



**SOUTH OF PERTH YACHT CLUB**  
**WA WOMENS MATCH RACING CHAMPIONSHIP**

**18 – 19 September 2021**

# **NOTICE OF RACE**

**COVID-19 Note:**

Due to the current uncertainty surrounding public events, the format of this Event may change depending on WA Government Public Health Orders. Entries may also be capped to comply with Mass Gathering restrictions, which take into account competitors, support vessel personnel, race management and staff involved in the event.

**1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The Organising Authority (OA) will be South of Perth Yacht Club Inc. (SoPYC).

**2. VENUE**

The event will be held at SoPYC, 2 Canning Beach Road, Applecross 6153. Racing will be conducted on the waters of Melville Water East, Swan River, WA.

**3. EVENT GRADING**

This event has applied for a World Sailing Grade 4. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

**4. PROVISIONAL PROGRAM**

4.1 The provisional schedule of events is as follows:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Mon 23 Aug 2021	1700	Close of Applications	
Sat 18 Sep 2021	0800-0900	Registration & crew weighing	Wardroom
	0900-0930	Welcome & Briefing	Wardroom
	1000-1050	Practice Session	Canning River
	1100	1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal	Canning River
	1330 approx.	Lunch break / Time Trial event	
	1545	1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal	Canning River
	1730	No warning signal after 1730	
	Asap post racing	Daily De-Briefing	Wardroom
	0930	Daily Briefing	Wardroom
	1100	1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal	Canning River
Sun 19 Sep 2021	1730	No warning signal after 1730	

4.2 There will be no warning signal made after 1730 hrs on Sunday 19 September 2021.

4.3 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- a) Registration & weigh in
- b) Daily briefing for skippers
- c) Welcome Function
- d) Umpire debriefs & boat draw
- e) Prize Giving

## 5. SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

5.1 Eight (8) skippers will be invited to compete by the OA.

Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. A competitor wishing to be invited should register their intention with the OA by completing an online application for invitation. Applications will close on 23 Aug 2021. Successful applicants will have their entry confirmed by Fri 27 Aug 2021.

5.2 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

5.3 To remain eligible, a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation by completing the online registration form to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.

5.4 All competitors shall meet the requirements of RRS 75.

5.5 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at:  
<https://www.sailing.org/isafsailor>

Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID on their application for invitation. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19.2.

## 6. ENTRIES

6.1 Entering

Invited teams shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card online at:

<https://sopyc.com.au/wa-womens-match-racing-championship/>

6.2 Entry Fee

a) The entry fee has been waived.

b) Should the Organising Authority cancel the event, or a competitor be disallowed from attending the event due to COVID-19 the entry fee will be refunded less any costs incurred.

6.3 Withdrawal

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing. World Sailing Regulation 27.1).

#### 6.4 Damage Deposit

- a) An initial damage deposit of \$1,100.00 shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any once incident.
- b) If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded with 10 days after the event.

### 7. RULES

- 7.1
  - a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.
  - b) The rules for handling the boats will apply and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules do not apply.
  - c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official noticeboard.
- 7.2 Major Alterations to the RRS
  - a) RRS C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions.

### 8. BOATS AND SAILS

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in BW8 Keelboats.
- 8.2 **Four (4)** boats will be provided.
- 8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib and symmetrical spinnaker.
- 8.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each stage as decided by the Race Committee.

### 9. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be **five** or **six**. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 9.2 The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts shall not exceed **408kg**, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the Race Committee.
- 9.3 Crew weight may be checked during the regatta. At any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 8kg. Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit shall not be penalised but they shall reduce their weight to the increased weight limit before racing again.
- 9.4 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 9.5 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

### 10. EVENT FORMAT

- 10.1 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event.

10.2 The event will consist of the following stages:

Stage 1 – A single or double round robin

Stage 2 – Quarter Finals (subject to number of entries & available time)

Stage 3 – Semi Finals

Stage 4 – Petit Finals & Finals

10.3 The Race Committee may change the format, terminate any stage of the event when in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Initial stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

## **11. COURSE**

11.1 The course will be windward/ leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.

11.2 Leeward gates may be used.

11.3 The intended course area will be in Melville Water East in the vicinity of SoPYC.

## **12. ADVERTISING**

12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, World Sailing regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.

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12.3 The OA reserves the absolute right to require any competitor to remove any advertising displayed by competitors on clothing, boats or equipment (while racing or attending official functions), within the boundary of the regatta venue which may be in contravention of moral decency or government regulation.

12.4 Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.

12.5 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

## **13. PRIZES**

13.1 The principal prize for first place will be a perpetual trophy. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

13.2 The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

## **14. MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND**

The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

## **15. COACH BOATS**

15.1 Coach boats shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.

- 15.2 The OA will provide berths for coach boats. Teams with coach boats must notify the OA by Fri 09 Sept 2021 requesting berthing during the event.
- 15.3 Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the Protest Committee to the associated skipper or team.

## 16. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- 16.1 Should competitors wish to avail themselves of the SoPYC clubhouse, club dress regulations apply.
- 16.2 The SoPYC, through the generosity of members, will endeavour to provide accommodation at member's homes or onboard members boats berthed at SoPYC if requested by interstate or international competitors.
- 16.3 The OA will issue all competitors and officials of the Western Australian Womens Match Racing Championship temporary membership to the SoPYC for the duration of the regatta. Temporary membership will be issued on the basis that competitors and officials respect the rules and regulations of temporary membership and can have this privilege revoked should such request be ignored.
- 16.4 If conditions warrant, the RC may display flag Y in accordance with Rule 40.2 requiring each competitor to wear a personal floatation device (pfd) while racing or afloat. Competitors may supply their own pfd which must comply with Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 Rule 5.01.1(i).

## 17. 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.

## 18. INVITATIONS

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited, please register your interest for an invitation as soon as possible with the OA by completing the online application form.

For further information, please contact:

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Event Webpage