



SOUTH of PERTH YACHT CLUB
Organising Authority

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR) 2019/20

South of Perth Yacht Club (Inc.) invites entries by eligible Keelboats and Off The Beach Boats to participate in its Summer and Winter sailing series, October 2019 to September 2020.

The notation [DP] in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

1.1 Races will be 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 of each fleet.
- d) The SoPYC Performance Handicap Rules (PHS) where applicable.
- e) The Australian Measurement System (AMS) where applicable.
- f) The Sports Boat Measurement System (SMS) where applicable.
- g) Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply.

1.2 Racing Rules will be changed as follows:

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for all Keelboat and OTB races.

1.3 Supplementary or separate NoR's and SI's may be issued for individual events.

1.4 **Sails**

- a) For the Midweek Series, Twilight Series, and Saturday Series JAM, boats may only carry normal working sails tacked in the normal position for working to windward. Boats shall not use asymmetrical spinnakers or the like.
- b) A sail may be attached to a bowsprit or poled out. This changes RRS 50.3.

1.5 **Change of hull**

Change of hull and carry over of results to be permitted for Laser and Optimist classes where rental or try-before-you-buy arrangements have been entered in the first part of the series. Other OTB classes may seek permission for the same dispensation which will be considered by the OA on a case by case basis.

1.6 **Safety Categories**

- a) Keelboats – Cat 7 unless advised in separate or supplementary NoR & SI's.
- b) Offshore and Inshore races – will be racing under a category as defined in their separate NoR and SI's.
- c) Off The Beach Boats – Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off The Beach Boats.

2. ADVERTISING

A boat which intends to carry advertising, as provided by RRS 80, shall notify the OA by lodging an Advertising Declaration available at:

<https://sopyc.com.au/on-water/keelboats/keelboat-race-documents/>

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Fleets

If, by the first scheduled race of a series, there are less than 5 Keelboats or 4 Off The Beach boats entered for a fleet, then the OA may abandon the series or amalgamate the boats which have entered, into a 'mixed fleet'.

Events will be conducted for the following fleets:

Keelboats

a) Saturday Series:

Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, H28 Class, SS22 Class, SS27 Class, S80 Class, Red Witch Class, Viper 640 Class and JAM Combined Division.

On Club Championship race days, Sports Boats race as a sub fleet of Division 1 and Cole 32s race as a sub fleet of Division 2.

b) Midweek Series: A Fleet, B Fleet, C Fleet & H28 Class.

c) Twilight Series: A Fleet, B Fleet & C Fleet.

d) Sunday Frostbite Series: A Fleet, B Fleet & C Fleet.

Off The Beach Boats

e) Consistency Series: Optimist Class, Optimist Intermediate Fleet, Pelican Class, Laser Standard Class, Laser Radial Class, Laser 4.7 Class, National 125 Class, Flying Fifteen Class.

f) Club Championship Series: Optimist Class, Optimist Intermediate Fleet, Pelican Class, Laser Standard Class, Laser Radial Class, Laser 4.7 Class, National 125 Class, Flying Fifteen Open and Silver fleets.

3.2 BOATS

To be eligible to race, a boat shall:

a) Complete the online registration form, available at:

<https://sopyc.com.au/on-water/online-entries/>

b) Be listed on the SoPYC Vessel Register.

c) Submit a completed AS Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form.

d) Hold a valid third-party liability insurance policy with a minimum cover of \$10 million per incident or the equivalent.

e) Visiting boats (subject to NoR 5) be registered at a club affiliated with Australian Sailing.

f) A Boat shall sail in the fleet (see NoR 3.1) to which it is assigned by the OA.

g) For scoring purposes, 'boat' means the combination of a hull to which a sail number is assigned and the helmsperson.

h) For scoring purposes, the helmsperson of a Keelboat may be substituted by a SoPYC member who regularly crews on that Keelboat. This applies to the Saturday Series (Consistency or Club Championship) and Midweek Series.

The handicap may be amended. After three substitutions, NoR 3.2 g) applies.

- i) For scoring purposes, the helmsperson of an Off The Beach class boat may be substituted by a SoPYC member for three Consistency race days per Summer season. The handicap may be amended. After three days substitutions NoR 3.2 g) applies.
- j) For OTB Club Championship series, there shall be no substitutions.

3.3 **HELMSPERSON**

In accordance with RRS 46 the Helmsperson shall be a current financial member of SoPYC at least equivalent to the following categories:

Keelboats:

Ordinary Member, Life Member, 60 Year Member or Centreboard Member. A Substitute Helmsperson under NoR 3.2 h) shall be a financial member of SoPYC from any membership category.

Helmspersons of approved visiting boats shall hold the equivalent membership at a club affiliated with AS.

In special circumstances, the OA may approve a Junior Member who meets the competency criteria, to be the Helmsperson of a Keelboat.

A Keelboat may nominate more than one Helmsperson, provided that each is eligible and, for handicap purposes, the arrangement for sharing the boat entry is stated. Note: Only one Helmsperson may helm during the race.

Off The Beach Boats:

Ordinary Member, Life Member, 60 Year Member, Centreboard Member or Junior Member.

Helmspersons of approved visiting boats shall hold the equivalent membership at a club affiliated with AS.

3.4 **CREW**

In accordance with RRS 46, all crew shall be a current financial member of SoPYC from any membership category.

A crew on a Keelboat or OTB boat can compete on three races days per season as the guest of a Member.

4. **NOMINATION AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 Eligible boats shall enter by completing the online registration with the OA by 1700 Tuesday 24 September 2019 to be included in the Opening Day races on Sunday 6 October 2019.
- 4.2 Online entries lodged during the season shall be lodged 24 hours prior to the first race in which it intends to compete in.

5. VISITING BOAT LIMITATIONS

- 5.1 Visiting Keelboats and Off The Beach boats shall be eligible to compete in any event except those designated 'Club Championship' in the Schedule of Events'.
- 5.2 For scoring purposes, a visiting boat is not eligible to be included in the any consistency series.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Racing is scheduled as per the Schedule of Events 2019 – 2020.

7. MEASUREMENT [DP]

Each boat shall produce, upon request, a valid measurement certificate i.e. Division 1 – an AMS certificate, Sportsboats – an SMS certificate, One Design Classes – class certificate.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available before the first race of each series from the SoPYC On Water Group office located in the main clubhouse foyer and <https://sopyc.com.au/race-documents/>

9. RACING AREAS AND COURSES

- 9.1 Races will be conducted on Melville Water using Laid Courses or Club Courses. Keelboat course sheets are available from the racks outside the On Water Group office. Off the Beach course sheets are available from the racks inside the Centreboard Clubhouse.
- 9.2 Separate or Supplementary NoR and SIs will be issued for special events, including events not conducted on Melville Water.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for all races.
- 10.2 Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply.

11. SCORING

Scoring will be in accordance with the RRS Appendix A (Including A9) amended as follows:

- 11.1 **Saturday, Midweek, Twilight, Frostbite & OTB Consistency Series**
 - a) All fleets scored on the Club Performance Handicapping Policy.
 - b) The number of races to constitute a series shall be 40% of all scheduled races.
 - c) A boat's series score shall exclude one worst score per 6 races completed and scored.
 - d) OTB Consistency Series include all races conducted on Club Championship Days.

Club Championship Series

- a) One Design Fleets – Over the line results.
- b) Division 1 – AMS handicaps
- c) Division 3 – Club Performance handicaps
- d) Sports Boats – SMS handicaps

The Championship number of races required to be completed to constitute a series, and the number of discards shall be in accordance with the table below:

Keelboats		Off The Beach Boats	
Races in Series	7	Races in Series	18
Races Constitute a Series	4	Races Constitute a Series	9
Discards after 5 races	1	Discards after 10 races	1
Discards after 7 races	2	Discards after 13 races	2
		Discards after 16 races	3

- 11.2 For the 2019/2020 Summer season only, the Flying Fifteen Club Championship series shall consist of 14 races with 7 races to constitute a series.
- 11.3 For scoring purposes, a boat which has nominated, shall be entered in a series for which it is eligible when it first comes to the starting area of a race of that series.

12. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 12.1 Support and coach boats shall register online with the OA at:
<https://www.topyacht.com.au/entreg/enter.php?e=102.2.321>
- 12.2 Support and coach boats shall remain at least 50 metres outside areas where boats 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 except when rendering assistance to a boat in distress.
- 12.3 All support and coach boats are required to have a VHF radio and maintain a listening watch on VHF ch. 77 or any other channel specified by the Race Committee.
- 12.4 When requested by the Race Officer, support and coach boats shall render assistance as and when directed.
- 12.5 All support boats will have a minimum of two able bodied persons aboard. All occupants of coach / support boats less than 6m LOA shall wear an approved pfd whilst afloat. The skipper of a coach/support boat less than 6m LOA shall wear the kill cord.

13. OFFICIAL BOATS [NP]

All official boats will display the words 'Safety' and images of SoPYC burgee.



14. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP][NP]

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

15. SAFETY [DP]

- 15.1 No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or any part protruding outboard.
- 15.2 Keelboats only – operable marine VHF radios shall be carried, which may be permanently installed or be waterproof handheld and shall be turned on whilst racing.
- 15.3 Keelboats only – 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.
- 15.4 Keelboats only – In addition to the Helmsperson, there shall be at least one crew member who shall be competent to handle the boat in an emergency.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1 Pennants will be awarded in each race for each fleet or class for:

- a) Handicap/ Over the line results:



- b) Club Championship results:



- c) Visiting crew may be nominated by their Skipper to receive a Visitors Pennant.



Visitors Pennant

- d) Visiting Boats will be eligible for pennants in races but shall not be eligible for any series prizes.
- 16.2 Trophies will be awarded for Championship and Consistency series with other awards as listed in the relevant section's 'Trophy and Prizes' schedule.
 - 16.3 Where there is a trophy to be awarded for a single race on a multiple race day, the trophy shall be awarded for the result of the first race.
 - 16.4 If the average number of boats in a division / fleet or class competing in each series is less than four, series trophies will only be awarded to first place.

17. PRESENTATIONS

Results presentations are announced in the Quarterdeck area of the Main clubhouse no earlier than 1730. Twilight Series presentations normally occur at 2030. Note: In some cases, presentations may occur at earlier times or other locations as notified.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate entirely at the own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained prior to, during, or after any event. No boat shall start in any race unless it has ticked the Declaration forming part of the online sailing nomination form.

19. MEDIA DISCLAIMER

Competitors agree to grant the Organising Authority 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 competitor during the period of the competition without compensation.

20. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$10 million per incident or equivalent.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

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