



**South of Perth Yacht Club
(Organising Authority)**

Off the Beach 2026 Winter Series Invitational

NOTICE OF RACE

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South of Perth Yacht Club invites entries from eligible classes to participate in the Off the Beach 2026 Winter Series Invitational commencing 17th May 2026.

[NP] Breaches of the SI's marked [NP] will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The Organising Authority (OA) is South of Perth Yacht Club Inc. (SoPYC).

1. RULES

1.1 This event is governed by the rules as defined in:

- a) The Racing Rules of Sailing (**RRS**).
- b) The Prescriptions of Australian Sailing (**AS**) including the Special Regulations.
- c) The Class Rules where applicable.
- d) RRS Appendix B – shall apply to Windsurf LT entries
- e) The SoPYC Performance Handicap Rules (**PHS**) where applicable.
- f) Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & DOCUMENTS

The SI's and subsequent Race Documents will be available online via the event webpage on the SoPYC club website 48hrs prior to the 1st scheduled race date:

<https://sopyc.com.au/web/pages/winter-series>

3. COMMUNICATION

The official noticeboard is located on the event webpage:

<https://sopyc.com.au/web/pages/winter-series>

An additional non-official noticeboard will be located inside the SoPYC Centreboard Clubhouse.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to all Dinghy / Off the Beach classes at the discretion of the OA.

4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry via Top Yacht. This link is available on the event webpage:

<https://www.topyacht.com.au/entreg/enter.php?e=102.2.664>

4.3 All competitors shall be financial members of a club affiliated with AS, World Sailing MNA or Windsurfing Western Australia (WWA).

a) Crew not complying with the AS Prescription - RRS 46, shall obtain a SoPYC Day Membership Sail Pass. The Club's Day Pass guidelines are available via the event webpage.

4.4 **Changes to Entry:**

a) Helmsperson (Double-Handed only) – A change to the nominated helmsperson shall be applied for in writing to the OA. This shall only be allowed for one (1) race-day for the regatta. Any further alterations shall be considered a 'new' entry for the purpose of any series scores. There shall be no helmsperson changes for 'single-handed' entries.

b) Crew - Any changes of crew, shall be applied for in writing to be approved by the OA.

4.5 Any entry must be made no later than 24hrs prior to a race date in which the entry is to compete.

- 4.6 Final Entries close August 20, 2026 at 5pm.
- 4.7 A boat shall sail in the Division or Fleet in which it is assigned by the OA.
- 4.8 For competitors under 18 years of age, a parent (or guardian) shall acknowledge and agrees to the Terms & Conditions of entry via the online entry system.

4 FEES

The event fee is \$15 for each entry, which includes all race dates. This fee is due at time of registration via the entry portal provided.

5 SCHEDULE

Date	1 st Warning Signal
Sunday 17 May 2026	1300
Sunday 28 Jun 2026	1300
Sunday 9 Aug 2026	1300
Sunday 23 Aug 2026	1300

- 5.1 The maximum number of races to be conducted on each race day is 3, with no warning signals after 1600hrs.
- 5.2 If a race is abandoned for any reason the Race Officer may choose to re-run the race on the same day as part of the racing session.

6 [DP] ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising at the OAs discretion.

7 EQUIPMENT, MEASUREMENT & THE HULL

- 7.1 If required, a boat shall produce or verify the existence of a **valid measurement or rating certificate** to the OA via the OWG.
- 7.2 **Equipment Changes**
Any changes to a boat's equipment, sail or hull must be applied for in writing to the OA and approved by the Race Committee.
- 7.3 Boats may be inspected at any time.

8 VENUE

The venue for this Regatta is the South of Perth Yacht Club: 2 Canning Beach Rd, Applecross, WA.

9 RACING AREAS AND COURSES

- 9.1 Races will be conducted on Melville Water East unless otherwise stated.
- 9.2 All course sheets will be available online and made available with the Sailing instructions when issued.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
 - a) For Windsurf LT entries Rule 44.1 is changed so that; "After getting well clear of other boards as soon after the incident as possible, a board takes a 1-Turn Penalty by promptly making a 360° turn with no requirement for a tack or a gybe. When a board takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, her hull shall be completely on the course side of the line before she finishes."

- 10.2 **[DP]** Discretionary Penalty – the penalty for a breach of this rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.
- 10.3 **[SCP]** Scoring Penalty – for some specific breaches of the rules, the RC may apply a scoring penalty [SCP] without a hearing. The RC may still protest a boat when they consider the SCP inappropriate. The scoring penalty is 2 points. This changes RRS 63.1 & A5.

11 SCORING

11.1 For scoring purposes:

- a) 'Boat' means the combination of a hull to which a sail number is assigned and the nominated helmsperson.
- b) Changes to a nominated helmsperson or crew may result in the entries handicap being amended at the discretion of the OA.
- c) A boat shall be entered in a series for which it is eligible when it first comes to the starting area of a race of that series.

11.2 Scoring will be in accordance with the RRS Appendix A (Including A5.3) amended as follows:

- a) All fleets & classes scored on SoPYC Club Performance Handicap & over the line.
- b) The number of races to constitute a series shall be 50% of all scheduled races.
- c) Each race day will, in addition, be scored as a separate series, with no drops, to produce a 'day' result.

11.3 The following rating systems will apply to allow the OA to produce starting PHS handicaps in the event of mixed fleet/rig type series (Note: The OA reserve the right to adjust starting handicaps as it deems necessary):

CLASS	RATING
Mixed Fleets	AUSTRALIAN SAILING YARDSTICKS

11.4 The following handicap systems apply:

[SoPYC Club Performance Handicapping Policy](#)

11.5 The overall series shall be scored as follows (all 4 race dates):

- a) A boats score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding 1 worst score per 4 completed races.

12 [DP] SUPPORT & COACH BOATS

- 12.1 Except when rendering assistance to a boat in distress support and coach boats shall remain **at least 100 metres outside** areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the RC signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.
- 12.2 All support and coach boats are required to have a VHF radio and maintain a listening watch on **VHF 69** or any other channel specified by the Course Race Officer.
- 12.3 All support and coach boats shall render assistance as and when directed by the Course Race Officer.
- 12.4 All support boats will have a minimum of **two able bodied persons** aboard.
- 12.5 All occupants of support and coach boats, less than 6m LOA, shall wear an approved **PFD** whilst afloat.
- 12.6 The skipper of support and coach boats, less than 6m LOA, shall wear the **kill cord**.

13 BERTHING

Competitors may leave their vessels within the 'Rigging' area for periods no more than 24hrs prior to or after a scheduled race day.

Competitors shall follow guidelines as listed on the clubs website & as directed by any SoPYC staff or coaches. Weblink: <https://sopyc.com.au/gsc-parking-information>

14 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in these events each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.** The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

15 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD 10 million per incident or equivalent. **It is strongly recommended that such insurance include a racing extension.** This should be made available to the OA upon request.

16 PRIZES

16.1 Pennants will be awarded in each race day as an overall result as described in NoR 11.2.c for each fleet or class for:

a) Handicap results:



16.2 Series prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

17 PRESENTATIONS

Results will be conducted as soon as practical after each racing session, with overall results being announced at the conclusion of the final race day. All presentations will be conducted in the SoPYC sailor's bar. Complimentary 'soup-of-the-day' cups will be available for all competitors.

18 MEDIA

By participating in these events, competitors grant to the Organising Authority, Australian Sailing and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any digital media, any motion pictures and live, taped, or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

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