



2023 Geraldton Ocean Classic & Return
As part of the ORWA – Siska, BlueWater & Corinthian Series
SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Saturday 28 OCTOBER & 4 NOVEMBER 2023

South of Perth Yacht Club

(OA – Organising Authority)

1. Race Particulars

This event includes;

- Geraldton Ocean Classic (Fremantle to Geraldton), Oct 28 2023
- Geraldton Return Race (Geraldton to Fremantle), Nov 4 2023

Organising authority	NoR 1	South of Perth Yacht Club
Race category	NoR 3	Category 2
Race channel	SI 16	VHF 72 & Monitored channels as specified in 'Attachment 3'
Rounding reports	SI 16.1	As specified in section 5 below
Schedule position report (SKED)	SI 16.2	Required and as detailed in SSI 7
SKED contact number		0412 745 844
Trackers	SI 16.3	Provided by OA & Required
Notice to Competitors	SI 4 & 5	Will be displayed on the event website, in addition to abiding by SI 4 & 5
Penalties	SI 16.2.3	
Event Website		https://sopyc.com.au/on-water/offshore/geraldtonoceanclassic/

2. Rules

This race is governed by the rules as determined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RSS), in the Sailing Instructions (SIs) located in the ORWA Handbook 2023-24, and then these Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSIs). In the event of a conflict these SSIs will take precedence.

3. Skippers Briefing

- 3.1** Skippers and Navigators must attend each of the scheduled briefing sessions for the legs of this event.
- Geraldton Ocean Classic Pre-race briefing: Thursday 26th Oct 2023, from 1830hrs at South of Perth Yacht Club (SoPYC).
 - Geraldton Return Race Pre-race briefing: Saturday 4th Nov 2023, from 0730hrs at Geraldton Yacht Club (GYC).

4. The Start

- 4.1 For the Geraldton Ocean Classic the start boat will be the SoPYC vessel 'Coffee Point'.
- 4.2 For Geraldton Return Race the start boat will be the GYC vessel 'Clarry Rose'.

5. Divisions/Class Warning Signals

Scheduled time of the warning signal for each Division are:

Division/class	Warning signal	Flag
All Fleets	0925	Naval Numeral 1

6. Course(s) & Marks

The course(s) for this race and the marks in sequence are set out below. The marks/waypoints are left to either P (Port) or S (Starboard).

6.1 Fremantle to Geraldton

Course

Mark/waypoint	Coordinates	Rounding	Comments
Start		As per SI 10	
Day buoy		As per SI 10.2	
Western South Passage Transit Beacon		P	
Parker Point Exclusion Mark SE		S	
Parker Point Exclusion Mark SW		S	
Cape Vlamingh Exclusion Mark SE		S	
Cape Vlamingh Exclusion Mark SW		S	
Cape Vlamingh Exclusion Mark NW		S	
Fairway Buoy Geraldton	28.46.291S, 114.33.651E	S	Rounding report promptly after rounding on VHF 72
Bluff Point Lead	Approx. 28.44.76S, 114.36.54E	S	
Finish - Geraldton	28.45.084S, 114.36.441E	As per SSI 6.1.1	

6.1.1 Finish Line

The finish line will be between two (2) red inflatable buoys located between the South Breakwater to the Batavia Coast Marina and Channel Marker BE20. The approximate centre of the line will be 28.46.084S, 114.36.441E. The marks may be lit at night.

6.2 Geraldton to Fremantle

Course

Mark/waypoint	Coordinates	Rounding	Comments
Start		In the vicinity of Bluff Point Lead	
Day buoy		As per SI 10.2	
Leaving all Deep Water Channel Markers to		P	
Fairway Buoy Geraldton	28.46.291S, 114.33.651E	P	
Fairway Landfall Buoy Fremantle		S	Rounding report promptly after rounding on VHF 72
Hall Bank Beacon		S	
Leaving Red A Harbour Entrance to		P	
Green No1 Harbour Entrance Buoy		P	
Finish - South Mole Finish Line		As per SI 15	

6.3 Exclusion Zones

Geraldton Harbour Channel Restricted Area, in addition to any Obstructions listed in SI9.

6.4 Day Buoys

The Day Buoys used for this event are as follows;

- Fremantle to Geraldton race will be a Yellow Buoy.
- Geraldton to Fremantle race will be a Red Buoy.

7. Scheduled Position Reports and Communication Procedures

7.1 Satellite and Mobile phones shall be turned on and be in a position where they can be seen and heard when ringing and regularly checked for messages.

7.2 All boats shall make a test voice call, and a TXT/SMS message to Race Control SKED phone number '0412 745 844' by 1200hrs Friday 27th October. If Race Control is unable to answer the call, please leave a message and Race Control will get back to you. Race Control will log all test calls and advise when boats have completed testing and are Satellite comms approved for the event.

7.3 Schedule Position Reporting will be in effect for the Geraldton Ocean Classic and subsequent Fremantle Return Race, as detailed in SI16.2

7.4 In addition to SI 16.2 a mandatory TXT/SMS shall be sent as follows;

- Fremantle to Geraldton – when at 29° 15' South, abeam of Port Denison
- Geraldton to Fremantle – when at 31° 15' South, abeam of Yanchep

7.5 Should yachts not be able to make contact with Race Control for SKED in accordance with SI16.2.2 the following methods may be employed, in order of use;

- The OA supplied YellowBrick (YB) Trackers may be used as a backup. Race Control will receive and reply to the messages via the YB tracker management interface. Guides on use are supplied in Attachment B
- If the primary SKED number become disabled, yachts will be communicated via text to the satellite phone of a backup mobile phone number.
- Race Control acknowledges that some yachts might at times have difficulties getting their SKED messages through. As such Race Control may accept messages outside of the prescribed times, but as close as feasible as to those detailed in SI 16.2.1 & SSI 7.4. This may result in no penalty being applied by Race Committee. Race control will endeavour to do everything possible to assist inside and outside of the prescribed SKED times. The overall objective is that the race control achieves regular contact with yachts and vice versa.

8. Presentations

A Presentation Dinner for the Batavia Coast Trophy (best overall points score for the Geraldton Ocean Classic, Lobster Pot Series & Geraldton Return Race) and Geraldton Return Race results will be held at 1830hrs Friday 10 November at SoPYC.

Grazing platter and hot finger food to be available, booking details to be made available prior to the event.

9. Race contacts

Contacts for this race are located as part of the 'Geraldton Race Program'.

10. Attached Documents

Attachment A	Geraldton Local Waters Map – as part of the 'Geraldton Race Program'
Attachment B	YellowBrick Tracker messaging guide
Attachment C	Communication & Emergency contact Reference Guide.