

2023

WA Open
STATE
CHAMPIONSHIPS
9TH & 10TH DECEMBER

SAILING
INSTRUCTIONS



East Fremantle
Yacht Club
ESTD. 1933

2023 Western Australia Open Skiff State Championships

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ORGANISING AUTHORITY

EAST FREMANTLE YACHT CLUB & OPEN SKIFF ASSOCIATION WA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1 Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”).
- 1.2 The Australian Sailing Special Regulations (“AS SRs”) Part 2 and relevant Class Association Rules will apply (unless altered by these Sailing Instructions).
- 1.3 Appendix T Arbitration shall apply.
- 1.4 RRS Rule 44.2 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.5 (SP) SP denotes a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing. The SP for this regatta is 2 points. This changes rule 63 and A5.

2. Sign on and Sign off

- 2.1 Each competitor shall sign on as instructed at the competitors briefing.
- 2.2 Competitors shall sign off within 15 minutes of coming ashore.
- 2.3 Failing to sign on or off will result in a warning for a first occurrence.
- 2.4 Future breaches will receive a scoring penalty (SP) for failing to “sign on” for the first race in that session, for failing to “sign off” the penalty is added to the last race of the session.
- 2.5 A boat retiring shall inform the race committee, umpires, support boat or the beach marshal as soon as possible and tag off as required above.

3. Signals Made Ashore

- 3.1 Will be displayed from the signal mast on the Balcony Tower
- 3.2 Boats shall not go afloat whilst AP is displayed ashore. This is to ensure adequate support vessels are on water to assist boats.
- 3.3 When AP is lowered ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes later. This changes Race Signals AP.

4. Notices to Competitors

- 4.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the notice board outside the Training Room at the East Fremantle Yacht Club (EFYC).
- 4.2 Competitors briefing will be held on the lower level grass/pavement at East Fremantle Yacht Club.

5. Change to Sailing Instructions

- 5.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than one hour before the first race of the day in which it will take effect.
- 5.2 Any change will be identified by the display of International Code Flag L with one sound.

6. Signals made ashore

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff adjacent to the Start Tower.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in race signals, postponement signals AP.

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7. Schedule of Races

7.1 Races scheduled as follows:

Day	Event	Start Time
Saturday 9th December 2023	Race Session 1	0900
	Race Session 2	1430
Sunday 10th December 2023	Race Session 3	0900
	Race Session 4 (If required)	

8. Class Flags

8.1 Gold Fleet: White with Open Skiff Logo

Silver Fleet: Pink with Open Skiff Logo

8.2 Any signal displayed below these flags applies to that fleet only

8.3 A ribbon provided by at registration must be attached to the head of the mainsail for silver fleet.

9. Racing Area

9.1 Attachment A, highlighted section shows the approximate location of the racing area.

10. Courses

10.1 Attachment B shows the courses that will be used. The course length will be determined by the Race Officer.

10.2 The course to be sailed will be indicated by a numeral pennant displayed from the staff on the race committee boat.

10.3 There will be no change of course after the preparatory signal







11. Marks

11.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4s/4p will be cylindrical in shape, coloured yellow.

11.2 The starting mark will be red and black striped.

12. Start Sequence

12.1 RRS 26 amended to be a 3 minute start sequence as detailed below shall apply.

3 minutes to start "Warning Signal"	 Or  up with one sound
2 minutes to start "Preparatory Signal"	 Up with one sound
1 minute to start	 Down with one sound
Start	 Or  down with one sound

12.2 Point score races will be started separately for each fleet.

12.3 The starting line will be between the staff displaying the orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end.

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13. Obstructions

13.1 Discussed at race briefing and include the navigation marks outlining Roe Spit on the north side of the river, opposite the EFYC clubhouse.

14. Finish Line

14.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an blue flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and the port end red and black finishing mark.

15. Time Limits and Target Times

15.1 The target time for the Gold Fleet is 20 – 25 minutes.

15.2 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat sailing the course and finishing maybe scored as a finisher in their position at that time. Boats will be notified and directed accordingly.

16. Prizes

Gold Fleet
• 1st Place - Trophy and gold medallion
• 1st Place Female - trophy and gold medallion
• 1st Place Under 12 - Gold medallion
• 2nd - Silver medallion
• 3rd - Bronze medallion
Silver fleet
• 1st Place - Trophy and gold medallion
• 1st Place Female - Trophy and gold medallion
• 1st Place Under 12 - Gold medallion
• 2nd - Silver medallion
• 3rd - Bronze medallion

17. Disclaimer of Liability

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race which states that “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

17.2 The organizing 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.

18. Insurance

18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 10 million dollars per event or the equivalent.

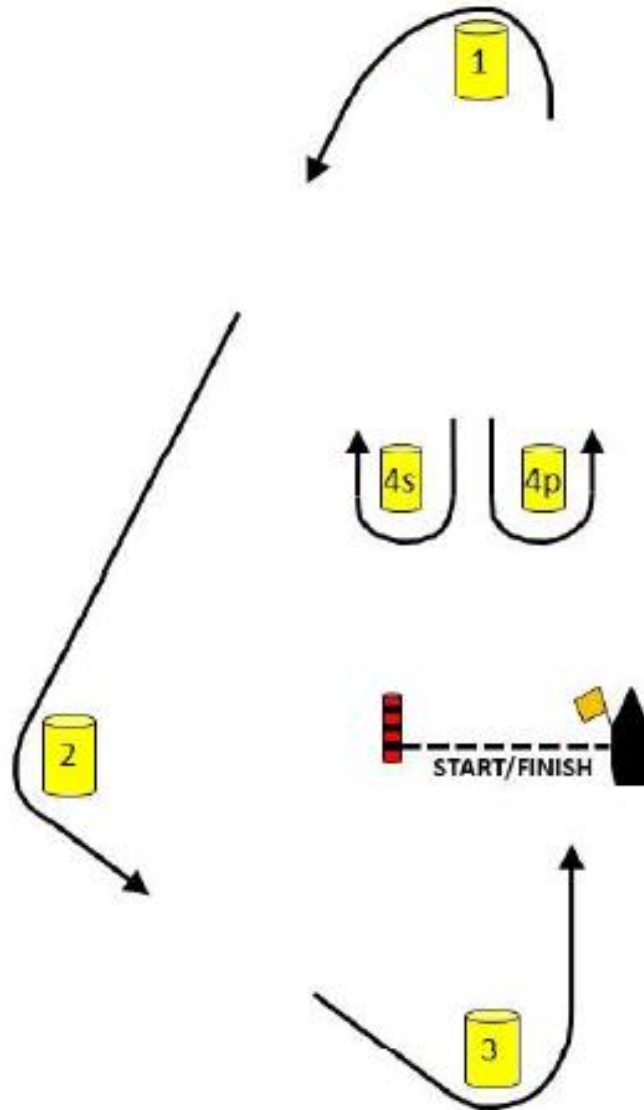
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Attachment A



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Attachment B



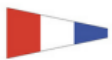
Courses



Course 1:
START – 1 – 3 - Finish



Course 2:
START – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 - Finish



Course 3:
START – 1 – 4S/4P – 1 – 2 – 3 - Finish



Course 4:
START – 1 – 4S/4P – 1 – 4S/4P – 1 – 2 – 3 - Finish



Course 5:
START – 1 – 4S/4P – 1 – 4S/4P – 1 – 4S/4P – 1 – 2 – 3 - Finish