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UNISPORT NATIONALS
ROYAL PERTH YACHT CLUB



Event Host



Registration

Notice of Race



2026 Unisport National Championships – Sailing

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1. Organising Authority

The Organising Authority is Royal Perth Yacht Club on behalf of Unisport Australia.

2. Rules

- 2.1. UniSport Australia (UniSport) sailing competitions are conducted in accordance with World Sailing rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS) as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
 - 2.1.1. Where these differ from UniSport competition guidelines; the latter shall take precedence.
 - 2.1.2. UniSport Breach of Competition Requirements guideline outlines penalties related to breaches. See Addendum A
- 2.2. The Australian Sailing (AS), Special Regulations Part 1, Category 7.
 - 2.2.1. All competitors shall supply their own approved Lifejacket as specified in [AS Special Regulation Part 2](#) '5.01 Lifejackets' and shall wear it at all times whilst afloat.
 - 2.2.2. Competitors should heed the advice listed in the [AS Special Regulation Part 2](#) – Regulation 5 '5.02 Personal Clothing'.
- 2.3. RRS Appendix UF rules will be used for umpired fleet races as attached in Addendum B
- 2.4. In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail (this changes RRS 63.5(c)).

3. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions for the event will be made available on the event website and sent directly to the contact details of the teams entered, 2 weeks prior to the start of the event.

4. Communication

- 4.1. The official notice board is located at:

<https://rpyc.com.au/web/pages/unisport-nationals>
- 4.2. [DP] While racing, 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.

5. Crew & Eligibility

- 5.1. The minimum number of crew on board shall be four including the skipper with a maximum of five.
- 5.2. Teams are able to register with up to 8 sailors per team with sailors able to swap through the boats between races.
- 5.3. Any combination of weight and gender is permitted per crew per race.
- 5.4. All members of the team must be current members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing (AS) and therefore hold a current AS member number.

6. Advertising

- 6.1. Each boat may be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA. If required by the Organising Authority, each crew will:
 - 6.1.1. Only display Team Sponsors advertising on team clothing and not on any part of the boat.

7. Event Format

- 7.1. The competition is scheduled to take place over three days of racing.
- 7.2. The regatta is a short course umpired fleet racing event sailed on Elliott 7s using asymmetrical spinnakers.
- 7.3. Teams are allocated to a boat in their qualifying pool using the Pairing List / Grouping List which will be published before the first warning signal of the first day of racing.
- 7.4. The regatta consists of a Qualifying and Finals Series. At the end of the Qualifying Series the top six (6) placed teams qualify for the Finals Series.
- 7.5. The Race Committee or Event Host may change the format, terminate or eliminate any flight or race, when conditions or the remaining time scheduled do not permit the completion of the intended format.

8. Venue & Schedule

Event	Time and Date	Venue
Tuesday 29 th September 10:00 – 1200	Training Session 1 & Lifejacket inspection	Matilda Bay
13:00 – 15:00	Training Session 2 & Lifejacket Inspection	Matilda Bay
Wednesday 30 th September 07:30 – 08:00	Competitor Briefing	Catalina Bar
09:00	First Warning signal Day 1	Matilda Bay
17:00	Last Warning Signal	
17:30	Competitor - Umpire Debrief	Catalina Bar
Thursday 1 st October 07:30 – 08:00	Competitor Briefing	Catalina Bar
09:00	First Warning Signal Day 2	Matilda Bay
17:00	Last Warning Signal	
17:30	Competitor - Umpire Debrief	Catalina Bar
Friday 2 nd October 08:00 – 08:30	Competitor Briefing & Boat Draw	Catalina Bar
10:00	First Warning signal Day 3	Matilda Bay
16:00	Last Warning Signal	
17:00	Presentation and Closing Function	Catalina Bar

9. Boats & Sails

The event will be sailed on the boats provided by the OA using only the equipment (sails, rig, sheets etc) as provided by the OA.

10. Venue & Courses

- 10.1. The racecourse will be in the Matilda Bay area in front of Royal Perth Yacht Club.
- 10.2. Courses will be windward leeward with a gate at each end. Course area details can be found in the Sailing Instructions.

11. Scoring

- 11.1. Scoring for the qualifying and finals series will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A.
- 11.2. RRS Appendix A 2.1 is changed so that there are no races to be excluded from a boat's series score.

12. Coach Boats

No Coach or Support Boats are allowed.

13. Damage Deposit

- 13.1. Each team shall supply to registration, the details of a Credit Card to the value of \$2,000 belonging to a member of the team, or if this is not possible, a Credit Card from the University they are representing.
- 13.2. When damage occurs during a race the OA Maintenance team will take note of the damage, decision of the Umpire and the team sailing the boat at the time. If unable to assess damage at the time a further inspection will be carried out once the boats have finished racing for the day.
- 13.3. Monetary deductions from the Damage Deposit will be assessed separately after closer inspection by the OA 'boat person', and all damage costs are deducted from damage deposits irrespective of any penalty (or none) during the Regatta.

14. Berthing

- 14.1. Boats must be placed back in their allocated locations at the end of the days racing
- 14.2. All mooring lines are to be reattached, sails packed, ropes coiled and boats hosed down.

15. Disclaimer of liability

- 15.1. It is the skipper's decision to enter the event or to start and continue in any race. Skippers shall accept that their participation in the event is at their exclusive risk in every respect.
- 15.2. By signing the entry form for the event skippers indemnify the Organising Authority their officers, members, staff, volunteers and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the event.
- 15.3. The Organising Authority their officers, members, staff, volunteers and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the event or howsoever arising in connection with the event.
- 15.4. Skippers and crew should note RRS Fundamental Rule 3: *The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.*