



# Geographe Bay Yacht Club Easter Regatta 2018 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS March 30<sup>th</sup> to April 2<sup>nd</sup>

The Organising Authority ('OA') is the Geographe Bay Yacht Club (GBYC) Inc.

## Abbreviations:

AS	Australian Sailing
NoR	Notice of Race
OA	Geographe Bay yacht club handicap committee
RRS	Racing Rules of Sailing
SI's	Sailing Instructions
GBYC	Geographe Bay Yacht Club
SP	Standard penalty

## 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including,
  - b) Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2 for off the Beach Boats,
  - c) The Class rules of the Pelican Sailing Association (PSA),
  - d) The Notice of Race (NoR) and these Sailing Instructions (SI's)
- 1.2 It is the responsibility of all competitors to ensure that personal flotation devices comply with a standard equivalent to those listed in YA Special Regulations 5.01 Personal Flotation Devices.

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Junior Club Room. Access to the Junior club rooms will be restricted to race officials for the duration of the event.

## 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than one hour before the scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect.

## 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast located on the club house tower.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>		1430	Invitational Race
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Min 2 races	1000	first race/lunch/ racing resumes
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Min 2 races	1000	first race/lunch/ racing resumes
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 race	0900	first race

- 4.3 No warning signal will be made after 1400 on the final day of scheduled racing.

**5. CLASS FLAG**

The class flag for the Pelican will be the black Pelican Class insignia on a white background.

**6. RACING AREA**

Racing will be on Geographe Bay directly in front of the Geographe Bay Yacht Club

**7. THE COURSES**

The courses will be based around set buoys/courses and course sheets will be provided to sailors before each race.

**8. THE START**

8.1 Races will be started by using RRS26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

8.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag in the Race Committee boat and a flag on the starting mark.

8.3 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

**9. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

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.

**10. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a flag on the finishing mark. The finish could be shortened. A committee boat and a rounding mark could become the finish with appropriate signals given as per the RRS

**11. PENALTY SYSTEM**

11.1 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, shall apply,

11.2 RRS 63.1(a), 64.1 & A5 will be amended to enable the Race Committee to apply a standard penalty (SP) without a hearing for some breaches of the rules.

**12. TIME LIMITS**

12.1 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boats sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

**13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

13.1 Any boat wishing to lodge a protest MUST advise the Committee boat of their intention, as soon as is practically possible, following their completion of a race - in doing so the protesting boat must not interfere with competitors still racing. A written protest must then be lodged once ashore (see below).

13.2 Protest forms are available in the junior club house. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit as per RRS

13.3 The protest time limit (PTL) is one hour after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

13.4 The race committee will inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

13.5 (SP) – standard penalty - For some specific breaches of the rules, the Race Committee (RC) may apply a standard penalty (SP) without a hearing. The RC may still protest a boat when they consider the SP inappropriate. A boat may request redress if they believe the application of the SP improper. The Standard Penalty is 20% of the number of boats that started, but not worse than DSQ. This changes RRS 63.1 & Appendix A5.

13.6 **ARBITRATION** shall apply in accordance with RRS Appendix T.

#### **14. SCORING**

- 14.1 The scoring system is as follows: The 'Low Point Scoring System', RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 14.2 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.3 A boats series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 14.4 A consistency scoring system will be run in conjunction with the championship series.  
Each boats handicap will be calculated by the OA based on the boat's finishing times.
- 14.5 Any boat finishing in the top three for championship results is ineligible to win a position in the top three consistency.

#### **15. SAFETY REGULATIONS – “SIGN ON/OFF” & RETIREMENT FROM A RACE**

A boat that retires shall notify a Race Committee boat or the Beach Marshall.

#### **16. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 16.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 16.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee.

#### **17. 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 or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

#### **18. ADVERTISING**

Boats intending to display advertising shall advise the Race Committee.

#### **19. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 19.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons who may be supporting individual athletes, **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 retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 19.2 Support Boats shall register with the race committee
- 19.3 **All non-registered support boats shall keep clear of the racing at all times.**

#### **20. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions, text messages or cellular phone calls while racing except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the race committee.

#### **21. PRIZES**

Prizes will be given in accordance with the Notice of Race.

#### **22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- a) Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS4, Decision to Race which states: “The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.
- b) The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- c) No boat shall start in any race unless it has signed the Declaration forming part of the Sailing Nomination form.

#### **23. 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.