

International Moth Class

2024-25 WA State Championships

The Cruising Yacht Club of WA, Rockingham

5-6 April 2025

The Organising Authority is the Cruising Yacht Club of WA in conjunction with the International Moth Class Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- [DP]** denotes a discretionary penalty – breach of this rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee (PC), be less than disqualification.
- [NP]** denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.
- [SP]** denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the international jury with a hearing

1. RULES

- 1.1 The events will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 **[DP]** The class rules will apply except for any that are altered by the notice of race or the sailing instructions. Class rules are posted on the official notice board.
- 1.3 The Class Race Management Guidelines will also apply, but a failure to follow these guidelines is not on its own grounds for redress under 61.4(b). These guidelines are posted on the official notice board.

2. REGISTRATION and EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Competitors shall register at the race office and complete all required registration and equipment inspection formalities before racing. Competitors that do not complete all required registration and equipment formalities will not be assigned to fleets.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than two hours before the scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races, will be posted by 2000h the day before it will take effect.

4. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The official noticeboard is located at the club.
- 3.2 The race office is located at 2 Val St, Rockingham WA.
- 3.3 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flagpole.
- 3.4 When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with '45 minutes'
- 3.5 **[NP]** Flag D displayed ashore with one sound signal this means: "The warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed or not before the scheduled time, whichever is later". Boats shall not leave the beach until this signal is made.
- 3.6 **[DP]** When flags AP over H or N over H are displayed by the race committee, all boats shall immediately return ashore and shall wait there for further signals. (This changes Race Signals AP over H and N over H.)

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 The race schedule, including the time of the first warning signals and assignment of fleets to race areas will be posted on the official noticeboard.
- 5.2 Any changes to the schedule will be posted no later than 2000 the previous evening.

6. FORMAT OF RACING

- 6.1 The entries will be divided into fleets at the RO discretion and will sail a minimum of three and up to nine qualifying races.
- 6.2 Three races are required to constitute a valid championship.
- 6.3 There will be no warning signal made after 1530 on the last day of the regatta.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The class flag for the International Moth will be an International Moth class insignia on a white background.
- 7.2 Other invited foiling classes will utilise their standard class flags or as otherwise advised on the official noticeboard once all registrations have been confirmed.

8. RACING AREAS

Addendum B shows the location of the racing areas. The racing area will be on Mangles Bay.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 Addendum A shows the course to be sailed, the order in which the marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left. All classes will use the most windward red mark 1 with the exception of the WASZP and low riding moths who will use the closer yellow mark 1. The low riding moths will sail the displayed course omitting one lap.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee may display the approximate compass bearing from the race committee signal vessel to mark 1.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2S and 2P will be orange cylindrical inflatable buoys.
- 10.2 Mark 1 for the WASZP and low riding moths will be a pink cylindrical buoy.
- 10.3 The starting mark will be a mark with an orange flag.
- 10.4 The finishing mark will be a mark with an orange flag.
- 10.5 The colour and shape of Marks may be substituted by the Race Officer at any time. Any changes will be posted on the regatta noticeboard.

11. THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of starting mark at the port end.
- 11.2 **[SP]** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.3 A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 11.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the on station flag with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal will be displayed.
- 11.5 Races will be started by using RRS 26 amended as follows:

Minutes before Starting Signal	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Meaning
3	Class Flag	One	Warning Signal
2	P, U or Black Flag	One	Preparatory Signal
1	Preparatory Flag removed	One Long	One minute to Start
0	Class Flag Removed	One	Starting Signal

12. COURSE CHANGES

- 12.1 Courses may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line is between the staff displaying the finishing flag on the race committee vessel and the Finishing Mark.

- 13.2 Grand Prix finish – This procedure will not be used and is replaced by: “When the third placed boat completes the course and finishes, the Race Committee boat at the finish will immediately display a yellow flag with a sound signal. The yellow flag will be removed at the end of the 15 minute finishing window time limit. Boats failing to complete the course within the finishing window limit shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 The race time limit is 40 minutes.
14.2 The mark 1 gate time limit is 15 minutes.
14.3 The target first boat finishing time is 25 minutes.
14.4 The finishing window is 15 minutes.
14.5 **[NP]** Failure to meet target times will not be grounds for redress.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 RRS 44 is deleted and replaced as follows:
Rule 44.1 and Appendix P2.1 is changed so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by a part-turn penalty, consisting of one gybe when on an upwind leg, or one tack when on a downwind leg.

16. HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 Hearing request forms are available at the club facility.
16.2 The protest time limit will be posted on the Noticeboard. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
16.3 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the club conference room. Hearings may start before the scheduled time with the agreement of all parties.
16.4 On the last day of racing a request to reopen under RRS 63.7(b) shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party was informed of the decision.
16.5 On the last day of racing a request for redress from a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 Nine races are scheduled, and three races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
17.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
17.3 When from five to seven races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst qualifying race score.
17.4 When from seven to nine races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst qualifying race score and second worst race score.
17.5 Scoring review requests may be made on the official notice board.

18. SAFETY [DP][NP]

- 18.1 Competitors shall sign on and sign off.
18.3 The penalty for failing to sign on or sign off will be one point added to the boat's series score, non-excludable for each offence. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
18.4 Boats not leaving the shore for the day's races shall notify the race office as soon as possible.
18.5 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
18.6 When Flag V is displayed by the race committee signal vessel, coach and other support vessels shall collaborate with the race committee in rescue tasks.
18.7 Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device or other adequate personal buoyancy securely fastened at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. This changes RRS 40.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 Any boat or equipment may be checked for compliance with the Class Rules and the Sailing Instructions at any time.
19.2 **[DP]** A maximum of the following may be used for the Moth Class division:
 - 2 Sails
 - 2 Mast tips and 2 mast bases. (a one-piece mast is a mast tip and a mast)
 - 2 main verticals per application

- 2 main horizontals per application
- 2 rudder verticals per application
- 2 main rudder horizontals per application

The wording above allows a boat as a hypothetical example, that by design sails with twin rudders, the option to have 4 rudders, 2 for each application. The same concept applies to all foils.

- 19.3 Change of equipment requests shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee
- 19.4 Ballast, where used, shall only be fixed to the hull, wings, and foils and can only be removed or redistributed when ashore at the host venue. Ballast must be securely fixed so that it cannot inadvertently come loose.
- 19.5 Where ballast is applied, competitors may be required to demonstrate compliance with all elements of class rule 7.1 and may require a practical demonstration at the discretion of the class measurer.

20. SUPPORT VESSELS [DP][NP]

- 20.1 Support vessels are required to comply with local legislation.
- 20.2 Support vessels shall move clear of the Race course no later than the warning signal of each race.
- 20.3 Support vessels shall only approach the Race course either after the last boat in the race has finished, or if instructed to do so by the race committee, or if racing has been postponed or abandoned (but not if a general recall has been signalled), or to leave the racing area permanently by moving away from the racing area.
- 20.4 Support vessels in or around the starting area shall restrict their speed to five knots.
- 20.5 All Support vessels in the Race area shall keep clear of all competing vessels under way.

22. TRASH DISPOSAL [NP]

- 22.1 As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters.
- 22.2 Competitors are encouraged to limit the use of single use water bottles. Refill facilities are available on club grounds.
- 22.3 Any trash maybe placed aboard support and race committee vessels between races.
- 22.4 All competitors are expected to dispose of any refuse appropriately at the venue.

23. PRIZES

- 23.1 The following prizes will be awarded for the WA State Moth Championships:
- 1st to 3rd places – Open Moth State Championships
 - 1st of each division
 - First Female
 - First Junior (aged 21 years of age or younger, based on your age as at the 31st December 2024)
 - First Non-Foiler
 - First “Soft Wing” production boat (Mach2, Exocet, Bladerider etc.)
- 23.2 Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 23.3 Other competitors in Wingfoilers, iQFoil Windsurfers or other foiling craft divisions may be awarded prizes at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

24. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.” Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission.
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- e) The provision of a race management team, safety vessels, other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

- f) The provision of safety vessel cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the event and to attend any competitors' briefing held for this event.

Addendum A Course

L Windward / Leeward
With Mark 1 Gate

Signal	Moth/iQFoil/Wingfoil Mark Rounding order
2	Start – 1A – 2s/2p – 1A – 2p - Finish
3	Start – 1A – 2s/2p – 1A – 2s/2p – 1A – 2p - Finish

Signal	WASZP/Lowrider Mark Rounding order
2	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2p - Finish
3	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2p - Finish

Change of Mark will be a Green Buoy

Addendum B – Race Location

