



SOUTH of PERTH YACHT CLUB
(Organising Authority)

NOTICE OF RACE 2022-23

South of Perth Yacht Club has the pleasure of inviting you to participate in its
77th Sailing Season from 2 October 2022 to 29 September 2023.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

1.1 The event is 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 where applicable.
- d) The SoPYC Performance Handicap Rules (PHS) where applicable.
- e) The ORC Club Measurement System (ORC Club) where applicable.
- f) 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 Off The Beach (OTB) races.

1.3 Supplementary and/or separate NoR's and Sailing Instructions (SIs) may be issued for individual events.

1.4 **Sails**

- a) For the Midweek Series and Twilight Series, 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.

1.5 **Change of Hull (OTB)**

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 **Race Categories**

Each boat shall comply with the nominated Race Category of each race and carry on board the specified equipment.

- a) Category 7 – For Keelboats competing on Swan River during daylight hours.
- b) Category 6 – For Keelboats competing in inshore races i.e. The Billy Run.
- c) Category 4 – For Keelboats competing in offshore races where this category is specified.

- d) Category 2 – For Keelboats competing in t offshore races where this category is specified.
- e) Special Regulations Part 2 - Off the Beach Boats

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be published in the 2022-23 “Red Book” which will be available before the first race. Copies may be collected from the SoPYC On Water Group office located in the main clubhouse foyer and online at:

- 2.1 **Keelboats:** <https://sopyc.com.au/race-documents-keelboats/>
- 2.2 **Off the Beach Boats:** <https://sopyc.com.au/race-documents-off-the-beach/>

3. COMMUNICATION [DP] - Keelboats

- 3.1 All boats are required to carry a VHF radio. On the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor VHF channels 16 & 77 and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 69.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.3 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 transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The events are open to all boats of the following divisions and classes:
 - a) **SATURDAY KEELBOAT SERIES**
Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, S80, Spacesailer 27, Spacesailer 22, H28, Red Witch and Viper 640.
On Club Championship race days, boats eligible for an ORC Racing will compete as a sub-division of Division 1 and Cole 32 Class will compete as a sub-division of Division 2.
 - b) **MIDWEEK KEELBOAT SERIES**
Division 1, Division 2, Division 3 and H28 Class
 - c) **TWILIGHT KEELBOAT SERIES**
Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3
 - d) **FROSTBITE KEELBOAT SERIES**
Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3
 - e) **OFF THE BEACH BOATS SUMMER CONSISTENCY SERIES**
Optimist, Optimist Intermediate, O’pen Skiff, Pelican, Laser Standard, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, National 125, 29er & Flying Fifteen Classes.
- 4.2 The following rating systems apply:

EVENT	DIVISION / CLASS	RATING
Club Championship	Division 1	ORC Club

4.3 The following handicap systems apply:

EVENT	DIVISION / CLASS	HANDICAP SYSTEM
Saturday Series	All Divisions & Classes	Club Performance Handicap
Doug Rickman Series	Division 3	Fixed Performance Handicap
Midweek Series	All Divisions & Classes	Club Performance Handicap
Twilight Series	All Divisions	Club Performance Handicap
Frostbite Series	All Divisions	Club Performance Handicap
OTB Consistency Series	All Classes	Club Performance Handicap

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

4.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and submitting it before their first race.

4.6 Boats may enter events by registering online at:

Keelboats:

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

Off The Beach Boats:

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

4.7 To be considered an entry in an event, a boat shall complete the following registration requirements:

- a) Be listed on the SoPYC Vessel Register.
- b) Submit a completed AS Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form.

Keelboats:

<https://sopyc.com.au/keelboats/equipment-audit-forms/>

Off The Beach Boats:

<https://sopyc.com.au/on-water/off-the-beach/equipment-audit-forms-otb/>

- c) Hold a valid third-party liability insurance policy with a minimum cover of \$10million per incident or the equivalent.
- d) Visiting boats (subject to NoR 7) be registered at a club affiliated with Australian Sailing (AS).
- e) A boat shall sail in the division or class (see NoR 4) to which it is assigned by the OA. Refer to Club Mixed Division Yacht Allocation Policy:
<https://sopyc.com.au/race-documents-keelboats/>
- f) For scoring purposes, 'boat' means the combination of a hull to which a sail number is assigned and the helmsperson.
- g) 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), Midweek, Twilight and Frostbite Series. The handicap may be amended. After three substitutions, NoR 4.7 f) applies.
- h) For scoring purposes, the helmsperson of an OTB class boat may be substituted by a SoPYC member for three Consistency race days per season. The handicap may be amended. After three race days substitutions NoR 4.7 f) applies.
- i) For OTB Club Championship series, there shall be no substitutions.

4.8 Helmsperson

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

4.8.1 Keelboats:

- a) Ordinary Member, Life Member, 60 Year Member or Centreboard Member. A substitute Helmsperson under NoR 4.7 g) shall be a financial member of SoPYC from any membership category.
- b) Helmspersons of approved visiting boats shall hold the equivalent membership at a club affiliated with Australian Sailing (AS).
- c) In special circumstances, the OA may approve a Junior Member who meets the competency criteria, to be the Helmsperson of a Keelboat.
- d) 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.

4.8.2 Off The Beach Boats:

- a) Ordinary Member, Life Member, 60 Year Member, Centreboard Member or Junior Member.
- b) Helmspersons of approved visiting boats shall hold the equivalent membership at a club affiliated with Australian Sailing.

5. FEES

Unless specified in supplementary or separate NoR's, there are no fees applicable.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 In accordance with Australian Sailing Prescription and RRS 46, all crew shall be a current financial member of SoPYC from any membership category.
- 6.2 Non-member competitors shall obtain a Day Membership Sail Pass available via the Revolutionise Online Portal before each race. The Club's Day Pass policy forms part of this NoR.
- 6.3 Further information available at
<https://sopyc.com.au/race-documents-keelboats/>
Day Membership Sail Passes are available via the link below:
<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/sopyc/registration/>

7. VISITING BOAT LIMITATIONS

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

8. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

9. SCHEDULE

Racing is scheduled as per the Schedule of Events will be as published in the 2022-23 “Red Book” Attachment A. The Schedule of Events will also be available on the Club’s website at:

a) **Keelboats:**

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

b) **Off The Beach Boats:**

<https://sopyc.com.au/race-documents-off-the-beach/>

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement or rating certificate prior to the commencement of their first race.

11. RACING AREAS AND COURSES

11.1 Races will be conducted on Melville Water using Laid Courses or Club Courses.

11.2 Keelboat course sheets are published in the 2022-23 “Red Book” as Attachment B and will also be available from the pigeonholes outside the On Water Group office.

11.3 OTB course sheets are published in the 2022-23 “Red Book” as Attachment C and will also be available from inside the Centreboard Clubhouse.

11.4 Separate or Supplementary NoR and SIs will be issued for special events, including events not conducted on Melville Water.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

12.2 Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply.

13. SCORING

13.1 Scoring will be in accordance with the RRS Appendix A (Including A5.3) amended as follows:

13.2 **Saturday Series, Twilight Series, Frostbite Series and OTB Consistency Series**

a) All divisions & classes 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.

13.3 **Midweek Series**

a) All divisions & classes 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 5 races completed and scored.

13.4 **Club Championship Series**

a) One Design Classes – Over the line results.

b) Division 1 – ORC Club rating handicaps.

c) Division 3 – Fixed Performance handicaps (Doug Rickman Series)

The Club 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	14
Races Constitute a Series	4	Races Constitute a Series	7

Discards after 5 races	1	Discards after 7 races	1
Discards after 7 races	2	Discards after 10 races	2
		Discards after 13 races	3

VIPER 640 CLASS

Races in Series	8
Races Constitute a Series	4
Discards after 5 races	1
Discards after 7 races	2

13.5 For scoring purposes, a boat 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.

14. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS [DP]

14.1 Support and coach boats shall register online with the OA at:

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

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.

14.2 All support and coach boats are required to have a VHF radio and maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch. 69 or any other channel specified by the Race Committee.

14.3 All support and coach boats shall render assistance as and when directed by the Race Officer.

- a) All support boats will have a minimum of two able bodied persons aboard.
- b) All occupants of coach / support boats less than 6m LOA shall wear an approved PFD whilst afloat.
- c) The skipper of a coach/support boat less than 6m LOA shall wear the kill cord.

15. KEELBOATS SAFETY [DP]

15.1 No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or any part protruding outboard.

15.2 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 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 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. 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.** The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17. 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. It is strongly recommended that such insurance include a racing extension.

18. PRIZES

18.1 Pennants will be awarded in each race and series for each division 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.

18.2 Trophies will be awarded for Club Championship and Consistency series with other awards, will be as published in the 2022-23 "Red Book" Attachment G.

18.3 Season perpetual trophies will be awarded at the respective Keelboat and OTB Award presentations held after the season end. Perpetual trophies shall remain in the clubhouse for display in the trophy cabinet.

18.4 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 in the first race.

18.5 A minimum of two starters in a division or class are required to constitute a race.

18.6 If the average number of boats in a division or class competing in each series is less than 4, series trophies will only be awarded to first place.

19. 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.

20. MEDIA




By participating in the event, competitors grant to the Organising Authority and Australian Sailing and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped, or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

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