



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority: Windrush Catamaran Association of Western Australia (WCAWA) in conjunction with Port Bouvard Yacht Club.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. [DP] COVID-19 REGULATIONS

- 1.1. The racing will be conducted in accordance with Federal & State legislation relating to COVID-19.
- 1.2. Competitors are responsible for deciding whether to participate or not to participate, and for compliance with all applicable rules and regulations, including all COVID regulations.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the current rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing subject to any local modification of rules specific to the Windrush Association.
- 2.2. If there is a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 2.3. Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 Off the Beach Boats will apply. It will be the responsibility of all competitors to ensure that personal flotation devices comply with a standard equivalent to those listed in AS special Regulations 5.01 Personal Flotation Devices.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the first race on the day 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. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 4.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the clubhouse.

5. [DP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 5.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 5.2. Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole in front of the clubhouse.
- 6.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

7. Schedule

Day/Date	Event	Time
Friday 16 th February	Invitation Race- Course to be advised at briefing. Compulsory Competitor Briefing Welcome Barbeque BYO everything	1430 Warning signal not before 1500
Saturday 17 th February	Compulsory Competitor Briefing Races 1 and 2 Boats will return to shore for lunch Races 3 and 4 AGM Dinner at club house (Bookings)	0900 1000 1400 1730 1830
Sunday 18 th February	Compulsory Competitor Briefing Races 5 and 6 Presentations Galley will be open for food	0900 1000 1400

8. CLASS FLAGS

8.1. Cat Rig



8.2. Sloop Rig



8.3. Super sloop Rig



9. RACING AREA

9.1. The racing area will be to the east of Port Bouvard Yacht Club. There is a map of the racing area on the notice board.

10. THE COURSES

10.1.

Course Number	Mark Rounding Order
1	Start -A-B-C-A-C- Finish
2	Start-A-B-C-A-C-A-B-C-Finish
3	Start A-B-C-A-C-A-B-C-A-C- Finish

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11. MARKS

11.1. The description of rounding marks A, B and C, will be notified at the briefing.

12. [DP] AREAS AND VESSELS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

12.1. No yachts are to enter the Dawesville Channel as it is considered an obstacle.

12.2. The committee boat and safety vessels.

13. THE START

13.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

13.2. The starting line will be between the orange flag displayed on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the red buoy and flag at the port end.

13.3. A clearance mark may be streamed from the start boat. This clearance mark is deemed to be part of the start boat for the purpose of RRS 31 and shall be passed on the same side as the start boat when starting.

13.4. The I flag will be signaled at all starts (A boat that starts prematurely must return around the ends of the start line).

13.5. A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

14. THE FINISH

14.1. The finishing line will be between the blue flag displayed on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the red buoy and flag at the port end.

15. SHORTEN COURSE

15.1. In the event of shortening the course, a support boat will display an S flag with two sound signals. To finish the race competitors must round the mark nearest to the support boat displaying

the S Flag and then sail across the finishing line between the orange flag displayed on the race committee vessel and the red buoy and flag at the port end. This changes RRS 32.2.

16. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

17. TIME LIMITS

- 17.1. The time limit for the first boat in each race shall be no longer than 90 minutes.
17.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

18. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 18.1. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be made in writing and delivered to the race office within the appropriate time limit.
18.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the session or the race committee signals no more racing for the session, whichever is later.
18.3. Notices will be posted no later than 60 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 in the clubhouse beginning at the time posted.
18.4. Notices of protest by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
18.5. Breaches of Sailing Instructions 1, 4.3, 5, 12, 20, 21, 23 and 24 will not be grounds for a protest by a competitor. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
18.6. 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 RRS 62.2.

19. SCORING

- 19.1. A minimum of four races must be completed to constitute a series.
19.2. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. A Disqualified result can not be excluded and as a worst score.
19.3. A minimum of four (4) boats will constitute a fleet. (Cat rig, Sloop rig and Supersloop)
19.4. Classes with fewer than four (4) boats will be combined into a mixed fleet.
19.5. Consistency Results will be calculated in a fair manner as decided by the race committee.

20. [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 20.1. Competitors will be required to sign on at the beginning of each racing session by hailing the race committee boat with their sail number.
20.2. Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
20.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee soon as possible.

21. [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 21.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee on forms available at the race office.
21.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity on forms available at the race office

22. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 22.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

23. [DP] SUPPORT BOATS

- 23.1. All coach/support boats shall register at the competitors' registration desk.

- 23.2. Coaches/support boats shall always make themselves available while afloat to assist the race committee in the case of an emergency or rescue, as directed in person by the relevant race officer or via VHF radio.
- 23.3. Unless directed by the race committee, team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.

24. [DP] RUBBISH DISPOSAL

- 24.1. Rubbish may be placed aboard support or official boats.

25. PRIZES

- 25.1. Prizes will be presented to each fleet of 4 or more boats as follows:
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| First Overall | First Consistency |
| Second Overall | Second Consistency |
| Third Overall | Third Consistency |
- 25.2. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- 25.3. Competitors will only be eligible for one prize each.

26. RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER

- 26.1. 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.

- 26.2. Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. 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.
- 26.3. The Organiser, at their absolute discretion, always reserves the right to:
- 26.3.1. prevent any Participant from participating in the Event if, at any time, they reasonably believe that the Participant poses a safety risk to themselves or others, or for any other reason, including, but not limited to, acting in a manner which is likely to bring the organising authority into disrepute, or is likely to cause harm to participants, the organising authority's volunteers, or any other third party.
- 26.3.2. change the format of the series for any reason, including but not limited to, weather, number of entries, time constraints or any unforeseen incidents.
- 26.3.3. cancel the series if the conditions are deemed dangerous or not suitable for the racing to start or continue.

27. INSURANCE

- 27.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per event or equivalent.
- 27.2. All competitors who submit the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors may be required to provide details and evidence that they have such insurance in place at the time of entry.