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Sailing Instructions

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1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is the Geographe Bay Yacht Club (GBYC), 1 King Street, Busselton.

2. RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Australian Sailing Special Regulations, the rules of the respective classes (except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions), and by the Sailing Instructions.

2.2 The IRC Rules, Parts A, B and C will apply where appropriate.

2.3 Sports Boats shall comply with the constitution and rules of the Australian Sports Boat Association and Category 6 of the Special Regulations.

2.4 Boats with permanently installed moveable or variable ballast may utilise such systems for the purpose of increasing stability and may use stored power for these purposes. Boats with permanently installed electric/hydraulic winches may use stored power. This changes RRS 51 and 52.

2.5 Sponsors' logos supplied by the OA shall be applied to a clean starboard bow commencing approximately 300mm from the bow and 100mm below the gunwale.

2.6 All helmspersons or their representatives are required to attend the compulsory Competitor Briefing on Saturday 5th February 2022 at 1700 at GBYC. Skippers and crews are invited to the Welcome Function at GBYC at 1800. *Attendance at these events is subject to **WA Government COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination rules.***

2.7 Arbitration will be conducted in accordance with RRS Appendix T

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board situated on the outside of the GBYC Clubhouse in the southwest corner and may be electronically sent to a competitor's email and/or phone. Failure of competitors to receive electronic versions of notices shall not be grounds for seeking redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board and may be sent electronically to a competitor's email and/or mobile phone no later than two hours prior to the start time of the first race of the first race it will effect, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect. Failure of competitors to receive electronic versions of notices shall not be grounds for seeking redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast on the tower at GBYC.

5.2 A signal placed over a division flag means it will apply to that division only.

5.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 Minute" is replaced with "not less than 55 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5.4 For the purposes of this rule, signals made from the end of the Busselton Jetty will not be considered as made ashore.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The schedule of races is contained in Attachment A.
- 6.2 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1200.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 For the purposes of these Sailing Instructions including RRS 26, “division” is used in place of “class”. The flags for each division will be issued at registration.

Division 1 – Racing	Light blue pennant
Division 2 – Racing	Green pennant
Division 3 – Premier Cruising A	Royal blue pennant
Division 4 – Premier Cruising B	Gold pennant
Division 5 – Jib & Main A	Purple pennant
Division 6 – Jib & Main B	White pennant
Etchells – Etchells class flag	
Vipers – Viper class flag	

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area is in Geographe Bay, within 5 nautical miles of the Busselton Jetty.
- 8.2 Obstructions: The area to the southeast of mark OB at 33 degrees 38.625S’ and 115 degrees 19.68’ east shall rank as an obstruction. This is designated by a yellow inflatable Mark

9. COURSES

- 9.1 Attachment B – Race courses lists the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left and the approximate length of each race.
- 9.2 In addition to flag signals and prior to the starting signal, the race committee may broadcast the course to be sailed. Failure to make or receive the said broadcast shall not be grounds for a boat to seek redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 9.3 The course number will be indicated by a numeral pennant displayed on the starting signal mast.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 Race marks will be a combination of inflatable and spar buoys. Attachment C lists the description and location of each mark.

11. THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between the flag mast on the northern end of the Busselton Jetty and a yellow inflatable mark located approximately 300 metres to the north. A yellow inner limit mark will be positioned approximately 50 metres north of the flag mast. A boat shall not pass between the inner limit mark and the jetty.
- 11.3 To alert boats that a race will start soon, an orange flag will be displayed on the flag mast with one sound at least five minutes before the display of the warning signal.
- 11.4 A boat shall sign on for each race. To sign on, a boat shall log onto GBYC by radio on VHF channel 77 not more than one hour before her scheduled start time.
- 11.5 A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 11.6 The start line will remain active for four (4) minutes after the start signal of the last fleet in each starting sequence. A boat starting after that time will be scored “Did Not Start” (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.
- 11.7 Fleets will generally start in the sequence listed in Attachment A – Schedule of Races.
- 11.8 Individual recall. The Race Committee (RC) may broadcast the names and or sail numbers of boats having breached RRS 29.1 in addition to the signals specified in the RRS. Failure of the RC to make such a broadcast or of a boat to receive it shall not be grounds for a boat to seek redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

11.9 General recall. When a general recall is signalled, the signal will be displayed for one minute only. The warning signal for the first recalled division will be made with the starting signal of the last division in the original sequence followed by succeeding recalled divisions. This changes RRS 29.2 and rule race signals.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finish will be between the outer start/finish mark and the flag mast bearing a blue flag on the northern end of the Busselton Jetty. A boat shall not pass between the jetty and the inner limit mark.

12.2 After starting, a boat shall not pass through the starting line unless to comply with the requirements of rule 29 and 30, and shall not pass through the finish line after finishing unless to comply with the requirements of rule *finish*. A breach of this instruction will result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Protest forms are available from the Regatta Office at GBYC. Notice of Protests shall be delivered to the Regatta Office or emailed to: gbycbsn@westnet.com.au. Competitors are required to phone 9752 2522 to confirm receipt of their protest. This adds to the requirements of rules 61.2 and 61.3.

13.2 For each division, a boat's protest time limit is 90 minutes after the finish of the last boat in her division in the last race of the day.

13.3 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered to the Regatta Office at GBYC:

a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day, or

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

This changes RRS 66.

13.4 Details of the time and place of each hearing will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board at GBYC within 30 minutes of the protest time limit. Such notice will be deemed to be notice to the parties in accordance with RRS 63.2.

14. SCORING

14.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

14.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.3 If more than four races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. If less than four races are completed a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

14.4 Handicaps for divisions 1 to 6 will be performance based as a time correction factor (TCF). TCF handicaps will be reviewed by the RC and re-assessed after each race.

15. SAFETY

15.1 A boat which retires shall advise the RC, preferably by radio using the nominated frequency, as soon as practicable. A boat shall advise the reason for its retirement and its intentions and shall maintain routine radio communication until safely into port. A boat failing to advise its retirement may in its next race, or failing there being a next race, the previous race to which she retired, be scored three points more than her actual finishing position without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

15.2 Racing for all divisions are classified as Category 6 in Australian Sailing Special Regulations.

15.3 PFDs should be maintained in a very accessible location and crews should review the wearing of their own whilst racing.

15.4 Hazards:

Boats shall keep clear of the Busselton Jetty where divers, swimmers and fishers are active. A dive boat may also be in the vicinity.

16. REPLACEMENT CREW

- 16.1 Crew members may be substituted prior to any race. The primary helmsperson may be substituted without prior approval in writing by the RC.
- 16.2 Before the first race a boat shall lodge a crew list with the Regatta Office at GBYC or by completing the online crew list here. Any subsequent changes shall be lodged before the first race in which it will take effect.

17. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 17.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected for compliance with the Special Regulations (including Cat 6) and rating rules when required by the RC at any time, except whilst racing. A boat shall comply with all reasonable requests from the RC to facilitate inspection.

18. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 18.1 Identification flags, if used on support boats, will be advised at the competitors' briefing.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 19.1 Radio communication for Geographe Bay Race Week will be conducted on VHF Channel 77. All boats shall maintain a continuous listening watch while racing and traversing to and from the race area.
- 19.2 Boats shall log on for each race by calling GBYC Race Control on VHF 77 up to one hour before their scheduled race start time.
- 19.3 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing, nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

20. PRIZES

- 20.1 Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third in each division.

21. DISCLAIMER

- 21.1 Competitors shall accept that participation in this regatta is entirely at their own risk – see RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority, its officers, members, servants and other agents accept no liability in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of a competitor's participation or intended participation in the regatta or howsoever arising in connection with the event.

22. INSURANCE

- 22.1 A boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per event or equivalent. A boat shall be insured with comprehensive cover for racing. Documentary evidence of cover shall be provided at or before registration.

23. Rule 46. SAIL PASS

- 23.1 Geographe Bay Yacht Club will provide a free Sail pass to all those crew who are not members of a Yacht or sailing club.