2023 Australian O'pen Skiff Championships

8-13 January, 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority is

South of Perth Yacht Club

in conjunction with

Australian O'pen Skiff Association Inc.

1   Sign on and Sign Off
1.1   Each competitor shall tag on as instructed at the competitors briefing.
1.2   Competitors shall tag off within 15 minutes of coming ashore.
1.3   Failing to tag on or off will result in a warning for a first occurrence, future breaches will receive a scoring penalty for all races in that session, without a hearing. This changes rule 63 and A5.
1.4   A boat retiring shall inform the race committee, umpires, support boat or the beach marshal as soon as possible and tag off as required above.

2   Signals Made Ashore
2.1   Will be displayed from the signal mast on the Centreboard lawn.
2.2   Boats shall not go afloat whilst AP is displayed ashore. This is to ensure adequate support vessels are on water to assist boats.
2.3   When AP ▮▮▮ is lowered ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes later. This changes Race Signals AP.

3   Notices to Competitors
3.1   Will be posted on the official notice board at the SoPYC located inside the Centreboard Clubhouse.
3.2   Competitor briefings will be held Centreboard lawn.

4   Changes to the Sailing Instructions
Any change made ashore will be identified by the display of International Code Flag L ▚ with 1 sound at least 60 minutes prior to any session.

5   Schedule

Date	Time	Event
Sun Jan 8th	0900-1200 1200–1500	Charter boat allocation Pre-regatta training/coaching
Mon Jan 9th	0900-1500 0900-1200 1000–1500	Competitor Registration Chart boat allocation Pre-regatta training/coaching.
Tue Jan 10th	0900-1000 1000 1100–1700 1730	Competitor Registation & Chart boat allocation Competitor Welcome & Briefing Invitation Race and Racing/on water activities Welcome BBQ
Wed Jan 11th	0900 1000–1700	Competitor Briefing Racing/on water activities
Thu Jan 12	0900 1000–1700	Competitor Briefing Racing/on water activities
Fri Jan 13	0900 1000–1430 1430 ASAP after activities	Competitor Briefing Racing/on water activities No warning signal after 1430 Presentation

5.1   No more than 4 scoring races will be sailed back-to-back in any one session.
5.2   No more than 6 scoring races will be sailed on any day.
5.3   A number of non-scoring adventure type races may be sailed during the event when conditions are appropriate.
5.4   No warning signal will be made after 1430 hrs on Friday January 13th, 2023.

6 Class Flags

6.1 Gold Fleet – Gold flag with Open Skiff logo

Silver Fleet – Silver flag with Open Skiff logo

Green Fleet – Green flag with Open Skiff logo

6.2 Any signal displayed below these flags applies to that fleet only.

6.3 A ribbon provided by AIOSA at registration must be attached to the head of the mainsail for silver fleet. Attachment 1 contains the courses for gold and silver fleets.

6.4 The courses to be sailed will be signalled by numeral pennants on the race committee vessel. A picture of each course pennant is included with the course diagram in Attachment 1.

7 Start / Finish Line and Marks

7.1 The start and finish lines are between an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and a chequered cylindrical mark at the port end. This changes RRS Race Signals.

7.2 Course marks are yellow or pink 1.35m high conical inflatable marks and are rounding marks unless specified in Attachment 1.

8 Start Sequence - amends RRS 26

Point score races will be started separately for each fleet.

3 minutes to start "Warning Signal"	🔵 or ⚪ or 🟢 ⬆ with one sound
2 minutes to start "Preparatory Signal"	🔵 ⬆ with one sound
1 minute to start	🔵 ⬇ with one sound
Start	🔵 or ⚪ or 🟢 ⬇ with one sound

9 Time Limits and Target Times

9.1 The target time for the first Gold fleet boat is 20 - 25 minutes.

9.2 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

9.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat sailing the course and finishing may be scored as a finisher in their position at that time. Boats will be notified and directed accordingly.

10 Rules - refer NoR

The SI's shall take precedence over the NoR if there is any conflict. Changes rule 63.7.
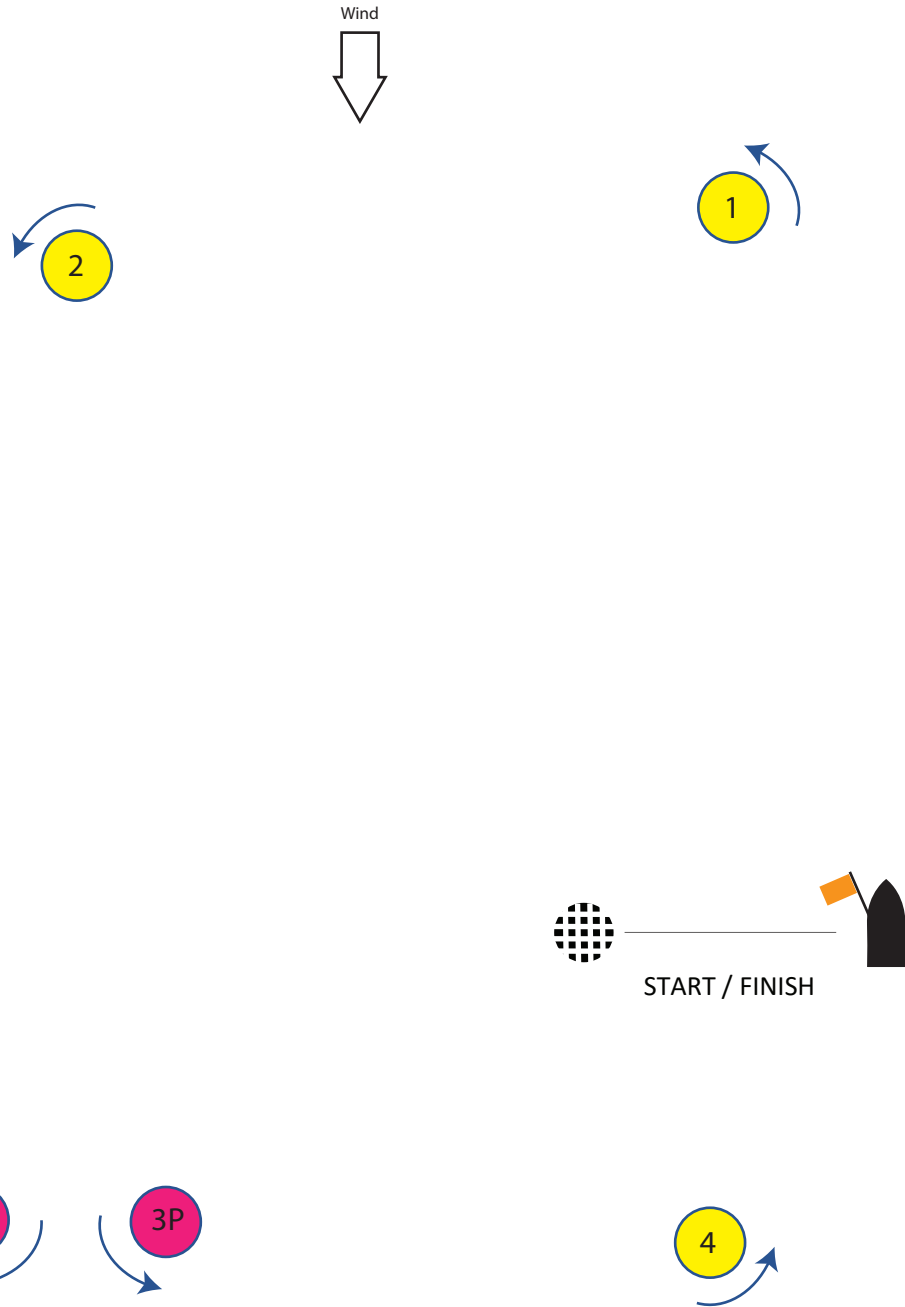
11 PENALTY SYSTEM

[SCP] Scoring Penalty – for some specific breaches of the rules, the RC may apply a scoring penalty [SCP] without a hearing. The RC may still protest a boat when they consider the SCP inappropriate. A boat may request redress when they believe the application of the SCP improper. The scoring penalty is 20% of the number of boats that started, but not worse than disqualification. This changes RRS 63.1 & Appendix A5.
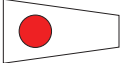
12 COVID 19

12.1 Competitors and support persons attending the Regatta shall respond to any reasonable requests from an event official.

12.2 Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID 19 guidelines, protocols or legislation, even if it they later prove to be unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions. This changes rule 62.1.
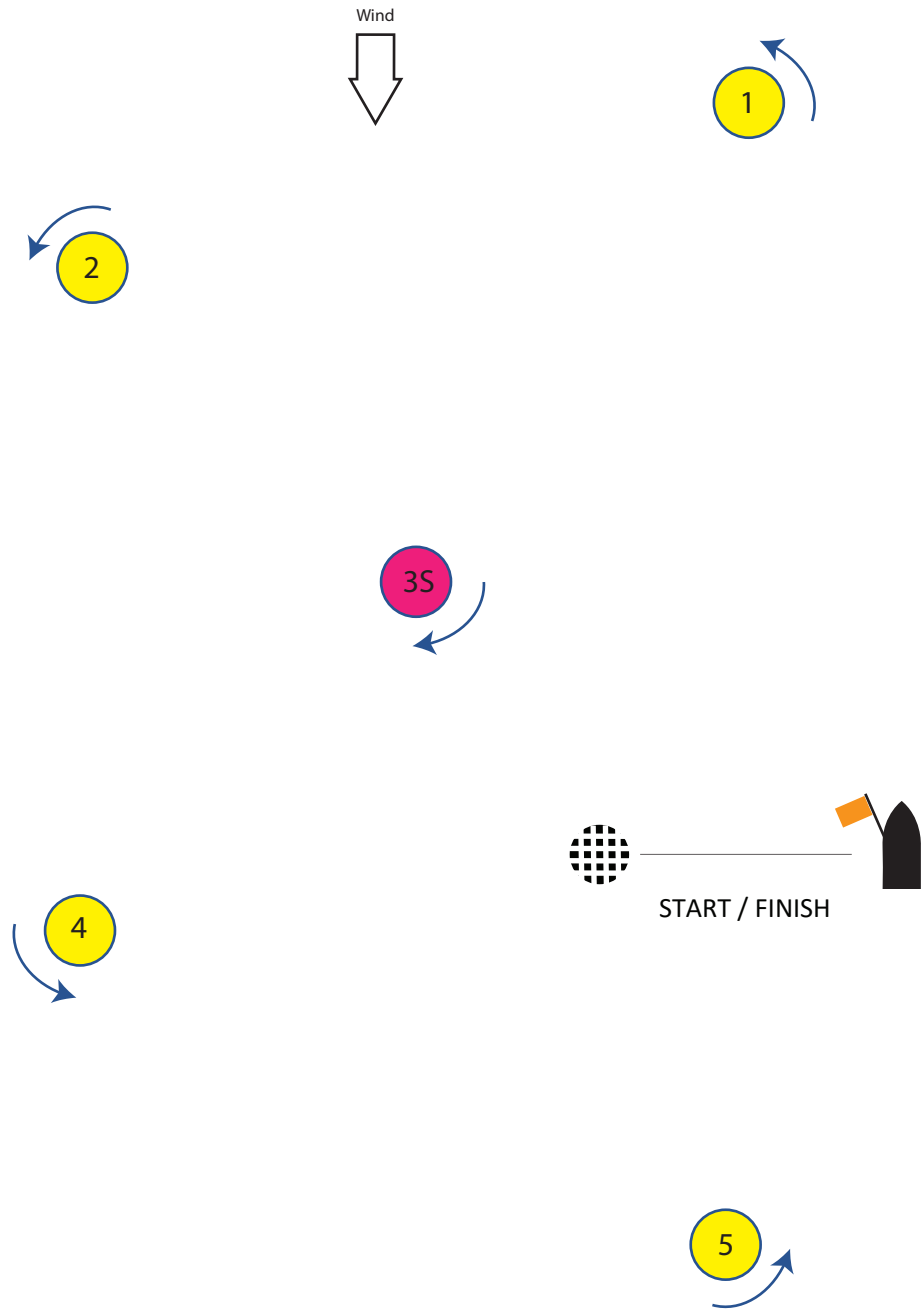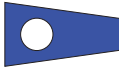
Attachment A / Course 1

Wind

START / FINISH

3S   3P

Not to Scale

Course 1 🔴◗	
🟨	Start - 1 - 2 - 3P/3S - 2 - 3P - 4 - Finish
⬜	Start - 1 - 2 - 3P - 4 - Finish
All marks shall be rounded to port unless indicated with "S" to starboard. If only one gate mark is set, that mark shall be rounded to port.	

Attachment A / Course 2

Wind

1

2

3S

START / FINISH

4

5

Not to Scale

Course 2	
⊙ (yellow)	Start 1 - 5 - 1 - 2 - 3S - 4 - 5 - Finish
⊙ (grey)	Start -1 - 2 - 3S - 4 - 5 - Finish
All marks shall be rounded to port unless indicated with "S" to starboard. If only one gate mark is set, that mark shall be rounded to port.	