



Notice of Race

Australian Open Match Racing Championship 2025

**Royal Perth Yacht Club - Organising Authority
in conjunction with Australian Sailing (AS)**

7th – 11th July 2025

Crawley, Western Australia

The following abbreviations apply to this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions:

PC: Protest Committee or International Jury

NoR: Notice of Race

OA: Organising Authority

RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing

SI: Sailing Instruction

RC: Race Committee

TD: Technical Delegate

[NP]: A boat may not protest as per NoR 1.3

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including RRS Appendix C
- 1.2 The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the Sailing Instructions, will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- 1.3 The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.4 RRS 40.1 (personal flotation devices) applies at all times whilst afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 1.5 The event grading applied for is World Sailing Grade 3. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The SI's will be available on the website and sent directly to the contact details of the teams entered, at least one week prior to the start of the event.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board which is located at <https://www.rpyc.com.au/2025aomrc/>
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast on the Ceremonial Deck on the northern side of the Royal Perth Yacht Clubhouse.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Up to 12 skippers will be invited. Skippers wishing to receive an invite may register their request with the OA through this link on or before Friday 6th June 2025. <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/rpyc/events/286399>
- 4.2 Only skippers invited by the OA, and who confirm acceptance of the invitation, as detailed in the letter of invitation, will be eligible to enter this event.
- 4.3 International competitors and/or crews are eligible to compete at the absolute discretion of Australian Sailing. International competitors or crews however, will not be eligible for the Australian Champion title or prizes.
- 4.4 Applications will have their entry confirmed by Tuesday 17th June 2025.
- 4.5 All competitors shall be over the age of 13 on or before 7th July 2025. Proof of age shall be submitted to the OA no later than close of registration.
- 4.6 All competitors shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID prior to or at registration. Registering online can be done at <https://member.sailing.org/>

- 4.7 All competitors shall be current members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing or of their Member National Authority (MNA).
- 4.8 The skipper shall be entered in the event upon completion of all registration requirements, payment of a \$1000 AUD non-refundable entry fee as per the letter of invitation, and, shall ensure that all crew complete weighing by 1500 Monday 7th July 2025, unless extended by the OA.
- 4.9 When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2.2(d))

5 DAMAGE / DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 5.1 Each supplied boat shall supply at registration, the details of a Credit Card to the value of \$1,000 belonging to a member of the team, or if this is not possible, a Credit Card from the team they are representing.
- 5.2 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. If a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to continue in the event.
- 5.3 Each boat is insured by the OA for 3rd Party liability insurance. It is recommended that each entrant and crew member have appropriate personal medical and liability insurance.

6 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 6.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four (4) or (five) 5. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 6.2 After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.
- 6.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 6.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.
- 6.5 The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 350 kg, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC
- 6.6 Crew weight may be checked during the regatta. When crew weight was checked prior to racing, at any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 10kg. Any crew weighing in excess of this limit shall not be penalised but they shall reduce their weight to the increased weight limit before racing again.

7 BOATS AND SAILS

- 7.1 The OA intends to provide 6 (six) Elliott 7 type boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, Jib, Symmetrical Spinnaker.
- 7.2 Boats will be allocated by draw at each stage as decided by the RC.
- 7.3 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.

8 EVENT FORMAT

- 8.1 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin as determined by the open match racing rankings as at July 1st 2025. Unranked skippers will be seeded in order of date of entry behind the ranked skippers.
- 8.2 The event will consist of round robin series and finals as outlined in the SIs.
- 8.3 The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages

9 COURSE

- 9.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard rounding, finishing downwind.
- 9.2 The intended racing area will be Matilda Bay, Swan River Western Australia.

10 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

- 10.1 Schedule:

Mon 7 July 2025	Regatta Office Open	0800-1630
	Registration and crew weigh in Practice session 1 Practice session 2 Competitor briefing & Welcome Function	0900-1500 1000-1200 1230-1430 1700
Tuesday 8 July 2025 Wednesday 9 July 2025 Thursday 10 July 2025	Regatta Office Open Daily Briefing First Warning Signal End of day's racing Debrief and boat draw	0800 0830 0930 As soon as practical following racing
Fri 11 July 2025	Regatta Office Open Daily Briefing First Warning Signal Latest time for warning signal Prize Giving	0800 0830 0930 1700 1800 approx.

- 9.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:
- Registration and weighing.
 - Competitor briefing and Welcome Function
 - Daily briefing and debrief for skippers.
 - Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

10 ADVERTISING

- 10.1 [NP] Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 10.2 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (this amends RRS60.1)
- 10.3 The OA reserves the absolute right to require any competitor to remove any advertising displayed by competitors clothing, boats, or equipment (while racing or attending official functions) within the boundary of the event venue which may be in contravention of moral decency or government regulation.

11 [NP] CODE OF CONDUCT

11.1 Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, co-operation with event sponsors and shall behave so to not bring the event into disrepute.

12 [NP] SUPPORT PERSON

12.1 Support person vessels shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.

12.2 Support persons shall stay approximately 100m from the racing area while boats are racing and comply with reasonable requests from the officials.

12.3 Any interference by a Support Person with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the PC to the appropriate skipper or team

13 [NP] MEDIA, IMAGES, and SOUND

13.1 If required by the OA Recording equipment shall be located on boats during racing

13.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

13.3 By participating in the event, a competitor automatically grants to the OA and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at the discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of the competitor during the period of the competition for said event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

14 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' By participating in this event 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.**

15 PRIZES

15.1 Prizes will be given as follows: Australian Sailing Medals for 1st, 2nd & 3rd

15.2 Other prizes may be awarded.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information refer to the event website below or contact:

<https://www.rpyc.com.au/2025aomrc/>

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