



PELICAN SAILING ASSOCIATION (INC)
62nd State Championships
Geographe Bay Yacht Club
5th – 10th January 2020



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, which includes the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing and the rules of the Pelican Sailing Association (Inc.).
- 1.2 Alternation to the Racing Rules: Rule 40 applies at all times when afloat. This changed the part 4 preamble which requires personal buoyancy when racing.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notice to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the eastern end of the Junior Clubhouse.

3. Change to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than one hour before the first race of the day in which it will take effect, except any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 0800 on the day of racing.

4. Signals made ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club yardarm at the eastern end of the Junior Clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag A.P is displayed ashore 1 minute is replaced with not less than 30 minutes in race signals, postponement signals A.P.

5. Schedule of Races

5.1 Races scheduled as follows:

Day	Race	Time of Start Signal
Monday 6 th January	Invitation Race Heat 1	0955 1355
Tuesday 7 th January	Heat 2 Heat 3 & Heat 4	0955 1355 (Back to Back)
Wednesday 8 th January	LAY DAY	
Thursday 9 th January	Heat 5 Heat 6	0955 1355
Friday 10 th January	Heat 7 & Resail (if required)	0855 (Back to Back)

5.2 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1300.

6. Class Flag

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

7. Racing Area

Attachment 'A', mark B shows the location of the racing area.

8. The Course

- 8.1 The attachment 'B' shows the courses that will be used. The course length will be determined by the Race Officer.
- 8.2 The course to be sailed will be indicated by a numeral pennant displayed from the staff on the race committee boat – Pennant 1: Triangle-Windward-Leeward Course; Pennant 2: Windward-Leeward Course

9. Marks

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be a pyramid shape, coloured yellow.
- 9.2 New marks as provided in instructions 12 will be a round shape, coloured white.
- 9.3 The starting mark will be yellow.

10. Obstructions

Busselton Jetty

11. The Start

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the start signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between the staff displaying the orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port end yellow starting mark.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'did not start'. This changes RRS Rules A4 and A5.

12. 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 finish line) to a new position.

13. The Finish

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and the port end yellow finishing mark.

14. Penalty System

RRS Rule 44.2 is changed so that the Two- Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. Time Limits and Target Times

- 15.1 For the long races the time limit will be 2 hours. Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored 'did not finish', this changes RRS Rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.2 For the short races, the time limit will be 1 hour. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored 'did not finish', this changes RRS Rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.3 After finishing race 3, boats should remain in the racing area unless directed otherwise.

16. Mediation

At the discretion of the Protest Committee, a mediation hearing may be heard prior to a protest hearing, involving an alleged breach of a rule of RRS. After the written protest form is properly lodged, one representative from each boat shall meet with the mediator and no witnesses will be allowed. Protests not resolved by mediation will be heard by the Protest Committee.

17. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Committee office.
- 17.2 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.3 For this regatta the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished each race except when the race is back to back.

- 17.4 Notification to the Race Officer on the Start Boat if you are protesting after the race.
- 17.5 Notices will be posted no later than 60 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the GBYC Junior clubroom.
- 17.6 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS rule 61.1(b)
- 17.7 Breach of Sailing Instructions will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 17.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered.
 - (a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
 - (b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on the day. This changes RRS rule 66
- 17.9 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS rule 62.2.
- 17.10 Appendix T Arbitration will apply.
- 17.11 The Race Committee will use a jury boat if required without notice to the competitors.

18. Scoring

- 18.1 The scoring system is as follows: for the Championship.
- 18.2 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3
 - a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of the race scores.
 - b) When from 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.4 The scoring system is as follows: for the Consistency Series.
 - a) Consistency will be determined and adjusted at the discretion of the race committee and are not subject to protest or redress.
 - b) Scores will be awarded on handicap.
 - c) Any boat finishing in the top three for Championship results is ineligible to win a position in the top three consistency results.
- 18.5 Team Series
 - a) A team competition will be run in conjunction with the Championship.
 - b) Appendix D, Team Racing Rules, shall not apply and team racing tactics shall not be used.
 - c) Each Club may enter one or more teams. Each team will comprise of five boats. Clubs with less than five boats present may make up a team with boats from other clubs by mutual agreement.
 - d) Team compositions shall be finalised on Registration Day.
 - e) Team scores will be calculated from each individual boats score in the championship. The team shield will be awarded to the team with the lowest aggregate score.

19. Safety Regulations

- 19.1 The helm person of each entry boat shall personally sign on the official signing on sheets located at the eastern end of the Junior clubhouse, prior to the commencement of each race. For 'back to back' races, this requirement applies prior to the first 'back to back' race of the day. Any boat failing to comply will have 3 points added to her score for that race or the first 'back to back' race of the day.
- 19.2 The helm person of each entry boat shall personally sign off the official signing on sheets located at the eastern end of the Junior clubhouse, within 30 minutes of returning to shore after each race. For 'back to back' races, the requirement applies after the last 'back to back' race of the day. Any boat failing to comply will have 3 points added to her score for that race or the last 'back to back' race of the day.
- 19.3 Boats intending to start shall report to the Race Committee boat (when on station) prior to warning signal for each race. Each boat shall hail the race committee boat and receive verbal acknowledgement.
- 19.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee, the beach marshal or a rescue boat within 30 minutes of beaching their boat.

19.5 The decision not to start the race will be at the sole discretion of the Principal Race Officer.

20. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 20.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Requests shall be made on forms available at the race office. Changes will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances and if granted, will be given in writing.
- 20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee with the exception of bailing buckets retrieved by official boats for safety purposes. Request for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity, on forms available at the race office. If damage occurs on the water, equipment may be substituted before the following race and written permission shall be requested before the end of protest time on the same day. Changes will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances and if granted, will be given in writing.
- 20.3 Competitors with damage or lost equipment may seek consideration for additional time/gear replacement between 'back to back' races by drawing it to the attention of an official boat as soon as possible, but no later than the warning signal for the second 'back to back' race, and the request will be considered by the Principal Race Officer.
- 20.4 There shall be no request for redress for any actions by the Principal Race Officer in applying this Sailing Instruction. This changes RRS rule 62.1.

21. Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 21.1 Official Registration and Measurement will take place at GBYC and will be conducted between 0900 – 1600 hours on Sunday 5th January 2020.
- 21.2 A boats 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 equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

22. Advertising

Boats shall not display advertising unless authorised by the organizing authority being the 62nd Pelican State Championship Race Committee.

23. Official Boats

Official boats will display a white/green flag and a Yellow Flag.

24. Support Boats

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay well outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal to start until all boats have finished or retired, or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment except where asked to assist by the Race Committee.

25. Trash Disposal

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

26. Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

27. Prizes

The trophies will be awarded to helm person and crew as follows:

Overall State Championship

- 1st Perpetual Shield
- Overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd Trophy
- Overall 4th to 10th PSA Award

Consistency Championship (Handicap results)

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd Trophy (1st, 2nd or 3rd place in overall championship is ineligible)

Championship Races 1-7

- Fastest time 1st, 2nd and 3rd Club Pennant
- Consistency 1st, 2nd and 3rd Club Pennant

Invitation Race

- Fastest time 1st, 2nd and 3rd Trophy
- Handicap 1st, 2nd and 3rd PSA Award

Other Awards

- Best First Year Skipper - Overall Trophy
- Best First Year Skipper - Individual Race Result Trophy
- Endeavour Award Trophy
- Teams Race Perpetual Shield

Special Trophies

- Best Helm person 12 years or under
- Best crew work
- Club travellers
- Kevin Rose Spirit Award

28. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race which states that "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

The organizing 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.

29. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 10 million dollars per event or the equivalent.



ATTACHMENT A

Geographe Bay Yacht Club

Racing Area

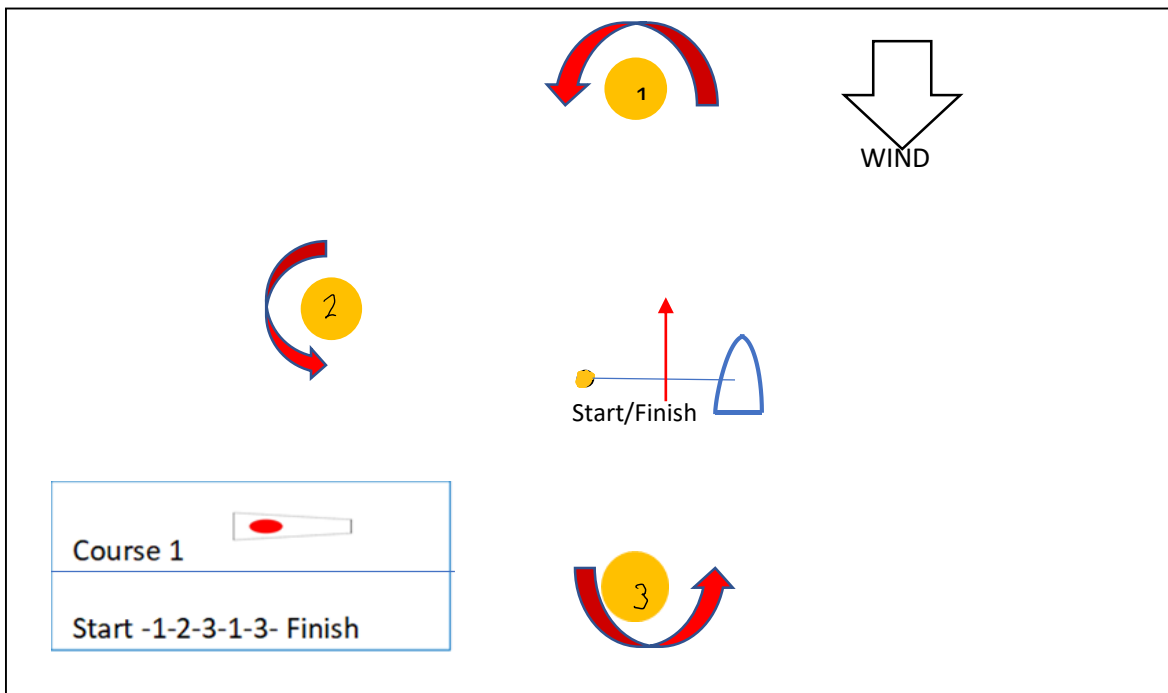




ATTACHMENT B

COURSES

Course 1: Triangle – Windward – Leeward Course



Course 2: Windward – Leeward Course

