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## 2025 Club Marine WA Keelboat State Championships

March 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025

# Sailing Instructions

**Royal Perth  
Yacht Club Inc.**

(Organising Authority)  
in conjunction with the



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

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

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**Race communications will be on VHF Channel 72**

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by boat.

[DP] denotes a rule of which the penalty is at discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing.

## 1.0 Rules

The regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS).
- 1.2 [DP] 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 The Class Rules of the S80 Yacht Association of WA Inc. (S80 WA)
- 1.4 The Class Rules of the S97 Sailing Association of WA Inc.
- 1.5 The Class Rules of the Farr 9.2 Association of WA.
- 1.6 The International Etchells Class Association.
- 1.7 Arbitration will be conducted in accordance with RRS Appendix T as outlined in Appendix 2 - Attached.
- 1.8 The racing rules will be modified in accordance with RRS 86 as follows: RRS 41, Outside Help, will be altered by: "A boat may receive outside help as provided for in RRS 1 and, in addition, where the Race Committee, Race Committee Vessel or Safety Boat deems that the boat and its crew require assistance in order to recover crew from the water and to be then as soon as possible returned to the boat at the approximate position of the MOB in order to allow that boat and crew to continue racing."
- 1.9 In the event of a conflict with the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions will apply. This changes RRS 63.5(c).

## 2.0 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Regatta Office, Royal Perth Yacht Club Annexe, Challenger Harbour, Fremantle and the online official notice board which is located at <https://www.rpyc.com.au/on-the-water/keelboat-states/>

- 2.1 [NP] Secondary to the Official noticeboard, an "instant messaging" system such as WhatsApp will be used to notify skippers of timely information, including schedule updates, abandonment of racing etc. This can be joined via adjacent code or links on Website. Failure to receive notices will not be grounds for redress.



## 3.0 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted if possible before 07:30 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule will be posted by 18:00 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 A change to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Any change made may be delivered from a Race Committee Boat and will be broadcast by VHF radio. Flag "L" will be displayed while the change is being given.

#### 4.0 [NP] Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal mast at Royal Perth Yacht Club Annexe, Challenger Harbour, Fremantle.
- 4.2 When flag “AP” is displayed ashore, the “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 1 hour” in Race Signal AP.

#### 5.0 Schedule

##### 5.1 Briefings

- 5.1.1 A mandatory volunteer briefing shall be held at 08:00 on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March and thereafter at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 5.1.2 A mandatory skipper briefing shall be held at 08:15 on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March as indicated by a whistle sounded at 08:10. Subsequent briefings shall be at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 5.1.3 A mandatory competitors debrief shall be held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March as indicated by a whistle sounded within one hour of Race committee boat docking. Debriefing on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March shall be at the discretion of the Race Officer.

##### 5.2 Race schedule:

Eight (8) races are scheduled from Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

Day	Date	Time of First Warning Signal	Max Number of Races
Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> March	1000 hrs	3 races
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	As advised by Race Committee prior to 1800 1/3/25	3 races
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	As advised by Race Committee prior to 1800 2/3/25	2 races

- 5.3 Except as otherwise determined by the Race Officer, 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 **S80** fleet and then the **Farr 9.2** fleet.
- 5.4 The Starting Procedure shall be in accordance with RRS 26.
- 5.5 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, the AP flag will be displayed for not less than two (2) minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.6 RRS 29.1 Individual Recall. Any boats observed by the Race Committee to be OCS and who have not returned to start after approximately one (1) minute may be announced over VHF. Failure of the Race Committee to make or boats to receive such communications will not be grounds for redress under RRS 60.1
- 5.7 No warning signal will be made after 11:30 on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

#### 6.0 Class Flags

The class flag will be those of the Relevant Class.

#### 7.0 Racing Area

The racing area shall be Owen Anchorage.

## **8.0 The Courses (Appendix 1)**

- 8.1 All fleets are utilising the same courses as specified.
- 8.2 Except as otherwise determined by the Race Committee, the courses will be windward/leeward as illustrated in Appendix 1 – see attached, which also indicates the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.3 **[SP][NP]** When the on-station flag (orange or blue) is visible the start/finish line is an obstacle of the course.
- 8.4 **[SP][NP]** When there is a gate mark, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If there is only one gate mark, boats shall round the single mark to port.
- 8.5 The course to be sailed will be designated by displaying relevant numeral pennant from the race committee vessel no later than the warning signal.
- 8.6 The approximate compass bearing from the starting line to mark 1, together with the approximate length of the first leg may be broadcast on Channel 72.
- 8.7 Course changes will be signalled in accordance with RRS 33.

## **9.0 Marks**

- 9.1 Marks 2, 3S & 3P will be large orange inflatable buoys.
- 9.2 Mark 1A/2A will be an orange “pimple” buoy.
- 9.3 Mark 1 will be a large green inflatable buoy.

## **10.0 The Start Line**

- 10.1 The Start line shall be between the staff carrying an orange flag on the Start Boat and the port end start mark which shall be a yellow cylindrical buoy.
- 10.2 A clearance mark may be streamed from the committee boat, this mark is deemed to be part of the Committee Boat for the purpose of RRS 31 and shall be passed on the same side as the Committee Boat when starting.

## **11.0 The Finish**

- 11.1 The Finish line in Courses 1 & 2 shall be between the staff carrying the blue flag on the Finish Boat at the starboard end and a port end finish mark. This mark shall be a yellow cylindrical buoy.
- 11.2 The Finish line in Courses 3 & 4 shall be between the staff carrying the blue flag on the Finish Boat at the port end and a starboard end finish mark. This mark shall be a yellow cylindrical buoy.

## **12.0 Time limits and Target Times**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Mark 1 Time Limit</b>	<b>Race Time Limit</b>	<b>Finishing Window</b>
Course 1	40 minutes	100 minutes	20 minutes
Course 2	40 minutes	120 minutes	20 minutes
Course 3	40 minutes	100 minutes	20 minutes
Course 4	40 minutes	120 minutes	20 minutes

- 12.1 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 12.2 The Race Time Limit is for the first boat in the fleet; remaining boats can still finish within the finishing window.
- 12.3 The Finishing Window 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, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat

scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one (1) more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

### **Penalties**

- 12.4 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'
- 12.5 In RRS 44.1, insert after the first sentence: "However, a boat may take a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1/2 or on the leg between Mark 1/2 and Mark 1A/2A, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 1A/2A".
- 12.6 The standard penalty will be 3 points.

### **13.0 Protests**

- 13.1 To facilitate early notification to the protest committee, skippers planning to lodge a protest are required to hail the finish boat as soon as they have finished that race. The race officer will then notify the protest committee Chairman.
- 13.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Regatta Office and delivered to the Regatta Office within 80 minutes from the time the last boat has finished in the last race of that day.
- 13.3 Parties to a protest will be advised of the time and location of the arbitration and protest hearing. This advice may be given verbally and may be posted on the notice board.

### **14.0 Protest Arbitration**

- 14.1 Protest arbitration may be used for this event, which if used, will be held at the Regatta Office soon after protest forms are lodged and will be conducted in accordance with the rules of mediation adopted by RPYC – see Appendix 2 attached.
- 14.2 Protestors must lodge forms with the Regatta Office. The protestor must wait to receive 2 copies of the protest – one for themselves, and the other to deliver to the protestee. It is the protestor's responsibility to bring the protestee back to the office for the arbitration hearing as required.

### **16.0 Scoring**

- 16.1 The Championship scoring for the relevant Class shall be in accordance with the Low Point System in the Rules Appendix A.
- 16.2 Four (4) races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 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.
- 16.4 Handicaps will be calculated for Consistency results for all races for S80, S97 and Farr 9.2 Fleets.
  - 16.4.1 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.
  - 16.4.2 For the S80 fleet, the yacht finishing in first place in the Championship shall be excluded from the overall consistency results.
  - 16.4.3 For the S97 fleet, boats finishing in the top three places in the overall championship shall be excluded from the overall consistency results.
  - 16.4.4 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.

- 16.4.5 Where boats are excluded from the overall consistency results (16.4.2, 16.4.3 and 16.4.4) any boat finishing in a place below the excluded boat(s) will have their finishing place moved up and ranked accordingly.

## **17.0 Safety**

- 17.1 All boats shall comply with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Equipment Audit requirements as per 1.2
- 17.2 All crews shall wear an approved PFD when racing as per AS Special Regulations Part 1 for Racing Boats 5.01.1 for S97s, S80s and Farr 9.2s or AS Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats 5.01.2 for Etchells.
- 17.3 Boats are required to carry an operational marine VHF radio. Except in an emergency, when retiring from a race or in circumstances described in these instructions, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, from the first warning signal of the day until they have finished the last scheduled race of the day. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 17.4 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.
- 17.5 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 is to be avoided.
- 17.6 **[SP][NP]** All skippers are required to sign on and off and record crew numbers each day on the sign on sheet at the race office.
- 17.7 **[SP]** All boats shall sail in the vicinity of the Start Boat and hail the Race Committee prior to the warning signal for the first race of the session. Failure to be acknowledged will not be grounds for redress.
- 17.8 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee on VHF CH 72 as soon as possible and notify their intentions towards any subsequent races for that day.
- 17.9 All Person Overboard incidents are to be reported to the RO by VHF radio on channel 72, or by mobile phone (RO number on cover or to Anna – 0432 016 375) as soon as practicable so that other assistance may be made available.
- 17.10 At least one person additional to the nominated skipper on each boat shall be capable of sailing the boat in an emergency.
- 17.11 Applications for Substitution of damaged or lost equipment and haul out will be submitted in writing to the Race Committee prior to substitution or haul out. The Race Committee will then give authorisation, or not, and a copy of the request will be posted on the notice Board.
- 17.12 All skippers are required to submit a list showing names and emergency contact details of all crew intending to race each day of the event.

<https://www.rpyc.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Crew-Register-Blank.xlsx>

## **18.0 [DP] Equipment and Measurement Checks**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance and eligibility to compete. 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.

## **19.0 [DP] Support Boats**

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have

finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, unless advised by the Race Committee.

**20.0 Haul Out Restrictions**

20.1 **[DP]** All boats shall be afloat before 18:00 on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February and shall not be hauled out during the regatta.

**21.0 Prizes**

21.1

<b>S80 WA State Championship</b>	<b>S80 WA Consistency</b>
<b>First Place</b> RPYC Pennant S80 WA State Championship Perpetual Trophy	<b>First Place</b> RPYC Pennant Surcouf Shield Perpetual Trophy for Consistency
<b>Second Place</b> RPYC Pennant	<b>Second Place</b> RPYC Pennant
<b>Third Place</b> RPYC Pennant	<b>Third Place</b> RPYC Pennant

21.2

<b>S97 Association Championship</b>	<b>S97 Association Consistency</b>
<b>First Place</b> The Frank Farrelly S97 State Championship Trophy, Gold Medal & RPYC Pennant.	<b>First Place</b> S97 Association Consistency Trophy and RPYC Pennant
<b>Second Place</b> Silver Medal & RPYC Pennant	<b>Second Place</b> RPYC Pennant
<b>Third Place</b> Bronze Medal & RPYC Pennant	<b>Third Place</b> RPYC Pennant

21.3

<b>Farr 9.2 Association Championship</b>	<b>Farr 9.2 Association Consistency</b>
<b>First Place</b> RPYC pennant	<b>First Place</b> RPYC pennant
<b>Second Place</b> RPYC Pennant	<b>Second Place</b> RPYC Pennant
<b>Third Place</b> RPYC Pennant	<b>Third Place</b> RPYC Pennant

21.4

<b>Swan River Etchells Association Championship</b>
<b>First Place</b> RPYC pennant
<b>Second Place</b> RPYC Pennant
<b>Third Place</b> RPYC Pennant

21.5 Other Trophies/Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of each Class committee at a time to be determined.



## **22.0 Disclaimer of Liability**

- 22.1 Competitor attention is drawn to RRS 3 – Decision to race.
- 22.2 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.
- 22.3 It is the competitors' decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every aspect. By way of entry in the Event competitors must indemnify the Organising Authority their Offices, 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.
- 22.4 Competitors are responsible for the seaworthiness of the boat that they are sailing and for the sufficiency and adequacy of its equipment for the prevailing conditions.
- 22.5 The Organising Authority their offices, members, staff, volunteers and agents accept no responsibility in respect to loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage of property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Event howsoever arising in connection with the Event.

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**APPENDIX 1 – COURSE DIAGRAM**



**Course 1:**

**E22 / S97      Start – 2 – 2A – 3S/3P – Finish**

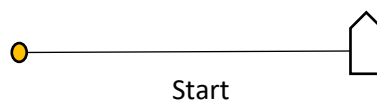
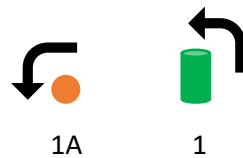
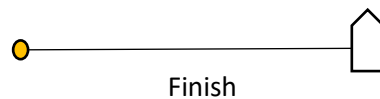
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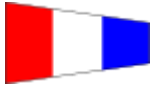
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**E22 / S97      Start – 2 – 2A – 3S/3P – 2 – 2A – 3S/3P – Finish**

**Farr 9.2 / S80    Start – 1 – 1A – 3S/3P – 1 – 1A – 3S/3P – Finish**



APPENDIX 1 (cont) – COURSE DIAGRAM



**Course 3:**

**E22 / S97      Start – 2 – 2A – 3S/3P – 2 – 2A – 3P – Finish**

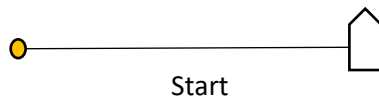
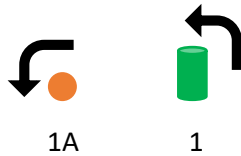
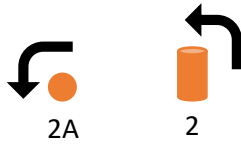
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**Course 4:**

**E22 / S97      Start – 2 – 2A – 3S/3P – 2 – 2A – 3S/3P – 2 – 2A – 3P – Finish**

**Farr 9.2 / S80   Start – 1 – 1A – 3S/3P – 1 – 1A – 3S/3P – 1 – 1A – 3P – Finish**



## **APPENDIX 2 – ARBITRATION**

- 1.1 An arbitration hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with rule 60 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or 4. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.
  - 1.2 The time and place of the arbitration hearing will be decided by the arbitrator and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat shall attend the arbitration hearing and no witnesses shall be allowed. The arbitrator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.
  - 1.3 After taking testimony at an arbitration hearing the arbitrator shall make one of the following conclusions:
    - (a) The protest does not comply with rule 60 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
    - (b) The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. (This may be because rules other than Part 2 or 4 are or may be involved, or because evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason decided by the mediator.)
    - (c) No rule was broken, and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
    - (d) A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, and 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.)
  - 1.4 An arbitration hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of an arbitrator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.
  - 1.5 Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the arbitrator may be a member of the Protest Committee. Any evidence given by an arbitrator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.
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