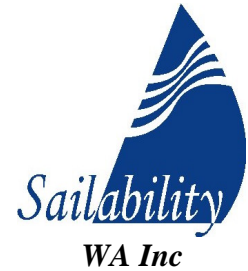




# Sailing Instructions



WA 'Be Active' Access Dinghy Championships 2010.

14<sup>th</sup> March.

**Organising authority: Royal Perth Yacht Club WA Inc and Sailability WA Inc.**

**1. Venue**

1.1 The regatta will be held on Matilda Bay adjacent to Royal Perth Yacht Club.

**2. Rules**

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing the Special Regulations of the YA and the Rules of the Access Class.

2.2 Rule 40 applies at all times when afloat. This changes the part 4 preamble (which requires personal buoyancy only when racing).

2.3 Rule 41 Outside Help is altered. (Radio or General assistance) Where electronic or verbal instructions are used to assist sailors, assistance shall be limited to safety and direction.

2.4 Rule 44.1 is altered so the penalty for a breach of a RRS Part 2 rule will be a one turn including one tack and one gybe

2.5 Rule 61.1(a) "Informing the protestee" is altered so that the hail "Protest" is not required but should be made where possible.

2.6 Rule 63.3(a) "Protest Hearing" is altered such that a representative at a protest hearing need not have been on board at the time of the incident.

**3. Boats**

The regatta will be sailed in Access Dinghies as follows:

Division 1	Access 3.03 Single
Division 2	Access 3.03 Two Person

Electric assist boats will sail in the division relevant to their class of boat.

Divisions 1 & 2 shall be called A Fleet.

**4. Notices to competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the grassed area in front of Dinghy Division, Royal Perth Yacht Club.

**5. Changes to sailing instructions**

- 5.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than one hour before the start of the first race on the day 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.
- 5.2 Changes to these Sailing Instructions made on the water will be delivered by a Race Committee Boat, and this may be orally. Flag L will be displayed while the change is being given.

**6. Signals made ashore**

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff at the northern frontage of Dinghy Division.
- 6.2 When Flag "AP" is displayed ashore the "warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered.

**7. Schedule of races**

- 7.1 The regatta will consist of up to 6 races, of which 3 races are required to constitute a series.
- 7.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for race day is approximately 0915.
- 7.3 The last warning signal will not be after 1300 on race days. As more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable, after the last boat finishes the preceding race.
- 7.4 Races are scheduled as follows:

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March- Racing Day**

Competitors meeting & Boat set up	0830
Race 1- A Fleet	0915 - Time of first warning signal.
No warning signal after 12.45	
Finish	1300
Presentations	1400

**8. Class flag**

The class flag for each division will be as follows:

- Division 1 Access 3.03 Single class flag
- Division 2 Access 3.03 Two Person class flag

**11. Racing Area**

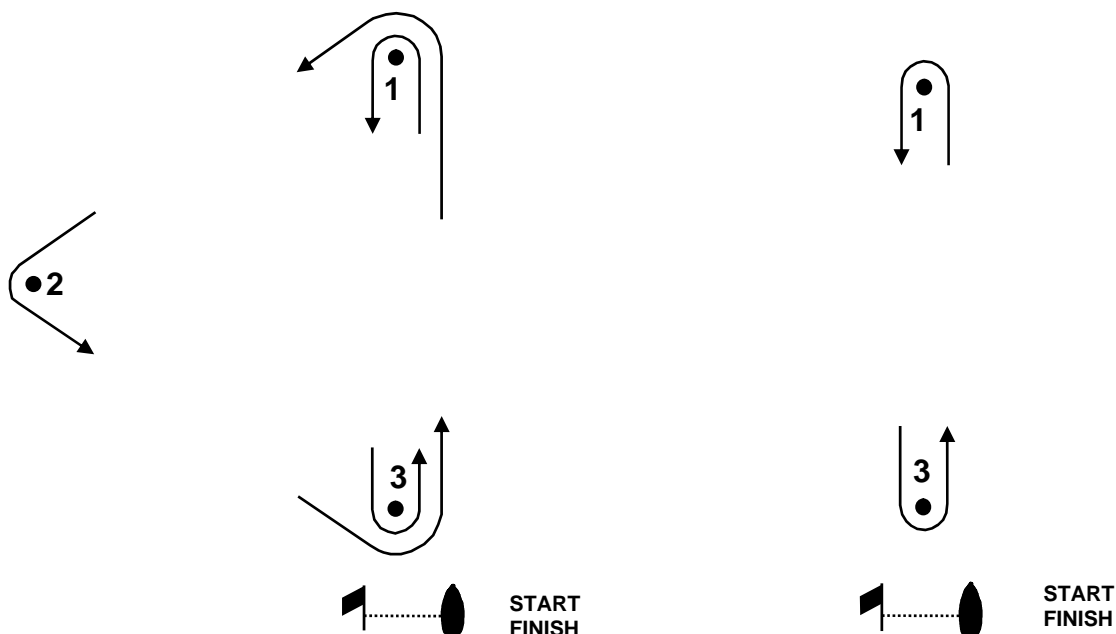
The racing area will be on Matilda Bay in front of Royal Perth Yacht Club, in the area between start Line A and Crawley Buoy.

**12. The courses.**

The diagrams below show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

**Course 1** – Numeral Pennant 1  
Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – Finish

**Course 2** – Numeral Pennant 2  
Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – Finish



**13. Marks**

Marks will be yellow buoys. The starting and finishing marks will be a red flagged buoy and an orange flag on the committee boat.

**14. The Start**

14.1 Races will be started using rule 26.

Signal	Flag and sound	Minutes before starting signal
Warning	Class flag, course flag 1 or 2; 1 sound	5
Preparatory	P flag 1 sound	4
One minute	P flag removed: 1 sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed; 1 sound	0

14.1.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end, and a Red flagged Buoy at the port end of the line.

14.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her Starting Signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

**14 Change of the Position of the Next Mark**

To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position, in accordance with rule 33.

**15 The Finish**

15.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the port end, and a red flagged Buoy at the starboard end of the line.

15.2 Boats finished racing must abide by rule 23.1.

**16 Penalty System**

Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

## **17 Time Limits**

The time limit will be 30 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish.

## **18. Protests and Requests for Redress**

18.1 Protest forms are available in the Royal Perth Yacht Clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

18.2 The protest time limit is within 45 minutes of the finishing time of the last boat in the last race of the day.

18.3 Members of the protest committee may go afloat as on water observers.

18.4 All protests will be subject to mediation - procedures:

18.4.1 Mediation hearing shall be held as soon as practicable after the protest is received.

18.4.2 A mediator nominated by the Race Committee will notify the time and place of the mediation. Notice will be given verbally.

18.4.3 One representative from each boat, who was on board at the time of the incident shall attend. Representation shall be in accordance with S1 2.6.

18.4.4 The Mediator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given. The Mediator may be a member of, or give evidence at any subsequent protest hearing.

18.4.5 After taking testimony the Mediator shall make one of the following conclusions.

18.4.5.1 The protest does not comply with Rule 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.

18.4.5.2 There has been no rule broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest.

18.4.5.3 A rule has been broken. The infringing boat(s) may accept scoring points equal to a finishing place mid-way 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.)

18.5 The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing for any of the following reasons:

- Rules other than Part 2 are involved.
- The evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a timely conclusion
- The evidence indicates that the alleged infringement is unusually serious.
- Acceptance of penalty in 18.4.5.3 is not taken up.

18.6 The mediation hearing shall not be re-opened. The conclusion of a Mediator shall not be subject to appeal or grounds for redress.

18.7 Notices will be posted within 30 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 Dinghy Division clubhouse office in the approximate order that they are received.

18.8 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

18.9 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered.

18.9.1.1 Within the protest time if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day

18.9.1.2 No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed on the decision on that day.

18.9.1.3 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided under rule 70.4

18.10 If a competitor has a genuine breakdown then they may claim redress for that race from the race committee.

## **19. Coaching**

Rule 41 shall be amended to include the following:

41 (f) On water coaching is permitted on the race day, by a coach approved by the race committee.

**20. Scoring**

- 20.1 The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A4 will apply.
- 20.2 3 races are required to constitute a series.
- 20.3 When a boat completes 6 races, the boats series scores will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**21. Safety regulations**

- 21.1 Competitors shall wear a PFD 1 or 2 at all times whilst afloat.
- 21.2 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 21.3 If participants need help they can wave at a safety boat for assistance (which carry a green over white flag).

**22. Radio Communications**

A boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. The use of mobile telephones is prohibited except in case of an emergency.

**23. Prizes**

- 23.1 Pennants will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> for each Division.
- 23.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.

**24. DISCLAIMER**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to rule 4 "Decision to Race" which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone."