



**FLYING ANT SKIFF ASSOCIATION OF W.A.  
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS  
2019**

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> March & Sun 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**The Organising Authority is “The Cruising Yacht Club of WA (Inc)” in conjunction with “Flying Ant Skiff Association of Western Australia (Inc)”  
at  
Mangles Bay, W.A.**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**Abbreviations:**

- AS Australian Sailing (formerly Yachting Australia)  
ASSR Australian Sailing Special Regulations relating to safety requirements  
RRS The current Racing Rules of Sailing as published by World Sailing with the Australian Prescriptions  
DP The notation “DP” in a rule in the SI’s means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.  
NP Breaches marked with “NP” will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).  
SP For some specific breaches of the rules, the Race Committee (RC) may apply a standard penalty “SP” without a hearing. The RC may still protest a boat when they consider the SP to be inappropriate. A boat may request redress if it believes the application of the standard penalty to be improper. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) with AS prescriptions published by Australian Sailing.  
1.2 The AS Special Regulations – Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats of Australian Sailing will apply. Attention is drawn to Regulation 5.01 (Lifejackets).  
1.3 The class rules of the Flying Ant Skiff Association will apply

“To enable the growth of the Flying Ant class by encouraging beginners to participate in this event, a designated Novice support craft is allowed to assist designated Novice competitors with help in areas of improvement and in recovering from difficulties. Approved Novice competitors and Novice support craft will be designated by the Race Committee.” This amends rule 41.

- 1.4 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn penalty  
1.5 Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at TCYC.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the relevant Notice Board, as specified in SI 2.1s, not less than two hours before the scheduled warning signal of the races for which 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

#### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flag mast located in front of TCYC
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 Flag D with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed. Boats shall not leave the beach until this signal made. [DP]

#### **5. SCHEDULE**

- 5.1 Competitor Registration and boat drop off will be open from 7:30am Saturday the 16th March 2019.
- 5.2 A Volunteer briefing will be held at 7:45am at TCYC on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> March
- 5.3 A Competitor Briefing will be held at 8:00am at TCYC each day of competition.
- 5.4 Presentations will be held as soon as practicable after racing on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
- 5.5 Dates of racing:

Date:	First Warning signal	No of Races
Saturday 16th March 2017	9:30 am	6
Sunday 17th March 2017	9:30 am	3

- 5.7 Races may be sailed ahead of schedule at the discretion of the race committee so long as the schedule does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.
- 5.8 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 9:30am.
- 5.9 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.10 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 16:00pm

#### **6. CLASS FLAGS**

- 6.1 Class flag will be the Flying Ant Class Flag.

#### **7. RACING AREAS**

- 7.1 The racing area will be on the waters of Mangles Bay adjacent to the TCYC Clubhouse

#### **8. THE COURSES**

- 8.1 The diagram in Attachment B shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

#### **9. MARKS**

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be Yellow buoys.
- 9.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 11.1, will be orange pimple buoys.
- 9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a buoy displaying an orange flag at the port end.

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.j
- 10.3 A clearance buoy may be tethered to the stern of the Committee Boat. This buoy and its line are deemed to be part of the Committee Boat for the purpose of RRS 31, and shall be passed on the same side as the Committee Boat when starting

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark, and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **12. THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark.
- 12.2 (NP) - Except when finishing, boats sailing through a finish line in either direction, shall incur a two-point penalty without a hearing.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 13.2 Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply.

## **14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 14.1 The race target time is 45 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 14.2 The race time limit is 60 minutes. If no boat has sailed the course and finished within the race time limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 14.3.2 All other boats will be scored DNF without a hearing. Only applicable to retiring boats.
- 14.3.3 Points so awarded by the Race Committee are not subject to redress by competitors.

This changes Rules 35, 60.1(b), 63.1, A4 and A5. Standard Penalty (SP)

## **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 If a competitor intends to protest or request redress for an incident occurring during a race, they shall verbally notify the finishing boat of the protestee(s) immediately after finishing and receive an acknowledgement. Alternatively, if not a finisher, the protestor must notify the TCYC Radio Operator in the TCYC Control Tower of their intention to protest immediately upon returning to shore. This changes rule 61.
- 15.2 Protest forms are available from the Race Committee at TCYC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the session.
- 15.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at TCYC, beginning at the time posted.

- 15.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.6 Breaches of instructions 18, 21, 24, and 25 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

- 15.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

## **16. ARBITRATION**

- 16.1 Rule 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2, Part 4 or rule 31 to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. Her penalty shall be a scoring penalty equal to a finishing place mid-way between the boat's actual finishing place and the score for a disqualification. Half points shall be disregarded, and the points of other boats shall not be adjusted.
- 16.2 An arbitration hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with rule 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2, Part 4 or rule 31. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.
- 16.3 The time and place of the arbitration hearing will be decided by the arbitrator and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat will attend the arbitration hearing and no witnesses will be allowed. The arbitrator will decide the manner in which testimony is given.
- 16.4 After taking testimony, the arbitrator will make one of the following conclusions:
- The protest does not comply with rule 61 and the protestor should withdraw the protest.
  - The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. This may be because rules not suited to arbitration may be involved or because evidence is too complex or divergent or because injury, serious damage or a significant advantage may have occurred or because of the apparent severity of the alleged infringement or for any other reason decided by the arbitrator.
  - No rule was broken, and the protestor should withdraw the protest.
  - A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, the infringing boat(s) may accept a scoring penalty as detailed above and if so accepted, the protestor should withdraw the protest.
- 16.5 An arbitration hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of an arbitrator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.
- 16.6 Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the arbitrator may be a member of the Protest Committee. Any evidence given by an arbitrator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.

## **17. SCORING**

- 17.1 The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply
- 17.2 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores

- 17.4 When from 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score
- 17.5 When 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores

## **18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 (DP) All off the beach boats shall comply with the requirements of ASSR Part 2.
- 18.2 (NP) (SP) SIGN-ON and SIGN-OFF: The skipper of each boat competing in a race or race session shall sign-on prior to going afloat. The skipper of each boat competing in a race or race session shall sign-off within 60 minutes of the last boat to finish in that race or race session.
- 18.3 Sign-on/sign-off sheets are located at TCYC.
- 18.4 (NP) (SP) Failure to sign-on as prescribed in instruction 18.1 will result in a boat being scored DNS. Failure to sign-off as prescribed in instruction 18.1 will result a boat being scored DNF. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 18.5 (NP) (DP) A boat that retires from a race or race session shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.5 WIND STRENGTH: Racing will start as scheduled where the average wind speed at the warning signal, measured from the start boat, is 5 knots or more but no greater than 25 knots, average wind speed readings. The decision to start, postpone or abandon racing rests solely with the race officer.
- 18.6. (NP)(SP) When Y is displayed, RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat.

## **19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 20.2 Boats which have been measured at either a State Selections or National Regatta in the season in which the States is held need not be re-measured, unless requested to do so by the state measurer. Boats not previously measured in the applicable season will require measuring prior to the State Championships.

## **21. ADVERTISING**

- 21.1 Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the organising authority

## **22. OFFICIAL BOATS**

- 22.1 Official boats will be displaying a Green and White Rescue Flag as provided by the Race Committee.

## **23. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 23.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay a minimum of 50m from a racing boat, from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, unless they are requested by the Race Committee to assist boats in difficulty, except as per the amendment noted in 1.3 (Rule 41).

Competitors when finished may clear the restricted Racing Area to receive assistance from support boats.

Penalties may apply for boats that have finished the race and remain in the lay line leeward of the finish line whilst boats are still racing.

#### **24. TRASH DISPOSAL**

24.1 Sailors shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

#### **25. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

25.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

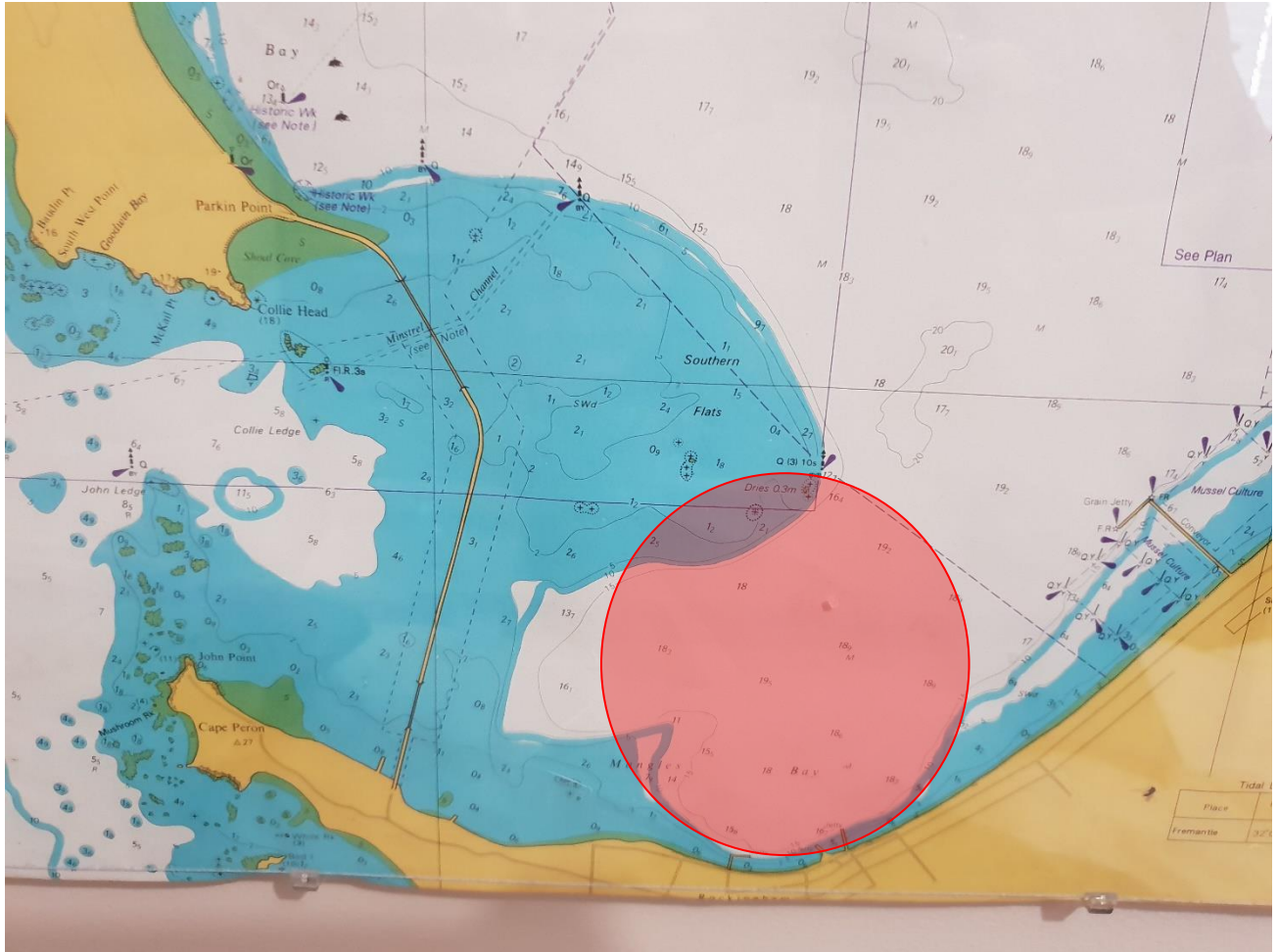
#### **27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

27.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 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.

#### **28. INSURANCE**

28.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD\$10,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

Attachment A – Course Area



## Attachment B - Course

Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish  
Finish 60° 60° 60°

