



45TH MINNOW NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Version 1



Organising Authority:

The Cruising Yacht Club of WA

in conjunction with the

Minnow Association of WA (MAWA)





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The Minnow Sailing Association of WA (MAWA) together with The Cruising Yacht Club of WA invites entries for the 45th Australian Minnow Championships (the Regatta). The Regatta will be conducted on the waters of Mangles Bay in Western Australia from Thursday 4th to Tuesday 9th of April 2024.

ABBREVIATIONS

- AS - Australian Sailing
- RRS - The current Racing Rules of Sailing as published by World Sailing
- [SP] - Denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee (RC) 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 64.1)
- [NP] - Denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat. (This changes RRS 60.1(a))
- [DP] - Denotes a rule of which the penalty is at discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification. (This changes RRS 64.1)

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Organising Authority will be The Cruising Yacht Club of WA (TCYC) in conjunction with Minnow Association of WA (MAWA)

2 RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in:

2.1.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2.1.2 Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply.

2.1.3 The AS Special Regulations - Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats.

2.1.4 The Minnow Class Rules.

2.1.5 The Minnow Novice Fleet will be governed by the World Sailing Introductory Rules of Sailing.



2.2 The following racing rules (RRS) are modified in accordance with RRS 86 as follows:

2.2.1 The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for all races (This changes RRS 44.1).

2.3 Competitors shall be financial members of their respective Class Associations where this is a requirement in their Class rules.

3 [DP] ADVERTISING

3.1 Boats may be required to display advertising. If required, it will be supplied by the organising authority.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 Entry is open to all boats of the Minnow class.

4.2 Competitors shall be financial members of their State or Territory Minnow Association.

4.3 Competitors must also be current financial sailing members of a club affiliated with a State, Territory or National Sailing Yachting Authority and provide an AS number

4.4 Eligibility for each division shall be as follows:

Novice	The Novice Fleet is to encourage participation and enjoyment of the State Championships for inexperienced sailors (this is coached racing). It is expected that sailors skilled enough to sail in the Open Fleet will enter in the Open Fleet to maintain the spirit of the Novice Fleet. Final acceptance into the Novice Fleet will be at the discretion of the Organising Authority guided by the advice of the State Presidents. (Refer Appendix A – Minnow Novice Fleet Guidelines)
Junior	Any sailor under the age of 12 years on the day of the first scheduled race of the regatta and who is not competing in the Novice Fleet.
Open	All sailors not competing in the Novice Fleet will compete in the Open Fleet. As a guide if you have experienced club racing for a season or more then, you should register for the Open.

4.5 Competitors and guardians will agree to abide by the Australian Sailing Member Protection Policy and Procedures. A signed competitor declaration and parent/guardian authorisation shall be signed at registration.



4.6 Eligible boats may enter by completing online registration with associated payment at: <https://www.trybooking.com/COCRH> or use QR Code on the front page of NoR.

4.7 Late entries may be accepted on Thursday 4th April at TCYC.

4.8 Entry in a division may be changed by the Organising Authority

5 FEES

5.1 All registration is via the web address provided above in NoR 4.6

5.2 The entry fee for the Open Fleet is \$300/boat, and \$280 for additional boats of the one family. The entry fee for the Novice Fleet is \$250/boat.

5.3 Entry fee includes regatta entry, regatta shirt, Welcome Dinner & Trivia Night ticket (Thursday 4th April) and Presentation Dinner ticket (Tuesday 9th April).

5.4 Additional tickets for non-competitors for the Welcome Dinner & Trivia Night and Presentation Dinner can be purchased via the Online Registration process.

5.5 Additional regatta shirts can be ordered by non-competitors via the Online Registration process.

5.6 Entries are due by Wednesday 6th March 2024. Late entries after this date will only receive the regatta shirt depending on availability.

5.7 Late entries may be accepted until 1800 on Thursday 4th April at TCYC.

5.8 All fees are payable to Minnow Sailing Association of WA (MAWA) via the online entry gateway (NoR 4.6).

5.9 If any entry is cancelled by the competitor, the Entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Cancellation Date	Entry Fee Refund
Three weeks before event (date)	100%
Two weeks before event (date)	50%
One week before event (date)	No refund

5.10 Should the Organising Authority cancel the event, the entry fee will be refunded less any costs incurred.



6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Schedule for the regatta is as follows.

Day / Date	Event	Time
Thu 4 th Apr	Competitor Registration & Measurement	1000hrs – 1800hrs
	Volunteer Registration	1000hrs – 1800hrs
	Coach & support boat registration	1000hrs – 1800hrs
	Welcome Dinner & Trivia Night at TCYC (see NoR 18.3)	1800hrs
Fri 5 th Apr	Volunteers Briefing	0800hrs – 0830hrs
	Rigging	From 0800hrs
	Competitors Briefing	0830hrs – 0930hrs
	Invitational race	1030hrs (1 st warning)
	Lunch (options available for purchase at TCYC)	On completion Invitational race
	Race Session 1	1330hrs (1 st warning)
Sat 6 th Apr	Rigging / Breakfast	From 0800hrs
	Race Session 2	0930hrs (1 st warning)
	Lunch (options available for purchase at TCYC)	On completion Race Session 2
	Race Session 3	1400hrs (1 st warning)
Sun 7 ^h Apr	Rigging / Breakfast	From 0800hrs
	Race Session 4	0930hrs (1 st warning)
	Lunch (options available for purchase at TCYC)	On completion Race Session 4
	Race Session 5	1400hrs (1 st warning)
Mon 8 th Apr	Lay Day	
Tue 9 th Apr	Rigging / Breakfast	0800hrs
	Race Session 6	0930hrs (1 st warning)
	Lunch (options available for purchase at TCYC)	On completion Race Session 6
	Race Session 7	1400hrs (1 st warning)
	Presentation Dinner at TCYC (see NoR 18.4)	1800hrs

6.2 A maximum of 14 races will be sailed.

6.3 A maximum of 3 races may be sailed in a session if necessary.



6.4 Under normal sailing and weather conditions it is not expected that more than 4 races will be sailed on any race day. An additional race may be sailed if necessary, provided the fleet does not become one race ahead of schedule and the change is made to the sailing instructions.

6.5 The Lay Day may be used for re-sails or to bring racing forward if forecast weather for subsequent day(s) is considered unsuitable for sailing.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available via email and online from 8th of March 2024 on TCYC Web Site (<http://www.tcy.com.au/racinginformation>). They will also be available at TCYC at registration.

8 VENUE

8.1 The venue is The Cruising Yacht Club of WA, 2 Val St Rockingham, WA.

8.2 The racing area will be on Mangles Bay to the north west of the yacht club. The precise location of the racing areas will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

9 COURSES

9.1 The courses shall be triangular or windward/leeward courses as described in the Sailing Instructions.

9.2 The Novice Fleet will sail a separate course, at times determined by the Race Officer depending on the conditions.

10 SCORING

10.1 Scoring will be in accordance with the Low Point System of RRS Appendix A4.

10.2 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.3 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat series score will be the total of her race scores.

10.4 When 6 to 7 races have been completed, a boat series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.5 When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total score excluding the 2 worst scores.



10.6 Within the Open Fleet, two Divisions will be scored; Open and Junior. Any sailor who is less than 12 years of age on date will be scored in both the Open and Junior Divisions.

10.7 All Division prizes will be awarded based on the position of the boat in that Division.

11 [DP] SUPPORT BOATS

11.1 All support person vessels shall register for the event not later than 1800 on Thursday 4th April at TCYC. The Organising Authority may refuse registrations and accept late registrations at their discretion. Support Boat registration is available via the event booking link.

11.2 Support person vessels shall be a seaworthy boat with motor, shall comply with local legislation, including the safety equipment to be carried and conditions under which lifejackets shall be worn. Kill cords must be used when the motor is operating.

11.3 Support person vessels shall familiarise themselves with RRS 37, Search and Rescue Instructions.

11.4 All support person vessels shall keep at least 100m to leeward of the start line and its extensions between the preparatory signal and the start signal and more than 100 metres clear of any competing boat or mark of the course, between the start signal and the finish of the last boat, except when asked by the Race Committee to enter the course area or assist competitors. Failure to comply may result in the disqualification of all competitors associated with the infringement.

11.5 All support person vessels are required to carry a working VHF radio to monitor the advised frequency.

11.6 Support boats are required to render assistance if requested to do so by the race committee or a competitor. They shall also comply with all instructions of the Race Committee.

11.7 **Open and Junior Divisions.** On water coaching is not allowed after the preparatory signal. Failure to abide by this instruction may result in penalties being applied to the Minnow class boat or boats involved under RRS 4, or as specified in the Sailing Instructions. This instruction continues to apply if a general recall or postponement is signalled, but not after a race is abandoned. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in disqualification after protest of any or all boats associated with the infringing persons.

11.8 **Novice Division.** The above Open and Junior Division regulations apply with the exception of Official Safety Boats registered with the Race Committee and approved to provide on course support.



12 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

12.1 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 phones.

13 PRIZES

13.1 Prizes in the Australian Championships will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the Open and Junior Division, and the Novice Fleet.

13.2 The Junior Division prizes will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the overall results of the Open Fleet.

13.3 Other Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority

14 RIGHTS TO USE NAME & LIKENESS

14.1 In participating in the 45th Australian Minnow Championships, a parent/guardian unless they opt out in writing at Registration, automatically grants the Organising Authority, the Association and the sponsors of the Championships, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said Championships in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said Championships without compensation.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.

15.2 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

16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 million.

17 AMENDMENTS

17.1 Any amendments to this Notice of Race shall be posted on the TCYC Web Site (Link).



18 SOCIAL AND CATERING

18.1 Lunch options will be available for purchase from TCYC and surrounding area.

18.2 Welcome Dinner & Trivia Night – Thursday 4th April 2024

18.2.1 A Welcome Dinner & Trivia Night will be held on Thursday 4th April from 1800 at TCYC in the TCYC Members Bar.

18.2.2 Attendance is included in the registration fee for competitors. Includes trivia entry, a voucher for 1 item from the Little Tackers menu and a can of soft drink or juice. The Welcome Dinner Voucher will be provided as part of the Participant Pack for use on the night.

18.2.3 Non-competitors are to purchase tickets through Online Registration for trivia and catering estimates. Non-competitors can purchase dinner from the TCYC Galley Menu (<http://www.tcy.com.au/hospitality-services>) available on the night.

18.3 Presentation Night – Tuesday 9th April 2024

18.3.1 The Presentation Dinner will be held on Tuesday 9th April 2024 from 1800 at TCYC in the TCYC Members Bar and outdoors area.

18.3.2 Attendance is included in the registration fee for competitors.

18.3.3 Non-competitors are to purchase tickets through Online Registration. Adults \$30, Children (5-12yrs) \$15, Children Under 5 Free.

19 VOLUNTEERS

19.1 Volunteers are encouraged to register via the website to assist in the running of the regatta. Volunteers are requested to support safety boat crews, first aid officer and beach marshall. All volunteers will need to have a current Working With Children Check (from their state of residence).

19.2 Evidence of appropriate qualifications for each appointment in addition to the Working with Children Check are required on Registration Day for the following positions:

19.2.1 **Safety Boat Shipper:** Recreational Skipper's Ticket (or equivalent from state of residence), National Power Boat Handling (ideal, but not essential)

19.2.2 **First Aid:** A Basic First Aid qualification (essential)



20 FURTHER INFORMATION

20.1 For further information contact Ian Kerton (President WA Minnow Association).

Email: WAMinnows@gmail.com



Appendix A:

Novice Fleet Guidelines

A.1 Whether a sailor is to sail in the Novice or Open fleet at a State or National Championships can be a difficult decision for parents. Here are some guidelines for when entering such an event. They are guidelines only as 'hard and fast rules' in this situation do not cater for everyone.

A.1.1 8 years of age or less on the day of the invitation race.

A.1.2 A sailor 9 years or more on the day of the invitation race, competing in their first State/National Championships.

A.1.3 A sailor with a medical condition that requires on-water treatment or has a recognised learning/cognitive disorder.

A.1.4 A sailor who has never had a podium finish in an organized Minnow race.

A.2 The goal of the Novice fleet is to encourage participation and enjoyment of the State and National Championships for beginner sailors.

A.3 A sailor who fits the above criteria but is skilled enough to sail the Open course is strongly encouraged to enter the Open fleet to maintain the spirit of the Novice fleet, and for that sailor to challenge themselves and build their own skills.

A.4 Final acceptance into the Novice fleet will be made by the Organising Authority following advice from the President of the Minnow Sailing Association (Victoria) (or their nominated representative).