

SATURDAY SERIES SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



SOUTH of PERTH YACHT CLUB
(Organising Authority)

SATURDAY KEELBOAT SERIES 2023/2024 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in:
- The Racing Rules of Sailing (**RRS**).
 - The Prescriptions of Australian Sailing (**AS**) including the Special Regulations.
 - The Class Rules where applicable.
 - The SoPYC Performance Handicapping Rules (**PHS**) where applicable.
 - The ORC Club Measurement System (**ORCC**) where applicable.
 - 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.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 2 hours before the scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors (**NTC**) will be posted on the regatta notice board located in the foyer near the OWG office.
- 3.2 The race office is the On Water Group (**OWG**).
- 3.3 On the water, the Race Committee (**RC**) intends to monitor VHF 16, 69 & 77 and communicate with competitors on **VHF 69**.
- 3.4 The call sign for South of Perth Yacht Club is '**South of Perth Race Control**'.
- 3.5 While racing, 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. CODE OF CONDUCT

Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal mast on the main clubhouse north-east lawn.

5.2 Signals made at the Start Box are deemed to be made afloat.

5.3 When **Flag AP** is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP.









6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The schedule of races is published online and in the Red Book.

6.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least one minute before a warning signal is made.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The Class and Division flags are:

Division 1	Naval Numeral 1		Red Witch	
Division 2 /Cole32	Naval Numeral 2 /Class Flag	 	Spacesailer 27	
Division 3	Naval Numeral 3		Spacesailer 22	
H28 Class	Naval Numeral 7		S80 Class	

7.2 A Keelboat's Class/Division flag shall be displayed from the backstay or mainsail leech when racing.

7.3 The flag shall be removed when no longer racing.

8. RACING AREA

The racing area includes Canning River, Melville Water East and West.

9. CLUB COURSES AND MARKS

9.1 The Courses for each Division and Class are published online, in the Red Book and available outside the OWG office.

9.2 The course to be sailed will be designated by an international numeral pennant corresponding to the course number displayed below the division or class flag.

9.3 Marks for the Courses will be fixed marks as shown on the 'Saturday 2023/24 Courses' sheets.

9.4 Day Buoy

 **Flag 'Q'** displayed at the warning signal indicates a yellow Day Buoy has been laid to windward of the starting line.

a) **Flag 'Q'** with a **red flag** means 'After starting, boats shall round the yellow Day Buoy and then the red Clearance Buoy, leaving both to **port**, before continuing to the first mark of the course.'

b) **Flag 'Q'** with a **green flag** means 'After starting, boats shall round the yellow Day Buoy and then the green Clearance Buoy, leaving both to **starboard**, before continuing to the first mark of the course.'

9.5 Missing Mark



If a mark is missing and **Flag 'M'** is not in position, boats shall round in the marks usual position. This changes RRS 34.

10. OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas and lines are designated as obstructions:

- a) The area encompassing the northern point of the western hardstand, Heathcote Channel and Heathcote Spit (22).
- b) All navigation posts carrying top marks (except Outer Dolphin (17), Foam Spit (18) and Deepwater Spit (37)) shall not rank as marks but shall rank as obstructions for the purpose of RRS 19.
- c) While racing, all navigation posts carrying top marks, except Outer Dolphin (17), Foam Spit (18) and Deepwater Spit (37), shall be passed on their correct navigational side.
- d) An imaginary line between Bricklanding buoys (33A) and (33B).
- e) An imaginary line between Smith buoy (35A) and Lucky Bay buoy (35B).

11. THE START

- 11.1 The Mid-River Start Line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee **(RC)** boat at the starboard end and a black and white chequered inflatable buoy at port end.
- 11.2 A buoy may be attached to the stern of the **RC** boat. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the **RC** boat at any time.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. **[DP]**
- 11.4 Boats that are **near the starting line in the last minute of another fleets start** may receive an **[SCP]** without a hearing.
- 11.5 A boat that does not start within five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start **(DNS)** without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- 11.6 The RC may relocate a mid-river start to the Start Box at any time. Flag 'R' displayed ashore or afloat with 3 sound signals, means 'all races not yet started shall start in accordance with SI 11.7 & 11.8.
- 11.7 **The Box Start line** will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Box starting line and the outermost of the two yellow pyramid buoys. The inner yellow buoy will mark the extent but not necessarily the position of the line and shall be left on the same hand as the Start Box.
- 11.8 **Box Starts**
 - a) When a race is scheduled or signalled to start at the Box, boats shall start in a **northerly direction** leaving Sampson Spit (19) to Port, before continuing on their normal signalled course.
 - b) If **Flag 'D'** is displayed no later than the 'on station signal', then boats shall start in a **southerly direction** and leave additional marks, Martin Buoy (69), Weaver Buoy (68), Outer Start Line Buoy and Sampson Spit (19) all to Port, before continuing on their normal signalled course.



11.9 General Recall



When a **General Recall** is signalled, the warning signal for a new start for the first recalled fleet will be made at the starting signal of the last fleet in the original sequence. New starts for other recalled fleets will follow in the order thereafter. A General Recall signal will be displayed for one minute. This changes RRS 29.2 and race signal, 'First Substitute'.

12. SHORTENING THE COURSE

12.1 **Before the start** – The RC may shorten a course before the starting signal by flying



Flag 'S' over the relevant Class/Division flag(s) no later than the warning signal.

The marks prefixed * on the Course sheets shall be omitted. This changes RRS 32.

12.2 After the start

a) Where a Fleet's course includes a rounding of the outer start line, the RC may shorten a course after the starting signal by flying **Flag 'S'** over the relevant Class/Division flag(s) from the Box. The marks prefixed * on the course sheets shall be omitted. This changes RRS 32.

b) The RC may shorten the course in accordance with RRS 32.2 - A RC vessel will fly **Flag 'S'**, the relevant division or class flag(s) and the **Blue Finish Line Flag**.

13. THE FINISH

The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag from the Box finish line and the outermost of the two yellow pyramid buoys. The inner yellow buoy will mark the extent but not necessarily the position of the line.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14.2 Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply.

14.3 **[DP]** Discretionary Penalty – the penalty for a breach of this rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

14.4 **[NP]** Breaches of the SI's marked [NP] will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

14.5 **[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. The scoring penalty is 2 points. This changes RRS 63.1 & A5.

15 TIME LIMIT

15.1 The Race Time Limit is 1730.

15.2 If no boat has finished within the time limit, the race will be abandoned.

16 PROTEST HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 The protest time limit is one hour after the last boat finishes.

16.2 Protest hearing request forms are available online and from OWG.

17 SCORING – refer NoR

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Officer.
- 18.2 While racing, no anchor shall be carried on the deck forward of the stem or protruding outboard.
- 18.3 Operable marine VHF radios shall be carried by each vessel, which may be permanently installed or be waterproof handheld **and shall be turned on whilst racing.**
- 18.4 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.
- 18.5 In addition to the Helmsperson, there shall be **at least one crew member who shall be competent to handle the boat in an emergency.**

19 SIGN ON [SCP]

- 19.1 All boats shall sign on with the links supplied by the OWG office.
- 19.2 It is the Skipper's responsibility to record all persons on board their boat.
- 19.3 Boats that fail to Sign On for three (3) races or more shall receive a **[SCP]** without a hearing for the third breach and each consecutive breach.

20 PRIZES – refer NoR

21 RISK STATEMENT – refer NoR

22 INSURANCE refer NoR