



PORT BOUVARD YACHT CLUB

(ORGANISING AUTHORITY)

A DIVISION OF PORT BOUVARD RECREATION & SPORTING CLUB INC.

PBYC PLATFORM RACE

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SATURDAY 16TH MARCH 2024



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The Port Bouvard Platform Race will be conducted by Port Bouvard Yacht Club, Saturday 16th of March 2024, on the waters of the Harvey Estuary, Dawesville, Western Australia.

1 RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS) including the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting.

“Competitors attention is directed to the requirements of YA Special Regulations Part 2 rule 5.01 PFD’s which will be enforced.”

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board located outside the main club house of PBYC.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than two hours before the first race in which it will take effect, except that any change in the Schedule of Races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole in the vicinity of the rigging area adjacent to Port Bouvard Yacht Club house.

When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in the race signal AP.

5 REGISTRATION

All competitors are to be registered with the PBYC secretary, entries will be taken up to 1200 hours on Saturday 16th March 2024

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6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

The regatta will comprise of a single race which will be scheduled as follows:

Day	Date	Time of first warning signal	Number of races scheduled
Saturday	16 March 2024	1300	TBA

A briefing will be held on Saturday 13^h March at approx 1200 at the Port Bouvard Yacht Club Clubhouse. Other briefings will be held at the discretion of the Race Committee.

After a long postponement, to alert boats that the race will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound not less than four minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

The Race Committee shall comprise of Race Officer who is yet to be confirmed.

The protest Chairman is TBA

7 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be advised at the briefing.

8 RACING AREA

Racing will be conducted on the portion of Harvey Estuary in front of the Port Bouvard Yacht Club and down the Harvey inlet to the south.



9 THE COURSE

The Course will be explained in detail at the competitors briefing at approximately 1200 hrs and may change due to wind/weather conditions, The basic layout of the course may include a small windward/leeward leg after the start before heading to the platform approximately 8 kms to the south, back to a leeward mark near the Yacht club/Dawesville cut and a further leg to the platform and back to the leeward mark with an upwind finish.

No boat shall sail through the start/finish line while the Start/Finish Boat is on station displaying an orange flag except after her preparatory signal or when finishing. A boat that breaks this rule will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes rule A5.

A shortened course will be signalled by an S flag displayed on a committee boat adjacent to a mark of the course and by the use of two sound signals. All boats shall round or pass on the required side of the mark RRS 32.2a.

10 MARKS

Marks will be large yellow or orange inflatable buoys.

A new mark, as provided in sailing instruction 14, will be a red inflatable buoy.

The starting and finishing mark will be a red buoy at the port end of the line.

11 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

All competing boats are not to enter the Dawesville Channel.

12 THE START

Races will be started by using rule 26.



13 THE START LINE

The starting line will be between a mast or staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.

A buoy carrying a green and white flag may be streamed from the Race Committee boat from the time of the warning signal until all boats have started. The buoy is deemed to be part of the committee boat and no boat shall sail between it and the committee boat.

A boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

14 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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.

15 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a mast or staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the finishing mark.



16 PENALTY SYSTEM

As provided in rule 67, the Protest Committee may penalise without a hearing, a boat that has broken rule 42.

A boat that has taken a penalty under rule 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the Clubhouse within the protest time limit.

A boat that has broken a rule of part 2 may take a 720 degree penalty at the time in accordance with rule 44.1 & 44.2

For catamarans, race rule 44.2 is changed so that the 720 degree turn is replaced by a 360 degree turn including one tack and one gybe.

17 TIME LIMIT

Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

18 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Notify the start boat of protesting before going to shore and if possible the boat you are protesting.

Protest forms are available at the PBYC Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within 30 minutes of the protesting boat finishing its last race of the day

Notices will be posted no later than 10 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties.

Breaches of instructions 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.



On the last scheduled day of racing a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered:

- a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

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.

19 MEDIATION

A mediation hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged by a boat in accordance with rule 61 that alleged an infringement of a rule of part 2 or 4 or rule 28. Such hearings will be held subsequent to protests being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.

The time organized for the mediation hearing will be decided by the mediator and such advice may be given verbally. One representative from each boat shall attend the hearing and no witness shall be allowed.

The mediator shall decide the manner in which the testimony is given.

After taking testimony at mediation hearing the mediator shall make one of the following conclusions:

- a) The protest does not comply with rule 61 and the protest may be withdrawn.

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- b) The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. (This may be because rules other than part 2 or 4 or rule 28 are involved, or because evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason decided by the mediator.)
- c)
- d) No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
- e) A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved. The infringing boat(s) may accept scoring points equal to a finishing place midway between the boat's actual finishing place and a disqualification, and if so accepted the protestor shall withdraw the protest. (Half points shall be disregarded and the points of other boats shall not be adjusted.)

A mediation hearing shall not be reopened. No conclusion of a Mediator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.

Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the mediator may be a member of the protest committee. Any evidence given by a mediator during the protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.

20 SCORING

THIS IS A YARDSTICK AND FASTEST EVENT.

Each class will be allocated a yardstick rating according to the VYC, which will be used to adjust the sailing time. The finishing position will be in order of corrected times.



21 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat intending to start in any race shall hail the race committee boat, after it is on station and prior to the warning signal, and shall receive verbal acknowledgment.

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee.

Races will not be started while the wind strength is consistently exceeding 25 knots in the vicinity of the start line. The decision to start a race will be at the sole discretion of the Race Officer.

22 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Requests shall be made on forms available at the race office. Changes will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances and if granted, will be given in writing.

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee with the exception of bailing buckets retrieved by official boats for safety purposes. Request for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity, on forms available at the race office. If damage occurs on the water, equipment may be substituted before the following race and written permission shall be requested before the end of protest time on the same day. Changes will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances and if granted, will be given in writing.

A boat with damage or lost equipment between 'back to back' races may seek additional time for replacement by advising the race committee boat as soon as possible, but not later than the warning signal for the next race. Any action or inaction by the RO under this clause will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1.

**23 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or its 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 measurer to proceed

immediately to a designated area for inspection. A boats crew shall comply with such instructions and provide all reasonable assistance to inspection personnel.

24 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

25 TROPHIES AND SHIELDS

The trophies will be awarded to Helm person and Crew as follows:

Description	Placing	Award
Fastest	1 st	Pennant- TBA
Yardstick Champion	1 st	Pennant Perpetual trophy
Yardstick Second	2 nd	Pennant
Yardstick Third	3 rd	Pennant



26 DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in races conducted by the Port Bouvard Yacht Club do so at their own risk.

The Port Bouvard Yacht Club., any sponsor and any other party involved in the organization of the event disclaims any and every responsibility for any loss, damage, injury to persons and things, both ashore and on the water, as a consequence of participation in any way in the races covered by this Notice of Race.

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 million for any one incident. By taking part in a race or event, owners are deemed to have made a declaration that they have such cover.

Attention is drawn to Rule 4 which states that “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

27 RIGHT TO USE NAME & LIKENESS

Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any text, motion pictures, video and still pictures, as well as live, taped or filmed television of, or relating to, this regatta upon signing the entry form.