



South of Perth Yacht Club
Flying Fifteen Pre-Season Regatta
Sunday 21 September 2025



Combined Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

This event, hosted by the South of Perth Yacht Club Inc (“Organising Authority”) is a shakedown regatta to get everyone primed for the start of the sailing season. Coaching will be allowed at all times by Race Committee approved coaches.

The notation ‘[DP]’ in a rule or in this document means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1 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) Class rules of the Flying Fifteen International (except where any of these are altered by the SI's or the NOR).
- 1.2 Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
 - a) RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, shall apply.
 - b) RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The Regatta is open to all Flying Fifteen International boats with a valid Measurement Certificate and are entered on the FFIA Register of boats or are registered with an association established outside Australia affiliated with FFI.
- 2.2 Both helm and crew shall be financial members of an Association affiliated with Flying Fifteen International and a yacht or sailing club affiliated with Australian Sailing
- 2.3 The boat's owner shall be a full member of a recognised State or National Flying Fifteen Association with affiliation to FFI. In addition, the boat's helm and crew shall each be a current member of a recognised State or National Flying Fifteen Association.
- 2.4 Persons nominated on the entry form to sail the boat in the regatta may not be substituted without the permission of the Race Committee. Any substitute thus permitted shall not helm the boat.
- 2.5 All entrants will compete in the open division.
- 2.6 Eligible boats may enter by registered owners completing the nomination form at <https://ffiwa.com/2025-2026-pre-season-regatta-entry-form/> no later than 1700 hrs on Thursday 18 September 2025 and agreeing with the undertakings and declarations therein.
- 2.7 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

3. ENTRY FEES

There are no entry fees.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 A competitors briefing will be held at 0900 in the vicinity of the flag mast on the lawn on the northwestern side of the Centreboard Clubhouse
- 4.2 There will be a maximum number of 6 races for the regatta. No more than three races may be sailed back-to-back in any one session, with a short delay between each race.

- 4.3 Warning signal for race 1 will be 10.00. Races 2 to 6 to follow. A break for lunch will be allowed for during the day.
- 4.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least two minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 4.5 No warning signal will be made after 1630.
- 4.6 Presentations of results will be around the polystyrene shrine which will be located either in the Western Hard Stand area or the Centreboard Clubhouse BBQ area as soon as practical after the last race so as to allow any visitors the opportunity for some apres sailing prior to returning to the other end of the pond.

5. MEASUREMENT

- 5.1 Boats will not be measured for this event. Note, however, the eligibility requirement contained in Item 2.1 above.
- 5.2 Boats participating in this regatta shall not be required to carry anchors. This alters class rule B15.3.

6. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1600 on the day before it will take effect.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag mast on the lawn on the northwestern side of the Centreboard Clubhouse
- 7.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in race signals AP

8. CLASS FLAG

- 8.1 The class flag will be a white flag with a red FF insignia.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 3S & 3P will be pink inflatable buoys. Mark 1a will be a red cylindrical buoy.
- 9.2 The starting and finishing marks will be the race committee boat at one end and a black and white checkered inflatable buoy at the other.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Boats intending to start shall report to the Race Committee Signal Boat prior to the Warning Signal of the first race in that session. They shall hail the Race Committee Signal Boat with their sail number and receive verbal acknowledgement.
- 10.2 Races will be started 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

- 10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing. This changes rule A5.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark.

12. TIME LIMITS

- 12.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 45 minutes.
- 12.2 The Finishing Window is 10 minutes and is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored DNF without a hearing.
- 12.3 The target time is 30 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress.

13. PROTESTS

- 13.1 Protests are to be discouraged. You all know the Rules. If you are in the wrong do a turn. It is good practice. If you really must protest, protests forms are available at the Race Office.
- 13.2 Any protest shall be delivered to the Race Office within the protest time limit. The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 13.3 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 in the regatta office.

14. RETIREMENTS

- 14.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible of their retirement.

15. VENUE - RACING AREA – NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 15.1 The venue for this Regatta will be South of Perth Yacht Club.
- 15.2 The racing area is the Swan River area known as Melville Water East (MWE) - see Attachment A.
- 15.3 The regatta office, official notice board and signal mast are located at the SoPYC Centreboard Clubhouse.
- 15.4 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board.

16. COURSES

- 16.1 The diagram in Attachment B shows the courses, including 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. Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal.
- 16.2 The course to be sailed will be designated by displaying a numeral pennant from the race committee signal vessel no later than the warning signal

17. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 17.1 RRS 60.1(a) is changed so that (NP) denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat.
- 17.2 The notation (DP) in a rule in the NoR or SI's means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

18. SCORING

- 18.1 The Low Point System of the RRS Appendix A will apply
- 18.2 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

18.4 When six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19. BERTHING

19.1 The regatta boat park will be located on the Western Hardstand area of South of Perth Yacht Club, adjacent to the boat ramp and cranes.

19.2 All competitors are encouraged to bring their own lifting gear.

20. SUPPORT/COACH BOATS [DP][NP]

20.1 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).

20.2 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.

20.3 All support and coach boats are required to have a VHF radio and maintain a listening watch on VHF 69 or any other channel specified by the Race Committee.

20.4 When requested by the Race Management Team, support and coach boats shall render immediate assistance as and when directed.

21. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

A boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications whilst racing. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

22. PRESENTATION OF RESULTS AND PRIZES

22.1 Pennants will be presented at a ceremony held at South of Perth Yacht Club commencing as soon as practicable after the last race of the day. See 4.6 above.

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

23.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to RRS 3 "Decision to Race" which states "the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

24. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall have a valid insurance certificate with a third-party liability coverage of at least \$10,000,000 (or equivalent) per incident and shall be made available upon request.

25. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in the regatta, a competitor automatically grants to the organisers and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped, or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

26. FURTHER INFORMATION

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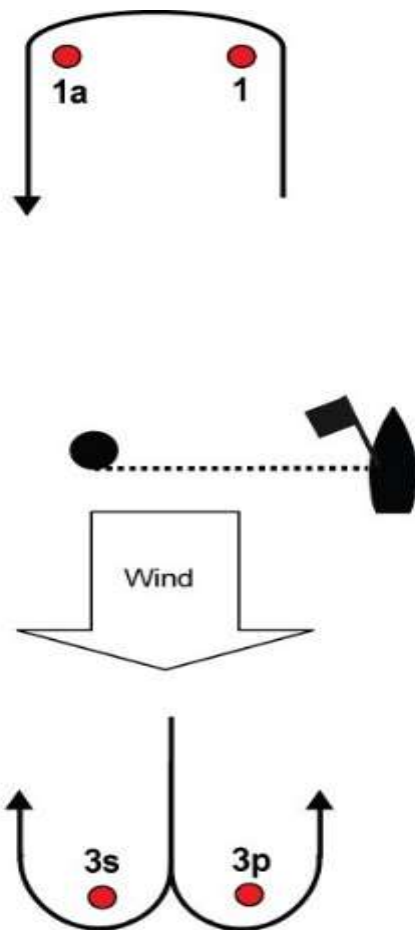
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ATTACHMENT A – VENUE AND RACE AREA



ATTACHMENT B – COURSES



Course 1	Start – 1 – 1a – 3s/3p – Finish
Course 2	Start – 1 – 1a – 3s/3p – 1 – 1a – 3s/3p – Finish
Course 3	Start – 1 – 1a – 3s/3p – 1 – 1a – 3s/3p – 1 – 1a – 3s/3p – Finish