

2023

**WA Open**  
**STATE**  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
9TH & 10TH DECEMBER

**SKIFF**

**NOTICE OF  
RACE**



**East Fremantle**  
Yacht Club  
ESTD. 1933

This event is possible  
thanks to event sponsor

**B E U R T E A U X**

MARINE INTERIORS

The Organising Authority is East Fremantle Yacht Club Inc. (EFYC), in conjunction with the W.A. Open Skiff Association.

## **1. RULES**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the following rules:

- a. Current rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing,
- b. The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing – attention directed to the requirements of Special Regulations Part 2,
- c. The class rules – except where any of these are altered by the SI's,
- d. Sailing Instructions (SI's)

1.2 Racing rules will be changed as follows:

- a. Silver Fleet: Rule 41 (Outside Help) will not apply to Silver Fleet competitors.

## **2. ADVERTISING**

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

2.2 The organising authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by a boat or competitor when it conflicts with an event sponsor or government regulations.

## **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the WA O'Pen Skiff Class

3.2 Entry is open to all skippers who are financial members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing.

3.3 Gold Fleet, Entrants confident in racing at club level are encouraged to compete in the Gold Fleet.

3.4 Silver Fleet, The spirit of Silver Fleet is to encourage new or younger sailors to participate in racing. Entry is available for those competing in their first WA O'pen Skiff Championships and less experienced sailors. The OA may intervene to determine a sailor's division.

3.5 Entries close at midnight Friday 1st December 2023. Late registrations will be accepted up to 1700 hours on Friday 8th December 2023.

3.6 Eligible sailors may enter by registering online:

[WA O'Pen Skiff State Titles - East Fremantle Yacht Club - revolutioniseSPORT](#)

## **4. FEES**

4.1 The regatta entry fee is \$125 per boat.

4.2 Fees are not refundable after the entry closing date. Before that date, entries can be refunded after deducting 20% for administration expenses.

4.3 A late registration fee of \$20.00 will apply.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Day	Event	Start Time	Location
Friday 8th December 2023	Registration Open Training Session	1600 hrs - 1900 hrs 1600 hrs out on water	EFYC Training Room
Saturday 9th December 2023	Registration Official Regatta Briefing Race Session 1 Lunch Race Session 2 Race Presentation and BBQ	0700 hrs – 0830 hrs 0830 hrs 0900 hrs 1300 hrs 1430 hrs Following Racing	EFYC Training Room EFYC Training Room    Rigging Lawn
Sunday 10th December 2023	Race Session 3 Race Session 4 (If required) Overall Presentations	0900 hrs  1500 hrs	  River Room Upstairs

5.1 The regatta series will comprise of a maximum of 8 races.

5.2 Schedule of races may change at the discretion of the Race Committee.

5.3 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs on Sunday 10th December 2023.

## 6. MEASUREMENT

6.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the rules as defined in the RRS

## 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Sailing Instructions will be made available to each boat no later than after Registration 9th December 2023.

## 8. VENUE

8.1 The regatta will be conducted at East Fremantle Yacht Club

8.2 Attachment A shows the location of the racing area.

## 9. COURSES

9.1 The courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

## 10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 RRS Appendix T – Arbitration, shall apply.

10.2 (NP) RRS 60.1 (a) is changed so that [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat,

10.3 (SCP) RRS 64.1 & Appendix A5 will be amended in the SI's to enable the Race Committee to apply a scoring penalty [SCP] without a hearing for some breaches of the rules.

10.4 (DP) The notion [DP] in a rule in the NoR or SI's means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

## 11. SCORING

11.1 The Low Point scoring system will apply.

11.2 Four Races must be completed to constitute a series.

11.3 When fewer than five races are completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

11.4 When five to seven races have been completed, a boats Championship score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11.5 If eight or more races are completed, a boats Championship score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## 12. SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 All coach & Support boats shall notify the Organising Authority.

12.2 AS WA regulations specify that safety equipment is to be carried and that life jackets are to be worn whilst on support boats.

12.3 All official Support Boats will fly the green over white diagonal flag, or a yellow flag or Safety boat flag.

12.4 Coach/Support Boats with coaches and other support personnel shall stay well outside areas where boats are racing, from the time of the first warning signal until all boats have finished, or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.

## 13. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

13.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## 14. PRIZES

Prize Category	Placing	Award	Timing
Gold Division Championship	1st	Perpetual Shield and Individual Trophy	Presentation Night
	2nd	Individual Trophy	
	3rd	Individual Trophy	
Silver Division Championship	1st	Perpetual Shield and Individual Trophy	Presentation Night
	2nd	Individual Trophy	
	3rd	Individual Trophy	
Other			Presentation Night

## **15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to RRS 3 “Decision to Race” which states “The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.

15.2 EFYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

15.3 EFYC as the Organising Authority, its associates and appointees 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 shall have a valid insurance certificate with a third-party liability coverage of at least \$10,000,000 (or equivalent) per incident and shall be made available upon request.

## **17. MEDIA DISCLAIMER**

Competitors agree to grant the Organising Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

## **18. PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT**

For all competitors under the age of 18 years of age, at any time during the event, completing the online registration form will be deemed Parental/Guardian consent for entry to the Regatta.

## **19. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact the following:

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