



## SOUTH of PERTH YACHT CLUB

(Organising Authority)

# NOTICE OF RACE 2023-24

South of Perth Yacht Club has the pleasure of inviting you to participate in its  
78<sup>th</sup> Sailing Season from October 2023 to September 2024.

## 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 Offshore Racing Congress Rating (Club) (**ORCC**) system will apply where applicable. The "Triple Number, Coastal" rating will be used.
  - f) Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply.
- 1.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for all Keelboat (**KB**), Off the Beach (**OTB**) and DF95 races.
- 1.3 Supplementary and/or separate Notice of Races (**NoR's**) and Sailing Instructions (**SI**s) may be issued for individual events.
- 1.4 **Race Categories**

Each boat shall comply with the nominated Australian Sailing 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 e.g. The Billy Run.
  - c) Category 4 – For Keelboats competing in offshore races where this category is specified.
  - d) Category 2 – For Keelboats competing in offshore races where this category is specified.
  - e) Special Regulations Part 2 - Off the Beach Boats

## 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & DOCUMENTS

The SI's and Race Documents will be available online and at the On Water Group (**OWG**).

## 3. [DP] COMMUNICATION – Keelboats (KB)

- 3.1 All KB are required to carry a VHF radio. On the water, the Race Committee (**RC**) intends to monitor VHF 16, 69 & 77 and communicate with competitors on **VHF 69** as per NoR 14.2.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 The Race Officer may be contacted **in an emergency on 0412 704 945**

## 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, SS27, SS22, H28 & Red Witch.  
On Club Championship race days, boats eligible for ORCC will compete as a sub-division of Division 1 and Cole32 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 – (H28 in Division 3).

d) **FROSTBITE KEELBOAT SERIES**

Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3 – (SS27 in Division 2) (H28 in Division 3).

e) **OFF THE BEACH (OTB) SUMMER SERIES & OTB WINTER SERIES**

Optimist, Optimist Intermediate, O’pen Skiff, Pelican, ILCA 7, 6, & 4, National 125, 29er, Windsurfer LT, Flying Fifteen and Viper 640 Classes.

f) **DF95 SERIES - DF95s**

4.2 **The following rating systems apply:**

EVENT	DIVISION / CLASS	RATING
Club Championship	Division 1	ORCC

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	Club 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 KB or 4 OTB boats entered in a division or class, then the OA may abandon the series or amalgamate the boats into a ‘mixed division’.

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

4.6 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.
- c) Hold a valid third-party liability insurance policy with a minimum cover of \$10million per incident or the equivalent. **It is strongly recommended that the insurance includes a “racing” extension.**
- d) Visiting boats be registered at a club affiliated with AS.
- e) A boat shall sail in the division or class to which it is assigned by the OA.
- f) For scoring purposes, ‘boat’ means the combination of a hull to which a sail number is assigned and the nominated helmsperson.
- g) For scoring purposes, the helmsperson of a KB may apply, in writing, for a SoPYC member who regularly crews on that KB to be the substitute helmsperson. This applies to all the series and the handicap may be amended. After three substitutions, NoR 4.6(f) applies.
- h) For scoring purposes, the helmsperson of an OTB boat may apply, in writing, for a SoPYC member to be substituted for three consistency race days per season. The handicap may be amended. After three consistency race day substitutions NoR 4.6(f) applies.
- i) For OTB Club Championship series and DF95 series, there shall be no substitutions.

**Helmsperson**

4.7 The Helmsperson shall be a current financial member of SoPYC at least equivalent to the following categories:

4.7.1 **Keelboats:**

- a) Ordinary Member, Life Member, 60 Year Member or Centreboard Member.  
A substitute Helmsperson under NoR 4.6(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 AS.
- c) In special circumstances, the OA may approve a Junior Member who is deemed competent, 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 a race.

#### 4.7.2 **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 AS.

#### 4.7.3 **DF95s:**

- a) Any SoPYC membership category.
- b) Helmspersons of approved visiting boats shall hold the equivalent membership at a club affiliated with RSAWA.

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

## **6 CREW LIMITATIONS**

Crew not complying with the AS Prescription - RRS 46, shall obtain a Day Membership Sail Pass. The Club's SailPass document is included in the Red Book and online.

## **7 VISITING BOAT LIMITATIONS**

- 7.1 Visiting KB and OTB boats shall be eligible to compete in any event except those designated in the Schedule of Events as "Club Championship".
- 7.2 For scoring purposes, a visiting boat is only eligible to be included in a series that is designated as an invitation series.

## **8 SCHEDULE**

The detail of events are as per the "Schedule of Events" published in the Red Book and online.

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### **9.1 EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATES**

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

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**Sails – KB** - For the Midweek and Twilight Series, boats may only carry normal working sails tacked in the normal position for working to windward. Boats shall not use asymmetrical

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spinnakers or the like. A sail may be poled out.

#### **Change of Hull (OTB & DF95)**

- a) Change of hull and the carry-over of results will be permitted for classes where SoPYC club rental or try-before-you-buy arrangements have been entered in the first part of the series.
- b) Other OTB classes may seek permission, in writing, for the same dispensation which will be considered by the OA on a case-by-case basis.
- c) DF95s may replace hulls due to damage.

## **10 RACING AREAS AND COURSES**

- 10.1 Races will be conducted on Melville Water unless otherwise noted.
- 10.2 All course sheets will be available online and published in the "Red Book".
- 10.3 KB course sheets will be available at the OWG.
- 10.4 OTB course sheets will be available from inside the Centreboard Clubhouse.
- 10.5 Separate or Supplementary NoR's and SI's will be issued as required.

## 11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 11.2 Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply.
- 11.3 **(NP)** denotes that a breach of the relevant rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat.
- 11.4 **(DP)** denotes a rule of which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification (DSQ).

## 12 SCORING

- 12.1 Scoring will be in accordance with the RRS Appendix A (Including A5.3) amended as follows:
- 12.2 **Saturday, Twilight, Frostbite and OTB consistency Series**
- a) All divisions & classes scored on Club Performance Handicap.
  - 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.
- 12.3 **Midweek consistency Series**
- a) All divisions & classes scored on Club Performance Handicap.
  - 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.
- 12.4 **Club Championship Series**
- a) One Design Classes – Over the line results.
  - b) Division 1 – ORCC rating handicaps.
  - c) Division 3 – Fixed Performance handicaps (Doug Rickman Series)
- 12.5 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.
- 12.6 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	<b>7</b>	Races in Series	<b>14</b>
Races Constitute a Series	<b>4</b>	Races Constitute a Series	<b>7</b>
Discards after 5 races	<b>1</b>	Discards after 7 races	<b>1</b>
Discards after 7 races	<b>2</b>	Discards after 10 races	<b>2</b>
		Discards after 13 races	<b>3</b>

## 13 [DP] SUPPORT & COACH BOATS

- 13.1 Except when rendering assistance to a boat in distress 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 RC signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.
- 13.2 All support and coach boats are required to have a VHF radio and maintain a listening watch on **VHF 69** or any other channel specified by the Course Race Officer.
- 13.3 All support and coach boats shall render assistance as and when directed by the Race Officer.
- 13.4 All support boats will have a minimum of **two able bodied persons** aboard.
- 13.5 All occupants of support and coach boats less than 6m LOA, shall wear a PFD Level 100 or higher whilst afloat.
- 13.6 The skipper of support and coach boats less than 6m LOA, shall wear the **engine kill switch cord**.

## 14 [DP] SAFETY - KEELBOATS

- 14.1 No boat shall race with an anchor protruding over its bow.
- 14.2 Operable marine VHF radios shall be carried, which may be permanently installed or be waterproof, handheld, and shall be **turned on** whilst racing.

- 14.3 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.
- 14.4 In addition to the Helmsperson, there shall be at least one crew member who shall be competent to handle the boat in an emergency.

## 15 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 the events 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.

## 16 INSURANCE

Each participating boat (excluding DF95s) 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 cover include a racing extension.**

## 17 PRIZES

17.1 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.

- 17.2 Trophies and/or prizes will be awarded for Club Championship and Consistency series with other awards as published in the “Red Book”.
- 17.3 Season perpetual trophies will be awarded at the respective KB and OTB Award presentations held after the season end. Perpetual trophies shall remain in the clubhouse for display in the trophy cabinet.
- 17.4 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.**
- 17.5 **A minimum of two starters in a division or class are required to constitute a race.**
- 17.6 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.

## 18 PRESENTATIONS

Result presentations will be at a time and location as notified.

## 19 MEDIA

By participating in the event, competitors grant to the Organising Authority, 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 competitor during the period of the competition without compensation.

## 20 FURTHER INFORMATION

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

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