

9er State CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025 The Cruising Yacht Club of WA



NOTICE OF RACE

The Cruising Yacht Club of WA & WA 9er Association (Organising Authority)

The Cruising Yacht Club of WA & WA 9er Association invites entries to the 9er State Championships to be conducted on Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th March 2025.

1. COVID-19 REGULATIONS [DP]

- 1.1 The racing will be conducted in accordance with Federal & State legislations relating to COVID-19. WA regulations can be found here:
 https://www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus/covid-19-coronavirus-managing-covid-19-wa
- 1.2 Competitors are responsible for deciding whether to participate or not, and for compliance with all applicable rules and regulations, including all COVID regulations.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the following rules:
 - a) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
 - b) Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats,
 - c) The Class Rules (except where any of these are altered by the SI's),
 - d) Sailing Instructions (SI's)
- 2.2 Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
 - a) RRS Appendix T, Arbitration shall apply.
 - b) RRS 60.1(a) is changed so that NP denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat,
 - c) RRS 63.1, 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.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after 26th March 2025 at: https://www.facebook.com/wa9ers/ and emailed directly to all competitors.

4. COMMUNICATION

The official noticeboard is located at the TCYC Clubhouse.

While racing, 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.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 The event is open to all boats of the 29er, 29er XS and 49er Class.
- 5.2 Competitors shall be financial members of their respective state 9er class association.
- 5.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and submitting it together with the required fee via the link below:

WA 9er State Championships 2025 Registration

Entry Link and race documents will also be communicated on https://www.facebook.com/wa9ers/ and emailed to members.

- 5.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 5.5 Entries close at midnight Thursday 27th March 2025.
- 5.6 3 Entries are required to constitute a division

6. FEES

- 6.1 Entry fees (includes entry to Presentation functions) are as follows:
 - \$170 per boat
- 6.2 No fees are refundable after the entry closing date.

7. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

8. SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sat 29 March 2025	0700 – 0930	Measurement / Registration
	0930	Volunteers Briefing
	0945	Competitor Briefing
	1100	Racing – 1st Warning
		Subsequent Races to follow
Sun 30 March 2025		
	1000	Racing – 1st Warning
		Subsequent Races to follow
		There may be a lunch break
	1600	No warning signal after 1600
		Presentations after racing

- 8.1 The regatta will consist of up to 10 races.
- 8.2 There shall be no more than 6 races per day.
- 8.3 There will be no warning signal made after 1600 on Sunday 30th March 2025.

9. MEASUREMENT

- The format for measurement will be as follows:
- 9.1 The 9er is closed class rules. Please read the class rules available on the respective class websites.
 - During the course of the regatta random boats may be selected to have the hulls check weighed for compliance. It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure that their boat conforms to their class rules.
- 9.2 Two jibs and one mainsail, spinnaker and forestay shall be used throughout the duration of the Championship.
- 9.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Class Measurer (Technical Committee). Requests for substitution shall be made to the Technical Committee at the first reasonable opportunity, including retrospectively, provided that, in the case of a retrospective application, a Request for Substitution of Equipment Form is completed and submitted to the Technical Committee prior to the protest time limit of the day in which the substitution occurred.
- 9.4 A reminder that sails must be manufactured by licensed manufacturers and adhere to the International 29er Builders Construction Manual,

10. VENUE

10.1 In the waters immediately in front of The Cruising Yacht Club of WA

11. COURSES AND RACE FORMAT

- 11.1 Courses will be windward leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.2 The racing format may consist of the following:
 - 29er, 29erXS classes will race on the same area.
 - 49er will race with the same start line but with a different Windward Mark to the 29ers
 - Races will include target times of 30mins, held back-to-back.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 RRS 44.1 and Appendix P2.1 are changed so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty.
- 12.2 For the 29er class only, Appendix P2.3 will not apply and RRS Appendix P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

13. SCORING

- 13.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute the series.
- 13.2 The Low Point System of Appendix A will be used.
- 13.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.4 When from five (5) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 13.5 .5. When nine (9) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores by excluding her two worst scores.

14. SUPPORT/COACH BOATS [DP]

- 14.1 Support and coach boats shall register online at with the OA via the link:
 - WA 9er States 2025 coach boat registration
- 14.2 All support and coach boats shall keep clear of the racing area while boats are racing (except when rendering assistance to a boat in distress).
- 14.3 All support and coach boats shall remain at least 50 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 14.4 All support and coach boats are required to have a VHF radio and maintain a listening watch on VHF any channel specified by the Race Committee.
- 14.5 When requested by the Race Management Team, support and coach boats shall render immediate assistance as and when directed.

15. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned areas or as directed by race officials. Trailers shall be stored in designated areas in the carpark.

16. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insurance with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per incident or equivalent and shall be made available upon request.

18. PRESENTATION OF RESULTS AND PRIZES

- 18.1 Final presentations will be held in the Clubhouse of The Cruising Yacht Club of WA commencing as soon as practicable following racing on the final day.
- 18.2 Overall prizes will be awarded as follows:
- 18.3 Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd overall.
- 18.4 The WA 29er State Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the first placed WA entrant.
- 18.5 The Junior Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the first placed WA skipper and crew who are both under 16 years old on the 31st December 2025 (team can be male, female or mixed).
- 18.6 A prize will be awarded to the first placed all female team.
- 18.7 A prize will be awarded to the first placed 29er XS, 49er & 49er FX teams (provided criteria 5.6 is met)
- 18.8 Further prizes may be given at the discretion of the Organising Authority

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

WA 9er Class Association

Email: wa9ers@gmail.com

Event webpage: https://www.facebook.com/wa9ers/