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Geraldton Yacht Club Inc

On behalf of



Flying Fifteen International Western Australia (Inc.)



CHIMERE
PEARLS

60th Western Australian State Championship

Friday 2 April to Sunday 4 April 2021

Sailing Instructions

Venue: Geraldton Yacht Club, 214 Marine Terrace, Geraldton
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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '(DP)' in a rule in these sailing instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '(NP)' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking this rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The rules will govern the regatta as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2 for off the beach boats and small open ballasted boats shall apply.

2 (DP)(NP) REGATTA SPONSOR'S LOGOS

Regatta sponsor's logos, if issued by the Organising Authority at registration, may be displayed on each side of the hull in accordance with any instructions provided.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located near the club race tower

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 90 minutes before the warning signal for the first race on the day that it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by the end of protest time or 1800 hrs, whichever is the later, on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.2 Any change will be signaled by an L Flag with a numeral pennant displaying the number of the change under it.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the northern side of the Geraldton Yacht Club.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, one minute is replaced with not less than 45 minutes in the race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 A competitors' meeting will be conducted at the Geraldton Yacht Club on Friday 2 April 2021 at 1115 hours
- 6.2 The event will comprise seven championship races as scheduled below. The dates and times of racing are as follows:

<u>Race Scheduled</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time of First Race Warning Signal</u>
Afternoon Racing Session	Friday	2 April 2021	1330
Afternoon Racing Session	Saturday	3 April 2021	1230
Morning Racing Session	Sunday	4 April 2021	1000

- 6.3 It is intended to conduct two races on the 2nd and 4th April 2021 and three races on 3 April 2021. One extra race per day may be sailed, providing racing does not become more than one race ahead of schedule. As such up to three races may be sailed in each session, sailed back- to-back with a short delay between each race. To alert competitors that another race will be sailed in the session, code flag "Q" will be displayed as boats are finishing. The flag will be removed with multiple sound signals one minute before the attention signal is displayed for the ensuing races.
- 6.4 To alert boats that another race will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed (with one sound signal) for at least 5 minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 6.5 On Sunday 4 April 2021, no warning signal will be made after 1400 hrs.

7 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be the Flying Fifteen International Class flag (i.e. the class insignia in red on a white background)

8 RACING AREAS

All Championship races will be conducted approximately 2nm to the North of the GYC. See Attachment A. The Race Committee reserves the right to change the Racing Area should conditions warrant.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The diagram in Attachment B show the courses, the course designations, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee boat will display the course designation and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10 MARKS

Mark	
Start	Race Committee Vessel
Start Mark	Yellow inflatable cylindrical buoy
Finish	Race Committee Vessel
Finish Mark	Yellow inflatable cylindrical buoy
Marks, 1, 2, 3, 4S and 4P	Red inflatable buoys
Change of course/new mark	Yellow inflatable conical buoy

11 THE START

11.1 The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of a Yellow cylindrical inflatable buoy at the port end.

11.2 A boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 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.

12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the Race Committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.2.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

14 (DP)(NP) PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1 The time limits and target times in minutes are as follows:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Time Limit</u>	<u>Finish Window</u>	<u>Target Time</u>
Single Races	120	20	75
Back-to-Back Races	100	20	60

Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

15.2 Boats failing to finish within the finish window time 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.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the GYC Regatta Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 The protest time is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to all Race Committee and Protest Committee protests and requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at a time and place defined in the notice.

16.4 For the purpose of rule 64.4(b) the 'authority responsible' shall be the measurer appointed by FFIA.

16.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

17 SCORING

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

17.2 a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

b) When from five to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.3 Series scores for the 60th Western Australian State Championship shall be based on a fleet inclusive of all competing boats. The Silver and Classic Divisions will also be scored as separate fleets.

17.4 The Championship handicap results will be determined by back calculation using the "Finishing Line" scoring program. Points will be awarded for handicap results in accordance with 17.2 above. A boat that finishes in the first three places in the State Championship will be ineligible to win the handicap trophy.

18 (DP) SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 (NP)A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

18.2 Approved personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors at all times while afloat. Wet or dry suits do not constitute approved personal buoyancy. Flag Y will not be displayed. This alters the preamble to Part 4, rule 40 and race signal Y.

19 (DP)(NP) REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. Substitute crew shall not helm the boat. Written requests for crew substitution shall be made to the Race Committee and lodged at the regatta office. The application for substitution and the decision of the Race Committee will be displayed on the official notice board.

19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment that is restricted by class rules, or that requires measurement or consent before substitution in order to comply with the class rules, will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. 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.

20 (DP) EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or 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 equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be identified by a green and white flag.

22 (NP) SUPPORT BOATS

- 22.1 All support boats shall be registered with the organizing authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations. The organizing authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion.
- 22.2 An orange flag will be displayed approximately five minutes before the commencement of the start sequence for each race. On this signal, all non-race committee boats must promptly depart the race area exclusion zone for the duration of the race, unless called on to assist by the Race Committee. The race area exclusion zone is as follows:
- (i) At least 75 metres clear of all course, start and finish marks.
 - (ii) At least 75 metres outside the course area including lay lines.
- This instruction continues to apply if a general recall or postponement is signaled but not after a race is abandoned or if the orange flag is not displayed.
- 22.3 Coach and support boats shall fly a green over white identifying flag provided by the Organising Authority and this must be clearly displayed at all times while afloat.

23 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official or support boats.

24 (DP) (NP) BERTHING

Boats shall be kept within their assigned places in the Multi-User Complex next to the Francis St boat ramp.

25 (DP)(NP) RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications whilst racing. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. This changes class rule B 14.5

26 PRIZES

The trophies to be awarded are listed in the Notice of Race.

27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing 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.

28 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall have third-party liability and public liability insurance cover of not less than \$10,000,000 per event.

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ATTACHMENT A – COURSE AREA

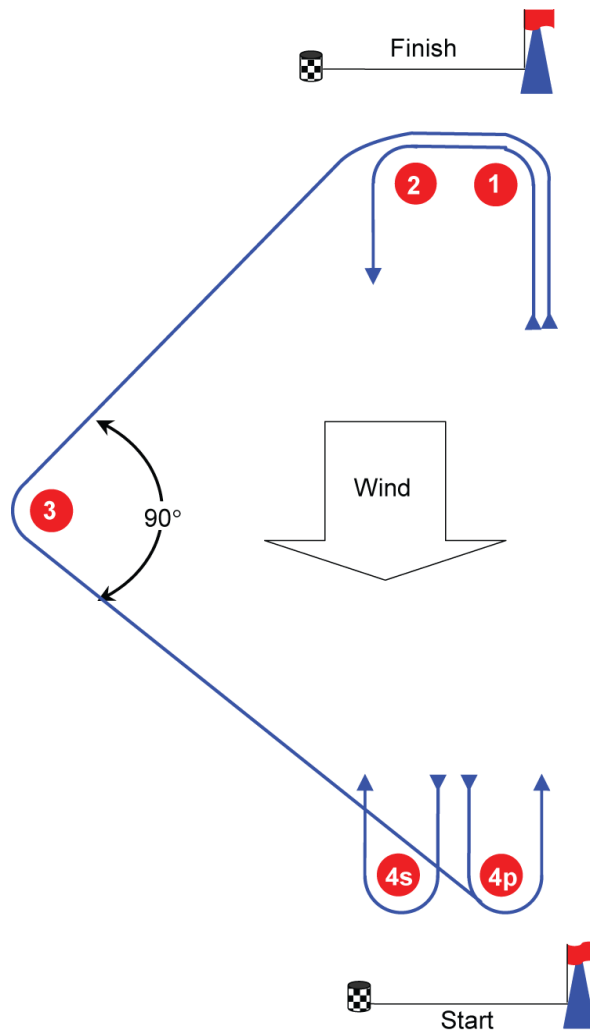


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ATTACHMENT B – COURSES 1, 2, 3 and 4

Course Signals

At or prior to the Warning Signal the Race Committee shall signal the course to be sailed (as detailed above) by displaying either Numeral Pennant One (1), Two (2), Three (3), or Four (4)



Course 1

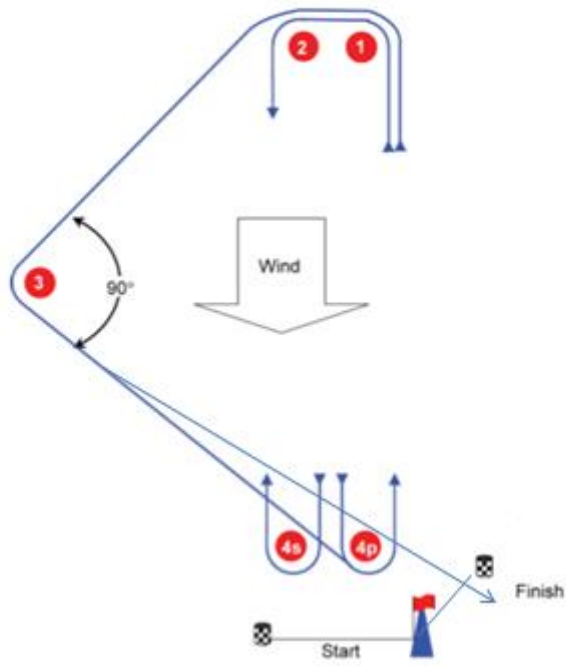
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Course 2

Start – 1 – 2 – 4s or 4p – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4p – Finish

Course 3

Start – 1 – 2 – 4s or 4p – 1 – 2 – 4s or 4p – 1 – 2 – 4s or 4p – Finish



Course 4

Start – 1 – 2 - 4s or 4p – 1 – 2 – 4s or 4p – 1 – 2 – 3 - Finish