of 18 years on the first day of the Regatta. Forms will be available from the Regatta office.			
4.	FEES			
4.1	The entry fee for the Regatta is \$350 which includes the costs of two tickets for skipper and crew to attend the Seafood BBQ and Presentation Evening. Additional Seafood BBQ Tickets are \$40 and additional Presentation Evening tickets are \$55. Additional tickets to any of the social functions must be purchased and paid for with the entry fee. Competitor lunches may be purchased at The Good Grocer at Canning Bridge which is open 24/7 including Good Friday.			
4.2	Entries submitted after 1600 Friday 27 March 2026 will be considered late entries and may be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority. Any late entry accepted will be subject to the payment of an additional late entry fee of \$50.			
5.	SCHEDULE			
5.1	Registration, measurement and inspection will be conducted at SoPYC between 1600 and 1730 on Thursday 2 April 2026 and between 0800 and 1045 on Friday, 3 April 2026.			
5.2	A competitors' meeting will be conducted at the SoPYC Centreboard Clubhouse on Friday, 3 April 2026 at 1100.			
5.3	The Regatta will comprise seven championship races as scheduled below. The dates and times of racing are as follows:			
	Championship Racing Session	Day	Date	Warning Signal Time
	Afternoon Racing Session	Friday	3 April 2026	1330
	Afternoon Racing Session	Saturday	4 April 2026	1230
	Morning Racing Session	Sunday	5 April 2026	1000
5.4	No more than three races may be sailed in each Championship Racing Session, sailed back-to-back with a short delay between each race.			
5.5	No warning signal will be made after 1400 on Sunday 5 April 2026.			
5.6	The following social program has been organised for competitors, guests, volunteers, sponsors and accompanying persons			
	Function & Where	Day	Date	Time
	Welcome drinks – SoPYC main bar	Thursday	2 April 2026	1700-1900
	Segafredo barista coffee and hot cross buns	Friday	3 April 2026	0900-1100
	Seafood BBQ - Centreboard Clubhouse	Friday	3 April 2026	1800-2100
	Segafredo barista coffee and hot cross buns	Saturday	4 April 2026	0900-1000
	Boat park drinks and traditional apres sailing	Saturday	4 April 2026	Post sailing
	Segafredo barista coffee and hot cross buns	Sunday	5 April 2026	0800-1000
	Boat park drinks and sausage sizzle	Sunday	5 April 2026	Post sailing
	Presentation Evening	Sunday	5 April 2026	1800-2200
5.7	The Annual General Meeting of FFIWA will be held at the SoPYC Centreboard Clubhouse on Saturday 4 April 2026 at 1000.			
6.	REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT			
6.1	At registration all entrants are required to present the boat's measurement certificate.			

6.2	Following registration, a boat must be presented for safety and measurement inspections. Not more than two mainsails, two headsails, and two spinnakers shall be registered for use in the Regatta. A boat's entry will not be deemed complete until these checks have been satisfactorily completed. In the event that a sail or spar has been lost or damaged during the course of the championship to such an extent that it cannot be used, the Race Committee may authorise the use of a replacement sail or spar.	
6.3	As required by the Race Committee or as directed by the Protest Committee, a boat may be inspected and re-measured at any time during the Regatta.	
7.	SAILING INSTRUCTIONS	
	The Sailing Instructions will be available on the SoPYC website at, www.sopyc.com.au on or before Wednesday, 25 March 2026 and at registration.	
8.	VENUE	
8.1	The venue for this Regatta will be the SoPYC, Western Australia. The Regatta Office will be located inside the Centreboard Clubhouse.	
8.2	The racing area will be the area known as Melville Water East as highlighted in Attachment B of the NOR.	
9.	THE COURSES	
	The courses to be sailed will be described in detail in the Sailing Instructions and will consist of a combination of windward, leeward, and reaching legs.	
10.	SCORING	
10.1	Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.	
10.2	(a)	When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores
	(b)	When from five to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
10.3	The Regatta handicap results will be determined by back calculation using the "Finishing Line" scoring program. Points will be awarded for handicap in accordance with 10.2 above. A boat that finishes in the first three places in the State Championship will be ineligible to win the handicap trophy.	
11.	BERTHING	
	The Regatta will be a 'dry' regatta, with each boat allocated a parking bay within the grounds of the SoPYC on the Western Hardstand area. Launching and retrieval of boats is either:	
	(a)	Via one of three cranes located at the eastern end of the Western Hardstand. Cranes shall be only operated by SoPYC authorised volunteer crane operators or authorised members. Appropriate lifting slings are the responsibility of each yacht, and will be reviewed with the crane operator before use.
	(b)	Via a launching ramp adjacent to the Western Hardstand boat park, requiring hand towing of trolleys or road trailers.
12.	COMMUNICATION	
12.1	The official noticeboard is located online at https://sopyc.com.au/web/pages/flying-15-wa-state-championships A physical noticeboard is in the SoPYC Centreboard Clubhouse, this will only be used during scheduled Regatta days. WhatsApp may also be used to communicate. Neither the physical board nor WhatsApp are official notice boards.	
12.2	[DP] 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 communication and shall not receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats.	

13	PRIZES
13.1	Prizes will be given as follows: Western Australian State Champion – “The Hawker Siddeley Trophy” 1st Silver Division – “Serena Trophy” 1st Classic Division – “Tally Hobbs Trophy” 1st on Handicap – “FFIWA Handicap Trophy” 1st Placed Lady Skipper – “Lady Skipper’s Trophy” “Mouse Trophy,” a discretionary trophy awarded by the FFIWA President to a deserving Regatta participant. Second and third prizes will be awarded in each Division where there are more than four boats competing. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
13.2	Pennants will be presented to first, second and third place getters in each division and for results on handicap at the conclusion of racing each day. Other prizes may also be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee on these occasions.
13.3	Major championship prizes will be presented at the Presentation Evening Function.
14.	RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY
14.1	Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.” Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the Regatta, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
(a)	They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the Regatta;
(b)	They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
(c)	They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
(d)	Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the Regatta and they are fit to participate;
(e)	The provision of a race management team, support vessels and other officials and volunteers by the Regatta organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
(f)	The provision of support vessel cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practicably provided in the circumstances;
(g)	It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this Regatta that are drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or Regatta and to attend any competitors briefing held for the Regatta.
(h)	They accept that no responsibility will be accepted by FFIWA, SoPYC, sponsors, Regatta officials or volunteers, or staff conducting the Regatta or any person connected with the Regatta for any liability, loss or damage to personal property or for personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta.
15.	INSPECTIONS
	The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this NOR.

16.	DATA PROTECTION		
16.1	The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the Regatta. If you have agreed to be bound by the RRS and the other rules that govern the Regatta (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with your national authority and/or World Sailing. Results of the Regatta and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.		
17.	RIGHT TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS		
17.1	Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the Regatta.		
18.	INSURANCE		
	Each participating boat shall have third-party liability and public liability insurance cover of not less than \$10,000,000. By signing the Entry Form entrants declare that they hold such insurance in respect of their boat and that they will continue to do so for the duration of the Regatta.		
19.	FURTHER INFORMATION		
	For further information please contact:		
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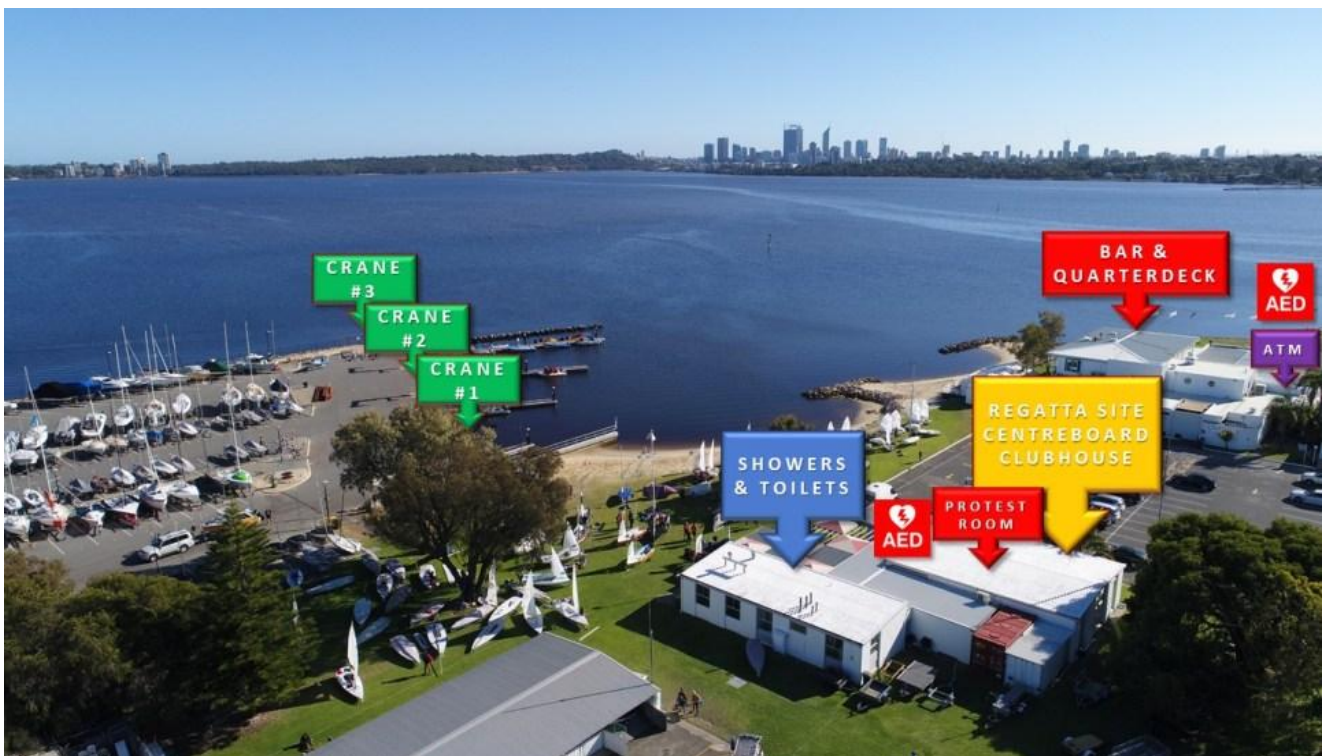


Attachment A

Regatta Harbour – South of Perth Yacht Club Inc

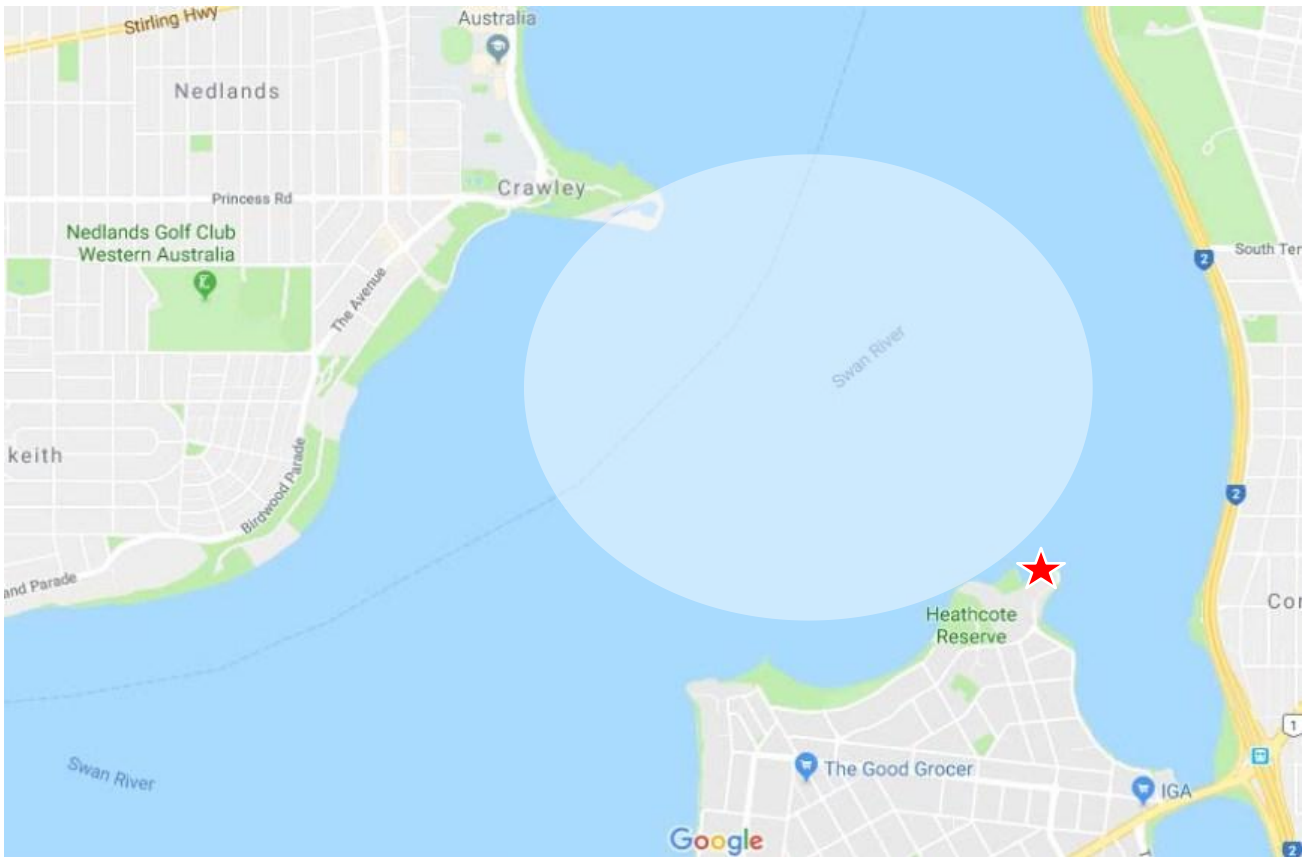


South of Perth Yacht Club overlooking Melville Water East (MWE) race area



Attachment B

Race Area – Melville Water East – Swan River



Attachment C

Additional Information

1.	Western Hardstand Boat Storage, Launching and Retrieval
1.1	The Regatta will be a 'dry' regatta, with each boat allocated a parking bay within the grounds of SoPYC near the Western Hardstand cranes. Launching and retrieval of boats is either:
	(a) Via one of three cranes located at the eastern end of the boat parking area known as the Western Hardstand. Certified lifting gear is required to utilise the cranes which shall only be operated by authorised volunteers
	(b) Via a launching ramp adjacent to the Western Hardstand boat park, requiring hand towing of trolleys or road trailers.
1.2	Provision will be made for visiting competitors to leave their boats (on their trailers) at SoPYC for limited periods before or after the Regatta, subject to the prior approval of Neil White. Neil who is a member of the SoPYC Pens and Moorings Committee can be contacted via email at n.white3879@gmail.com . SoPYC members have a limited number of hardstand jinkers available for use by visiting boats. Visitors wishing to be allocated a jinker need to contact Neil White via email and he will be allocating available jinkers on the basis of the timing of receipt of boat entries.
2.	Social Program
2.1	The social program for competitors, guests, volunteers, sponsors and accompanying persons is detailed in Clause 5.6 of the NOR and the cost for additional tickets detailed in Clause 4.1 of the NOR. The following additional information is provided in respect of the social program.
(a)	<u>Welcome Function</u>
	For those arriving and registering early, there will be buy your own drinks in the main bar area from 1700 and the SoPYC Flying Fifteen Section will fund the purchase of a limited number of share pizzas for those in attendance.
(b)	<u>Free Morning Coffee</u>
	Thanks to the generous support of Segafredo Zanetti free barista coffee and hot cross buns will be available each morning of the Regatta from 0900 Friday, 0900 Saturday and 0800 Sunday.
(c)	<u>Seafood BBQ</u>
	The ticket price for the seafood BBQ includes food and limited wine, beer and soft drinks. Thirsty attendees should also consider some BYO refreshments, noting bottle shops will be closed on Good Friday. Fridge space will be available in the centreboard clubhouse galley.
(d)	<u>Post Saturday Racing</u>
	Thanks to the hospitality of the Pettersson, Wilson and Hassen families there will be the traditional apres at the Centreboard Clubhouse where some drinks and unhealthy stuff in buns will be provided for all the finely tuned athletes, volunteers, sponsors and accompanying persons.
(e)	<u>Post Sunday Racing</u>
	The SoPYC Flying Fifteen Section will provide some drinks and potentially yet another ubiquitous sausage in a bun for all the finely tuned athletes, volunteers, sponsors and accompanying persons.
(f)	<u>Presentation Dinner</u>
	The Presentation Dinner ticket price does not include drinks.
(g)	<u>Special Dietary Requirements</u>
	Competitors, volunteers and visitors attending the Fish BBQ and the Presentation Dinner with any special dietary requirements should indicate that fact on the entry form and they will be contacted to ascertain those requirements so that alternative catering arrangements can be organised.

3.	Club Catering
3.1	The South of Perth Yacht Club will provide bar, canteen and restaurant facilities throughout the Regatta, except Good Friday when all dining and bar facilities will be closed. The opening hours of the various bars and restaurants will be displayed on the Regatta Noticeboard. In particular meals will be available at the main clubhouse restaurant on the evenings of Thursday 2 April and Saturday 4 April 2026.
4	Other Stuff – Spectators – Internet - Camping
4.1	Visitors not directly involved with the racing may be able to watch the racing from a spectator vessel. Spaces on any spectator vessel will be limited and those wishing to avail themselves of this opportunity need to contact, the Sailing Administrator at the Club.
4.2	Wireless internet connection will be available at the SoPYC for visitor access to the internet. Access code details will be included in the competitor information packs.
4.3	Limited space will be available within the club grounds for participants who wish to camp at the Club in tents or caravans during the period of the Regatta. As space is limited reservations will need to be made with David Reid the SoPYC Flying Fifteen Section Representative on 0419 040 605. To ensure no damage to the reticulation system no tent pegs or fixings into the ground will be allowed.

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