



Notice of Race

**WA Keelboat State Championships
March 1st – 3rd 2025**

Royal Perth Yacht Club Inc.

(Organising Authority)

in conjunction with the

**S80 WA, S97 Yacht Association of WA Inc.,
Farr 9.2 Association & Swan River Etchell Association**

**RPYC Annexe, Mews Road, Fremantle
Owen Anchorage - Western Australia**

1.0 Rules

The regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS) as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The Australian Sailing (AS), Special Regulations Part 1, Category 6 for S97, S80 & Farr 9.2s or, the Australian Sailing (AS), Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats for the Etchells.
- 1.3 S97, S80 & Farr 9.2s must also comply with the Department of Transport WA (DoT) safety regulations for vessels operating more than 400m from shore in unprotected waters.
<https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/imarine/safety-equipment-changes.asp>
- 1.4 The relevant S80, S97, Farr 9.2 and Etchell Class rules.
- 1.5 Arbitration will be conducted in accordance with Appendix T.
- 1.6 In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail (this changes RRS 63.5(c)).

2.0 Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be made available to entrants at least one week prior to the event and posted on the RPYC website and the relevant Association websites.

3.0 Communication

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://www.rpyc.com.au/on-the-water/keelboat-states/>
 - 3.1.1 Secondary to the Official noticeboard, an “instant messaging” system such as WhatsApp may be used to notify skippers of timely information, including schedule updates, abandonment of racing etc. Further details on how to join the group will be available on the website and in the SIs.
- 3.2 All boats must carry operational VHF radios. Any boat requiring emergency assistance during the event shall signal the Race Committee either on VHF Channel 72 or with the use of a mobile phone on the number published in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.3 Except in the case of emergency, VHF radios shall be used specifically for Race Committee communications on the allocated channel. Casual radio communications between boats are to be avoided.

4.0 Eligibility and entry

- 4.1 Except as otherwise determined by the relevant Class Association Committee, the regatta is open to all relevant Class boats which have skippers who:
 - 4.1.1 Meet the financial membership requirements of the relevant Association.
 - 4.1.2 Use boats that are confirmed as eligible by the relevant Class Association. The committee’s discretion in this matter is absolute and final.
 - 4.1.3 Hold a current Australian Sailing Number (RRS 46 and 75).
- 4.2 And are either:
 - 4.2.1 Owners or part owners of a yacht of the S80, S97, Farr 9.2 or Etchell; or
 - 4.2.2 Skippers of an eligible boat that has participated during the 2024/25 season as specified by the relevant class; or
 - 4.2.3 Non-owners, outport members or invitees as the duly constituted committee of the relevant Class Association may determine. The committee’s discretion in this matter is absolute and final.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form via the link below, which is also available on the event website.
<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/rpyc/events/272057>
- 4.4 Entries must be accompanied by a current Australian Sailing (AS), Special Regulations Part 1 Category 6 (or higher Audit Form) or Off the Beach Audit Form (see clause 1.2). This is to be

completed by an accredited auditor and assigned a number by the administrator of your home club.

- 4.5 A substitute helmsman for the regatta may be permitted in accordance with the rules of the relevant Class Association and must be named on the nomination form.
- 4.6 For Etchells, the weights and total combined weight of each crew member of each boat will be determined prior to racing to ensure compliance with International Etchells Class Rule C.2.2.
- 4.6.1 Each crew member on each boat shall be weighed at Registration which will occur at the RPYC Annexe between 0700 – 0930 hrs Saturday 1st March, except during the briefings.
- 4.7 Late entries may be received at the discretion of the Organising Authority in consultation with the relevant Association Committee. A late entry fee may be charged, not exceeding \$100.

5.0 Fees

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$175 per boat.

6.0 Advertising

- 6.1 As boats are supplied by the competitors the advertising category of the relevant Class shall apply.
- 6.2 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising. (Amends RRS 60.1).

7.0 Venue

- 7.1 The regatta venue will be the Royal Perth Yacht Club Annexe, Mews Road, Fremantle.
- 7.2 The racing area will be situated on Owen Anchorage.
- 7.3 All Classes will jointly utilise the Annexe facilities and courses.

8.0 Race schedule

Eight (8) races are scheduled from Saturday 1/3/2025 through to Monday 3/3/2025.

8.1 Dates of Racing

Day	Date (2025)	First Warning Signal
Saturday	1 st March	1000 hrs
Sunday	2 nd March	As advised by Race Committee prior to 1800 1/3/25
Monday	3 rd March	As advised by Race Committee prior to 1800 2/3/25

8.2 Order of starts

Except as otherwise determined by the Race Committee, the order of starting for each race and generally for each successive race will be the Etchells fleet followed by the S97 fleet then the Farr 9.2 and then the S80.

- 8.3 No more than three (3) races will be sailed on any day.
- 8.4 No warning signal will be made after 11:30 on Monday 3rd March.

9.0 Regatta briefings

- 9.1 A mandatory volunteer briefing shall be held at 0800 hrs on Saturday 1st March.
- 9.2 A mandatory skippers briefing shall be held at 0815 on Saturday 1st March as indicated by a whistle sounded at 0810 hrs. Briefings on Sunday 2nd and Monday 3rd March shall be at the discretion of the Race Officer, indicated by a whistle.
- 9.3 A mandatory competitors debrief shall be held on Saturday 1st March as indicated by a whistle sounded within one hour of Race committee boat docking. Debriefing on Sunday 3rd shall be at the discretion of the Race Officer.

10.0 Penalty System

- 10.1 On the course Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. Two-Turns Penalty shall apply for an infringement in any zone.
- 10.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired according to rule 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the protest time limit.

11.0 Scoring

- 11.1 The Championship scoring for the relevant Class shall be in accordance with the Low Point System in the Rules Appendix A.
- 11.2 Four (4) races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.4 Handicaps will be calculated for Consistency results for all races for S80, S97 and Farr 9.2 Fleets.
 - 11.4.1 For the S80, S97 and Farr 9.2 fleets, performance will be assessed over the first three races of the series, and a starting handicap will then be calculated and applied from the first race to determine consistency results.
 - 11.4.2 For the S80 fleet, the yacht finishing in first place in the Championship shall be excluded from the overall consistency results.
 - 11.4.3 For the S97 fleet, boats finishing in the top three places in the overall championship shall be excluded from the overall consistency results.
 - 11.4.4 For the Farr 9.2 fleet, if there are 7 or more yachts entered in the event, boats finishing in the top three places in the championship shall be excluded from the overall consistency results. If there are 6 or less boats entered, the top two place getters in the championship results will be excluded from the overall consistency results.
 - 11.4.5 Where boats are excluded from the overall consistency results (9.4.2, 9.4.3 and 9.4.4) any boat finishing in a place below the excluded boat(s) will have their finishing place moved up and ranked accordingly.

12.0 Measurement and safety

- 12.1 Competitors are responsible for maintaining their hull, spars, sails and all equipment in accordance with the Rules of the relevant Class.
- 12.2 All new sails shall be measured by Friday 28th February 2025 by the appointed measurer of the relevant Class. It is the responsibility of competing skippers to ensure measuring appointments are booked well ahead of their preferred time.
- 12.3 All boats may be subjected to a mandatory safety inspection supervised by an AS equipment auditor, or the measurer of the relevant Class prior to racing on Saturday 1st March 2025 and may be subject to random measurement compliance inspections at any time during the series.
- 12.4 An emergency plan shall be issued prior to the event.
- 12.5 It is each competitor's responsibility to ensure they carry sufficient hydration and adequate means of sun protection for the entire regatta.
- 12.6 All skippers are required to submit a list (form to be provided) showing names and emergency contact details of all crew intending to race each day of the event.
- 12.7 [DP] All skippers are required to sign on and off and record crew numbers each day on the sign on sheet at the race office.

13.0 Volunteer race staff and support craft

- 13.1 All Race Committee members and support staff are volunteers and are to be treated with courtesy and respect all times.
- 13.2 Other than for a purpose approved by the Race Officer, no competitor shall board any support craft, nor command its use for any purpose except SOLAS emergency.
- 13.3 Berths will be provided within Challenger Harbour for all participating boats as advised by the relevant Class representative.
- 13.4 All boats shall have at least two (2) fenders (NOT life jackets) and bow and stern lines to assist in berthing and rafting up within Challenger Harbour.

14.0 Haul out restrictions.

- 14.1 All boats shall be afloat before 18:00 on Friday 28th February 2025 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta.

15.0 Prizes

- 15.1 Leaders' flags will be presented to the leaders in each fleet on Championship and S97, S80 and Farr 9.2 fleets for Consistency at the end of each day's racing.
- 15.2 Overall championship results will be announced at the conclusion of racing on Monday 3rd March along with S97 Association class trophy presentations.
- 15.3 S80 WA and the Farr 9.2 Association will present class trophies at their 2024 Association Dinner and Awards nights.
- 15.4 Etchells trophy presentations will occur at a date to be determined by the Swan River Etchells Association

16.0 Insurance

- 16.1 All competing skippers are required to lodge a copy of a current certificate of insurance for their boat together with the regatta nomination form. Such insurance shall comprise of Third Party and Public Liability of not less than \$10 million.

17.0 Disclaimer of liability

- 17.1 It is the skipper's decision to enter the event or to start and continue in any race. Skippers shall accept that their participation in the event is at their exclusive risk in every respect.
- 17.2 By signing the entry form for the event skippers indemnify the Organising Authority their officers, members, staff, volunteers and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the event.
- 17.3 The Organising Authority their officers, members, staff, volunteers and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the event or howsoever arising in connection with the event.
- 17.4 Skippers and crew should note RRS Fundamental Rule 3: *The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.*

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