

WINTER OTB INV. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



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SOUTH of PERTH YACHT CLUB (Organising Authority) **2026 OTB Winter Invitational** **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

[NP] Breaches of the SI's marked [NP] will not be grounds for protest by a boat.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The 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 Part 2](#) for Off The Beach Boats.
 - c) The relevant Class Rules as applicable.
 - d) The [SoPYC Performance Handicapping Rules](#) (PHS) where applicable.
 - e) Appendix T – Arbitration shall apply.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



- a) Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 2 hours before the scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect. 'L' flag shall be displayed as per SI 5.1.
- b) In addition, the 'L' flag shall be displayed on the Start RC vessel the first day that the change applies.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors (**NTC**) will be posted on the official notice board located on the event webpage: <https://sopyc.com.au/web/pages/winter-series>
A physical unofficial notice board will be present in the SoPYC Centreboard Clubhouse.
- 3.2 The race office is the On Water Group (**OWG**) located in the main clubhouse.
- 3.3 While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials and adhere to the AS Code of Conduct.
- 4.2 RRS 69 shall apply.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal mast on the Centreboard Clubhouse west lawn.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1' minute is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP. 

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The schedule of races is online and as published below:

Race Date	1 st Warning Signal
Sunday, 17 May	1300hrs
Sunday, 28 June	1300hrs
Sunday, 9 Aug	1300hrs
Sunday, 23 Aug	1300hrs
Results will be conducted as soon as practical at the conclusion of each race date.	
Final / Overall results will be conducted following these presentations on the Final race date.	

- 6.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least one minute before a warning signal is made.
- 6.3 No warning signal will be made after 1600hrs on any scheduled race date.

7. CLASS FLAGS & FLEETS

- 7.1 All entries will be sorted into a fleet category below at the discretion of the OA. Additional classes that enter after the release of these SIs shall be noted via a Notice to Competitors, and their allocation to a fleet confirmed.
- 7.2 **The Fleet flag and class allocations are:**

<u>A Fleet (Junior)</u>		<u>B Fleet</u>	
	Optimist O'pen Skiff Pelican		ILCA 4, 6 & 7 Windsurf LT OK Dinghy
NNP1		NNP2	
<u>C Fleet</u>		<u>D Fleet</u>	
	Flying15 29er 125's		49er Viper640 VX-One 29er 125's
NNP3		NNP4	

8. RACING AREA

The racing area includes Melville Water East.

9. COURSES AND MARKS

- 9.1 The Courses to be sailed for this regatta are part of these SIs as 'Attachment A'. The details will include:
- Diagrams to show the courses and the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
 - An International Numeral pennant shall be displayed near the stern of the start vessel to designate the course for the **starting** fleet.
- 9.2 **[NP][SCP]** An orange or blue flag displayed on the Race Committee (RC) vessel will identify that the line is in use and a boat shall not pass in either direction through it except between its warning signal and starting and when finishing.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started as follows. This changes RRS26.

Minutes before Starting Signal	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Meaning
3	Fleet flag	One	Warning signal
2	P, U or Black flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute to start
0	Fleet flag removed	One	Starting signal

- 10.2 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat at the starboard end and a black and white checkered inflatable buoy at the port end.
- 10.3 **[DP]** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.4 A boat that does not start within 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (**DNS**) without a hearing. This changes RRSA5.
- 10.5 The warning signal for subsequent races on the race day, will not be made within the 3-minute window of the last boat finishing in the previous race for a fleet.
- 10.6 **General Recall:** When a General Recall is signaled, the 'First Substitute' flag will be displayed for 1 minute. The warning signal for a new start for the first recalled fleet will be made at the starting signal of the last fleet in the original sequence. New starts for other recalled fleets will follow in the order thereafter. This changes RRS 29.2 and race signal, 'First Substitute'.
- 10.7 Where additional classes outside those prescribed under 7.2 are started they shall be indicated by flying their class flag beneath the appropriate fleet flag to indicate the course to be sailed.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

12. SHORTENING THE COURSE



A race committee vessel located below the leeward gate displaying the 'S' flag with sound signals shall indicate that the race has been shortened and boats shall proceed from the leeward mark rounding to the normal finish line.

13. THE FINISH

The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC boat and an inflatable buoy, as shown on the course sheet.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM – Refer NoR

15. TIME LIMIT AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 Time limits shall apply to each class in accordance with the table below:

Fleet	Target Time	Time Limit for 1 st Boat	Finishing Window
A, B,C,D	30mins	45 mins	15 mins

- 15.2 If no boat sails the course and finishes within the Time Limit for the first boat, then the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 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 Retired (**RET**) without a hearing.
- 15.4 Failure to meet the Target Times will not be grounds for redress.

16. PROTEST HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 The protest time limit is one hour after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 16.2 Protest hearing request forms are available from OWG.

17. SCORING – refer NoR

In addition to the NoR, a 'Fastest' pennants shall be awarded to each sub-fleet as

recognized in SI 7.2. This shall be scored 'over-the-line' with the winner being the boat with the lowest 'net' score for the day. No drops will be permitted. The minimum requirement for a fleet for this result is 3 boats on the day.

18. SIGN ON/OFF [NP]

- 18.1 All boats shall complete the "Sign On/Off" via the online portal provided. Competitors can access this via the event webpage.
- 18.2 "Sign/On" will be available **at least 1 hour before the warning signal**.
- 18.3 **Retirement from a race / Leaving the course** – A boat that retires or leaves the course area prior to the finish of its final race of the day shall notify a RC boat as soon as possible and complete the "Sign Off" immediately upon returning to shore.
- 18.4 Boats that fail to "Sign On/Off" or comply with SI 18.3 may receive a **[SCP]** without a hearing for each breach. This will apply to all races on the day of the breach.

19. CHANGE OF HELMSPERSON/CREW – Refer NoR

20. SUPPORT/COACH BOATS [DP][NP]

- 20.1 Support and coach boats not organized by the OA shall register with OA by contacting owgadmin@sopyc.com.au no less than 24hrs prior to a race date in which they intend to attend.
- 20.2 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, except when rendering assistance to a boat in distress.
- 20.3 All support and coach boats are required to have a VHF radio that is **turned on** and **monitoring VHF 69** or any other channel specified by the RC.
- 20.4 When requested by the Race Officer, support and coach boats shall render assistance as and when directed.
- 20.5 All support boats will have a minimum of **two able bodied persons** aboard.
- 20.6 All occupants of coach/support boats less than 6m LOA **shall wear an approved PFD** whilst afloat.
- 20.7 The skipper of a coach/support boat less than 6m LOA shall wear the kill cord.

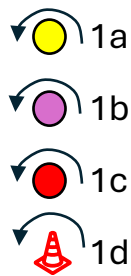
21. PRIZES – refer NoR

22. RISK STATEMENT – refer NoR

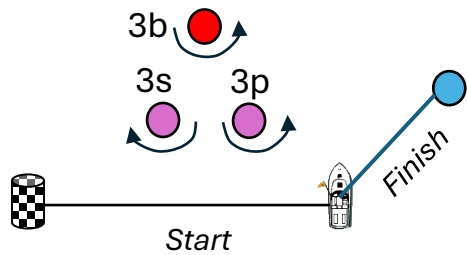
23. INSURANCE - refer NoR

Attachment A - SoPYC 2026 OTB Winter Invitational – Courses

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Mark Key	Marks	
	1.35m Conical	1a, 1b, 1c, 3s, 3p, 3b,
	1.0m Witches Hat	1d
	1.35 Cylindrical	Finish & Checkered



Windward / Leeward Courses

NOT TO SCALE

All Marks rounded to port unless otherwise specified.

Course #		Sailed Course
Fleet A – Optimist, O’pen Skiff, Pelican		
1 – 1 lap		Start – 1d – 3b - Finish
2 – 2 laps		Start – 1d – 3b – 1d – 3b - Finish
3 – 3 laps		Start – 1d – 3b – 1d – 3b – 1d – 3b - Finish
Fleet B – ILCA, OK Dinghy, WS LT		
1 – 1 lap		Start – 1c – 3b – Finish
2 – 2 laps		Start – 1c – 3b – 1c – 3b – Finish
3 – 3 laps		Start – 1c – 3b – 1c – 3b – 1c – 3b - Finish
Fleet C – Flying 15		
1 – 1 lap		Start – 1b – 3p – Finish
2 – 2 laps		Start – 1b – 3s/3p – 1b – 3p – Finish
3 – 3 laps		Start – 1b – 3s/3p – 1b – 3s/3p – 1b – 3p - Finish
Fleet D - 49er, 29er, 125, Viper, VX1		
1 – 1 lap		Start – 1a* – 3p – Finish
2 – 2 laps		Start – 1a* – 3s/3p – 1a* – 3p – Finish
3 – 3 laps		Start – 1a* – 3s/3p – 1a* – 3s/3p – 1a* – 3p - Finish
Marks with an (*) shall be changed to 1b for 29er, 125 ONLY!		