

PERTH FLYING SQUADRON YACHT CLUB

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SAILING FIXTURES, SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & COURSES 2026 - 2027

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Legend:

PFSYC Race/Events

Trophy Events

Other Club Events

Public Holidays/Special Events

Handicap Start

October 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2 Summer Series 1505	3 MBSC Opening Day	4 NYC Opening Day
5	6	7 Twilight	8	9 Summer Series 1505	10 CYC Opening Day	11 Keelboats 1400
12	13	14 Twilight	15	16 Summer Series 1505	17	18 Keelboats 1400
19	20	21 Twilight	22	23 Summer Series 1505	24	25 Keelboats 1400
26	27	28 Twilight	29	30 Summer Series 1505	31	

November 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1 PFSYC Opening Day Opening Day Race 1400
2	3	4 Twilight	5	6 Summer Series 1505	7	8 Keelboats 1400 Alan Johns Trophy #1
9	10	11 Twilight	12	13 Summer Series 1505	14	15 Keelboats 1400
16	17	18 Twilight	19	20 Summer Series 1505	21	22 Keelboats 1400 Chris Garland Trophy
23	24	25 Twilight	26	27 Summer Series 1505	28	29 Keelboats 1400
30						

December 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2 Twilight	3	4 Summer Series 1505	5	6 Keelboats 1400 Alan Johns Trophy #2
7	8	9 Twilight	10	11 Summer Series 1505	12	13 Keelboats 1400 NYC Marathon
14	15	16 Twilight	17	18 Summer Series 1505	19	20 Keelboats 1400
21	22	23 NO TWILIGHT	24	25 Christmas Day Office Closed NO SAILING	26	27 NO SAILING
28 Boxing Day Public Holiday Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30 NO TWILIGHT Office Closed	31 Office Closed			

January 2027

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 New Years Day Office Closed NO SAILING	2	3 NO SAILING
4	5	6 Twilight	7	8 NO SAILING	9	10 Keelboats 1400
11	12	13 Twilight	14	15 Summer Series 1505	16	17 Keelboats 1400 Alan Johns Trophy #3
18	19	20 Twilight	21	22 Summer Series 1505 Parmelia Night Race 1850	23	24 NO SAILING
25	26 Australia Day Public Holiday Office Closed	27 Twilight	28	29 Summer Series 1505	30	31 Keelboats 1400 Handicap Start

February 2027

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3 Twilight	4	5 Summer Series 1505	6 Geographe Bay Race Week Commences	7 Keelboats 1400
8	9	10 Twilight	11	12 Summer Series 1505 Geographic Bay Race Week Concludes	13	14 Keelboats 1400
15	16	17 Twilight	18	19 Summer Series 1505 Parmelia Night Race Presentations 1830	20	21 NYC HMAS Regatta 1400
22	23	24 Twilight	25	26 Summer Series 1505	27	28 NO SAILING

March 2027

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 Labour Day Public Holiday Office Closed	2	3 Twilight	4	5 Summer Series 1505	6	7 Wally & Glenys Pickford Memorial Marathon 1100
8	9	10 Twilight	11	12 Summer Series 1505	13	14 Keelboats 1400 CYC Commodore's Cup 1400
15	16	17 Twilight	18	19 Summer Series 1505 Wally & Glenys Pickford Memorial Marathon Presentations 1830	20	21 Keelboats 1400 Robin Gourley Trophy
22	23	24 Twilight	25	26 Good Friday Public Holiday Office Closed NO SAILING	27	28 Easter Sunday NO SAILING
29 Easter Monday Office Closed	30	31 Twilight				

April 2027

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2 Summer Series 1505	3	4 Keelboats 1400
5	6	7 Twilight	8	9 Summer Series 1505	10 Rob Brown Twilight Time Trial 1800	11 Keelboats 1400
12	13	14 Twilight	15	16 Summer Series 1505	17	18 Keelboats 1400 (Last for Summer Season)
19	20	21 Twilight	22	23 Summer Series 1505 (Last for Summer Season)	24	25 Anzac Day Final Twilight Sail 1600
26 Anzac Day Public Holiday Office Closed	27	28	29	30 Winter Series 1505		

May 2027

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1	2 Frostbite 1330
3	4	5	6	7 Winter Series 1505	8	9 Mother's Day
10	11	12	13	14 Winter Series 1505	15	16 Frostbite 1330
17	18	19	20	21 Winter Series 1505	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Winter Series 1505	29	30 NO SAILING
31 WA Day Public Holiday Office Closed						

June 2027

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4 Winter Series 1505	5	6 Frostbite 1330
7	8	9	10	11 Winter Series 1505	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Winter Series 1505	19	20 Frostbite 1330
21	22	23	24	25 Winter Series 1505	26	27
28	29	30				

July 2027

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2 Winter Series 1505	3	4 Frostbite 1330
5	6	7	8	9 Winter Series 1505	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Winter Series 1505	17	18 Frostbite 1330
19	20	21	22	23 Winter Series 1505	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Winter Series 1505	31 Cork Evans Time Trial 1000	

August 2027

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1 Frostbite 1330
2	3	4	5	6 Winter Series 1505	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Winter Series 1505	14	15 Frostbite 1330
16	17	18	19	20 Winter Series 1505	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Winter Series 1505	28	29 Frostbite 1330
30	31					

September 2027

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3 Winter Series 1505	4	5 Father's Day NO SAILING
6	7	8	9	10 Winter Series 1505	11	12 Frostbite 1330 (Last for Winter Season)
13	14	15	16	17 Winter Series 1505	18	19 Frostbite 1330 (Last for Winter Season)
20	21	22	23	24 Winter Series 1505 (Last for Winter Season)	25	26 NO SAILING
27 King's Birthday Public Holiday Office Closed	28	29	30			

FROSTBITE INVITATION SERIES

These races are for all Divisions (Combined Division) and are an Open Invitation.

Where the course is shortened, International Code Flag "S" will be displayed from the Start Box. This signals the finish after crossing the start/finish line. 

Start Time: 1330 hrs Division III & IV – Naval Numeral Flag 4 

1350 hrs Division I & II – Naval Numeral Flag 2 

Course No 1 **Numeral Pendant 1**
7.11nm **South Westerly Breeze**

Start



<u>Bricklanding A Buoy (33A)</u>	stbd
<u>Bricklanding B Buoy (33B)</u>	stbd
<u>Dolphin East Buoy (42B)</u>	stbd
<u>Sanders Buoy (99)</u>	stbd
<u>Club Buoy (32A)</u>	port
<u>Smith Buoy (35A)</u>	port
<u>Lucky Bay Buoy (35B)</u>	port
<u>Bond Buoy (38A)</u>	port
<u>Armstrong Buoy (32)</u>	port
Finish (Club Buoy) (32A)	port

Course No 2 **Numeral Pendant 2**
9.07nm **Easterly Breeze**

Start



<u>Dolphin East Buoy (42B)</u>	stbd
<u>Bricklanding A Buoy (33A)</u>	stbd
<u>Bricklanding B Buoy (33B)</u>	stbd
<u>Club Buoy (32A)</u>	stbd
<u>Dolphin East Buoy (42B)</u>	stbd
<u>Club Buoy (32A)</u>	port
<u>Bricklanding A Buoy (33A)</u>	stbd
<u>Bricklanding B Buoy (33B)</u>	stbd
<u>Bond Buoy (38A)</u>	port
<u>Armstrong Buoy (32)</u>	port
Finish (Club Buoy) (32A)	port

FROSTBITE INVITATION SERIES

Course No 3 **Numeral Pendant 3**
6.93nm **North Easterly Breeze**
Start



<u>Dolphin East Buoy (42B)</u>	stbd
<u>Sanders Buoy (99)</u>	stbd
<u>Armstrong Buoy (32)</u>	port
<u>Club Buoy (32A)</u>	port
<u>Squadron Buoy (37)</u>	port
<u>Hallmark Buoy (41A)</u>	port
<u>Club Buoy (32A)</u>	port
<u>Bond Buoy (38A)</u>	port
<u>Armstrong Buoy (32)</u>	port
Finish (Club Buoy) (32A)	port

Course No 4 **Numeral Pendant 4**
7.63nm **North Westerly Breeze**
Start



<u>Miller Buoy (28)</u>	port
<u>Squadron Buoy (37)</u>	port
<u>Bond Buoy (38)</u>	port
<u>Club Buoy (32A)</u>	port
<u>Miller Buoy (28)</u>	port
<u>Squadron Buoy (37)</u>	port
<u>Armstrong Buoy (32)</u>	port
<u>Club Buoy (32A)</u>	port
<u>Bond Buoy (38A)</u>	port
<u>Armstrong Buoy (32)</u>	port
Finish (Club Buoy) (32A)	port

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Open Invitation Series.

Start Time

Summer: 1505 hrs Division IV Winter: 1505 hrs Division III & IV
 1515 hrs Division III 1525 hrs Division I & II
 1525 hrs Division II
 1535 hrs Division I

Time Limit: 1730 hrs [no extensions]

Course No 1 **Numeral Pendant 1**
7.59nm **Southerly Westerly Breeze**

Start



<u>Bricklanding A Buoy (33A)</u>	stbd
<u>Bricklanding B Buoy (33B)</u>	stbd
<u>Mosman A Buoy (14)</u>	port
<u>Mosman B Buoy (13)</u>	port
<u>Miller Buoy (28)</u>	port
<u>Club Buoy (32A)</u>	port
<u>Armstrong Buoy (32)</u>	port
<u>Club Buoy (32A)</u>	port
<u>Smith Buoy (35A)</u>	port
<u>Lucky Bay Buoy (35B)</u>	port
<u>Bond Buoy (38A)</u>	port
<u>Armstrong Buoy (32)</u>	port
<u>Finish (Club Buoy)</u>	port

Course No 2 **Numeral Pendant 2**
6.57nm **Easterly Breeze**

Start



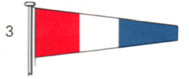
<u>Foam Buoy (55)</u>	stbd
<u>Sanders Buoy (99)</u>	stbd
<u>Club Buoy (32A)</u>	port
<u>Bricklanding A Buoy (33A)</u>	stbd
<u>Bricklanding B Buoy (33B)</u>	stbd
<u>Club Buoy (32A)</u>	stbd
<u>Bond Buoy (38A)</u>	port
<u>Armstrong Buoy (32)</u>	port
<u>Finish (Club Buoy) (32A)</u>	port

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Course No 3
7.96nm

Numeral Pendant 3
Northerly Breeze

Start



<u>Dolphin East Buoy (42B)</u>	stbd
<u>Sanders Buoy (99)</u>	stbd
<u>Hallmark Buoy (41A)</u>	port
<u>Club Buoy (32A)</u>	port
<u>Squadron Buoy (37)</u>	port
<u>Hallmark Buoy (41A)</u>	port
<u>Club Buoy (32A)</u>	port
<u>Bond Buoy (38A)</u>	port
<u>Armstrong Buoy (32)</u>	port
<u>Finish (Club Buoy) (32A)</u>	port

Course No 4
7.48nm

Numeral Pendant 4
Westerly Breeze

Start



<u>Smith Buoy (35A)</u>	port
<u>Lucky Bay Buoy (35B)</u>	port
<u>Squadron Buoy (37)</u>	port
<u>Hallmark Buoy (41A)</u>	port
<u>Club Buoy (32A)</u>	port
<u>Dee Rd Buoy (38)</u>	port
<u>Hallmark Buoy (41A)</u>	port
<u>Club Buoy (32A)</u>	port
<u>Bond Buoy (38A)</u>	port
<u>Armstrong Buoy (32)</u>	port
<u>Finish (Club Buoy) (32A)</u>	port

SUNDAY AFTERNOON DIV II

Naval Numeral Flag 2
Start Time 1420



Course No 1 10.98nm **Numeral Pendant 1**
Shortened Course 8.85nm **South Westerly Breeze**



Start

<u>Bricklanding A Buoy (33A)</u>	stbd
<u>Bricklanding B Buoy (33B)</u>	stbd
<u>Bishop Buoy (74)</u>	port
<u>Mosman A Buoy (14)</u>	port
<u>Mosman B Buoy (13)</u>	port
<u>Sanders Buoy (99)</u>	stbd
<u>Smith Buoy (35A)</u>	port
<u>Lucky Bay Buoy (35B)</u>	port
<u>Squadron Buoy (37)</u>	port
<u>Dolphin West Buoy (42A)</u>	stbd
<u>Club Buoy (32A)</u>	port
<u>Smith Buoy (35A)</u>	port
<u>Lucky Bay Buoy (35B)</u>	port
<u>Armstrong Buoy (32)</u>	port
Finish (Club Buoy) (32A)	port

Course No 2 11.92nm **Numeral Pendant 2**
Shortened Course 8.60nm **Southerly Westerly Breeze**

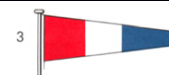


Start

<u>Miller Buoy (28)</u>	port
<u>Foam Buoy (55)</u>	stbd
<u>Smith Buoy (35A)</u>	port
<u>Lucky Bay Buoy (35B)</u>	port
<u>Squadron Buoy (37)</u>	port
<u>Dolphin West Buoy (42A)</u>	stbd
<u>Sanders Buoy (99)</u>	stbd
<u>Club Buoy (32A)</u>	port
<u>Smith Buoy (35A)</u>	port
<u>Lucky Bay Buoy (35B)</u>	port
<u>Dolphin West Buoy (42A)</u>	stbd
Finish (Club Buoy) (32A)	port

SUNDAY AFTERNOON DIV II

Course No 3 10.28nm **Numeral Pendant 3**
Shortened Course 5.49nm **Easterly Breeze**



Start

<u>Foam Buoy (55)</u>	stbd
<u>Robins Buoy (59)</u>	stbd
<u>Hallmark Buoy (41A)</u>	port
<u>Bricklanding A Buoy (33A)</u>	stbd
<u>Bricklanding B Buoy (33B)</u>	stbd
<u>Club Buoy (32A)</u>	stbd
<u>Foam Buoy (55)</u>	stbd
<u>Bricklanding A Buoy (33A)</u>	stbd
<u>Bricklanding B Buoy (33B)</u>	stbd
Finish (Club Buoy) (32A)	stbd

Course No 4 8.70nm **Numeral Pendant 4**
Shortened Course 4.79nm **Easterly Breeze**



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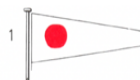
<u>Foam Buoy (55)</u>	stbd
<u>Bricklanding A Buoy (33A)</u>	stbd
<u>Bricklanding B Buoy (33B)</u>	stbd
<u>Club Buoy (32A)</u>	stbd
<u>Dolphin East Buoy (42B)</u>	stbd
<u>Bricklanding A Buoy (33A)</u>	stbd
<u>Bricklanding B Buoy (33B)</u>	stbd
Finish (Club Buoy) (32A)	stbd

SUNDAY AFTERNOON DIV III

Naval Numeral Flag 3
Start Time 1400



Course No 1 10.89nm **Numeral Pendant 1**
Shortened Course 8.85nm **South Westerly Breeze**



Start

<u>Bricklanding A Buoy (33A)</u>	stbd
<u>Bricklanding B Buoy (33B)</u>	stbd
<u>Bishop Buoy (74)</u>	port
<u>Mosman A Buoy (14)</u>	port
<u>Mosman B Buoy (13)</u>	port
<u>Sanders Buoy (99)</u>	stbd
<u>Smith Buoy (35A)</u>	port
<u>Lucky Bay Buoy (35B)</u>	port
<u>Squadron Buoy (37)</u>	port
<u>Dolphin West Buoy (42A)</u>	stbd
<u>Club Buoy (32A)</u>	port
<u>Dolphin East Buoy (42B)</u>	stbd
<u>Finish (Club Buoy) (32A)</u>	port

Course No 2 8.30nm **Numeral Pendant 2**
South Westerly Breeze

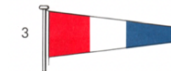


Start

<u>Miller Buoy (28)</u>	port
<u>Dolphin East Buoy (42B)</u>	stbd
<u>Smith Buoy (35A)</u>	port
<u>Lucky Bay Buoy (35B)</u>	port
<u>Squadron Buoy (37)</u>	port
<u>Dolphin West Buoy (42A)</u>	stbd
<u>Sanders Buoy (99)</u>	stbd
<u>Armstrong Buoy (32)</u>	port
<u>Finish (Club Buoy) (32A)</u>	port

SUNDAY AFTERNOON DIV III

Course No 3 7.23nm **Numeral Pendant 3**
Shortened Course 4.47nm **Easterly Breeze**



Start

<u>Dolphin East Buoy (42B)</u>	stbd
<u>Robins Buoy (59)</u>	stbd
<u>Armstrong Buoy (32)</u>	port
<u>Bricklanding A Buoy (33A)</u>	stbd
<u>Bricklanding B Buoy (33B)</u>	stbd
<u>Club Buoy (32A)</u>	stbd
<u>Dolphin East Buoy (42B)</u>	stbd
<u>Dome Buoy (30)</u>	port
<u>Finish (Club Buoy) (32A)</u>	stbd

Course No 4 7.34nm **Numeral Pendant 4**
Shortened Course 3.92nm **Easterly Breeze**



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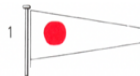
<u>Dolphin East Buoy (42B)</u>	stbd
<u>Bricklanding A Buoy (33A)</u>	stbd
<u>Bricklanding B Buoy (33B)</u>	stbd
<u>Club Buoy (32A)</u>	stbd
<u>Dolphin West Buoy (42A)</u>	stbd
<u>Bricklanding A Buoy (33A)</u>	stbd
<u>Bricklanding B Buoy (33B)</u>	stbd
<u>Finish (Club Buoy) (32A)</u>	stbd

SUNDAY AFTERNOON DIV IV

Naval Numeral Flag 4
Start Time 1400



Course No 1 **10.51nm** **Numeral Pendant 1**
Shortened Course **8.96nm** **South Westerly Breeze**



Start

<u>Bricklanding A Buoy (33A)</u>	stbd
<u>Bricklanding B Buoy (33B)</u>	stbd
<u>Bishop Buoy (74)</u>	port
<u>Mosman A Buoy (14)</u>	port
<u>Mosman B Buoy (13)</u>	port
<u>Sanders Buoy (99)</u>	stbd
<u>Smith Buoy (35A)</u>	port
<u>Lucky Bay Buoy (35B)</u>	port
<u>Squadron Buoy (37)</u>	port
<u>Armstrong Buoy (32)</u>	port
<u>Club Buoy (32A)</u>	port
<u>Dolphin West Buoy (42A)</u>	stbd
<u>Finish (Club Buoy) (32A)</u>	port

Course No 2 **9.11nm** **Numeral Pendant 2**
Shortened Course **7.56nm** **South Westerly Breeze**

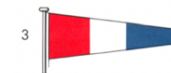


Start

<u>Miller Buoy (28)</u>	port
<u>Dolphin West Buoy (42A)</u>	stbd
<u>Smith Buoy (35A)</u>	port
<u>Lucky Bay Buoy (35B)</u>	port
<u>Squadron Buoy (37)</u>	port
<u>Dolphin West Buoy (42A)</u>	stbd
<u>Sanders Buoy (99)</u>	stbd
<u>Armstrong Buoy (32)</u>	port
<u>Club Buoy (32A)</u>	port
<u>Dolphin West Buoy (42A)</u>	stbd
<u>Finish (Club Buoy) (32A)</u>	port

SUNDAY AFTERNOON DIV IV

Course No 3 **7.80nm** **Numeral Pendant 3**
Shortened Course **4.19nm** **Easterly Breeze**



Start

<u>Dolphin West Buoy (42A)</u>	stbd
<u>Robins Buoy (59)</u>	stbd
<u>Armstrong Buoy (32)</u>	port
<u>Bricklanding A Buoy (33A)</u>	stbd
<u>Bricklanding B Buoy (33B)</u>	stbd
<u>Club Buoy (32A)</u>	stbd
<u>Dolphin West Buoy (42A)</u>	stbd
<u>Dome Buoy (30)</u>	port
<u>Bond Buoy (38A)</u>	port
<u>Armstrong Buoy (32)</u>	port
<u>Finish (Club Buoy) (32A)</u>	port

Course No 4 **5.63nm** **Numeral Pendant 4**
Shortened Course **3.43nm** **Easterly Breeze**



Start

<u>Dolphin West Buoy (42A)</u>	stbd
<u>Bricklanding A Buoy (33A)</u>	stbd
<u>Bricklanding B Buoy (33B)</u>	stbd
<u>Club Buoy (32A)</u>	stbd
<u>Armstrong Buoy (32)</u>	port
<u>Bricklanding A Buoy (33A)</u>	stbd
<u>Bricklanding B Buoy (33B)</u>	stbd
<u>Finish (Club Buoy) (32A)</u>	stbd

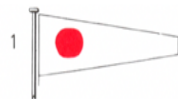
TWILIGHT CRUISES

All Divisions

Start Time: 18:20 hrs

Course No 1 **Numeral Pendant 1**
5.64nm **South Westerly Breeze**

Start



<u>Smith Buoy (35A)</u>	port
<u>Lucky Bay Buoy (35B)</u>	port
<u>Squadron Buoy (37)</u>	port
<u>Armstrong Buoy (32)</u>	port
<u>Club Buoy (32A)</u>	port
<u>Miller Buoy (28)</u>	port
<u>Squadron Buoy (37)</u>	port
<u>Armstrong Buoy (32)</u>	port
<u>Finish (Club Buoy) (32A)</u>	port

Course No 2 **Numeral Pendant 2**
5.09nm **South Westerly Breeze**

Start



<u>Smith Buoy (35A)</u>	port
<u>Lucky Bay Buoy (35B)</u>	port
<u>Dolphin West Buoy (42A)</u>	stbd
<u>Club Buoy (32A)</u>	port
<u>Squadron buoy (37)</u>	port
<u>Armstrong Buoy (32)</u>	port
<u>Finish (Club Buoy) (32A)</u>	port

TWILIGHT CRUISES

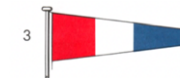
Course No 3

5.83nm

Start

Numeral Pendant 3

Easterly Breeze



<u>Dolphin West Buoy (42A)</u>	stbd
<u>Bricklanding A Buoy (33A)</u>	stbd
<u>Bricklanding B Buoy (33B)</u>	stbd
<u>Armstrong Buoy (32)</u>	port
<u>Club Buoy (32A)</u>	port
<u>Bricklanding A Buoy (33A)</u>	stbd
<u>Bricklanding B Buoy (33B)</u>	stbd
<u>Finish (Club Buoy) (32A)</u>	stbd

Twilight Sailing is a traditional social outing for which a special spirit of behaviour prevails. It is not a competitive event! Spinnakers shall not be used.

Twilight Cruises are a flying start.

Combined Division.

Start Time: 1820 hrs

It is a requirement of Australian Sailing that in addition to Category 7 requirements (see Sailing Instructions) each boat must carry;

- Two (2) red hand-held flares in a watertight container
- Two (2) operational waterproof torches

SPORTSMANSHIP AND THE RULES

Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty or retire.

RULES

Races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS), except if any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.

Supplementary sailing instructions may be issued for specific races. Where there is conflict with these sailing instructions the supplementary instructions shall apply.

[Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 – 2028](#)

[Australian Sailing](#)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

REQUIREMENTS TO COMPETE

Boats

- Any boat on the PFSYC Register is eligible to nominate for Sunday Racing.
- Each boat shall have its name clearly indicated on the hull and identifying registered class number with insignia and/or Club/Australian Sailing registration number on all sails with black Cross Pattée on mainsail.
- Official sail numbers may be issued by the Club with the prefix "PF" or from Australian Sailing with no prefix.
- The Clubs official prefix is "PF". The Club has a long history of displaying the Cross Pattée symbol and as such recognises this as a substitute for the Club's prefix for all events conducted by the Club.
- Whilst racing, boats shall fly the appropriate class racing flag on their backstay approximately two (2) metres above deck.

NB: After three (3) races a boat may be disqualified if it fails to comply with the above, with the exception of Olympic Class Boats. This will be after discussion with Sailing Committee.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Helmsperson

The nominated skipper must be an Ordinary, Crew, Associate, Reciprocal, or Junior Financial Member of PFSYC.

- Any candidate must be a registered member of a Club affiliated with Yachting Australia.

Crew

Attention is drawn to requirement (46) in RRS that as of 1 January 2022 all crew in any race will be required to be a member of an affiliated Club and registered with Australian Sailing. It is the responsibility of the person in charge of the boat to ensure that all crew members on board for each race comply with this prescription.

Dress

Our Club standard of dress for all competing crew is all white sailing rig (white shorts/trousers and shirt) or boating uniform. Members are asked to respect this standard especially on Opening Day and all Summer Sunday Events.

Nomination

Nomination forms will be required for the Parmelia Night Race, and Wally & Glenys Pickford Marathon.

Safety and Responsibility

Perth Flying Squadron Yacht Club (Inc.) and its officials or assistants are not responsible for the seaworthiness of any competing boats, nor the competence of any competing crew. On making entry to any Club event, the entrant agrees that the Club or its officials are not liable for any damage, loss or injury to any person, that occurs at any Club event. Operable marine VHF radios shall be carried, which may be permanently installed or be waterproof handheld and shall be turned on whilst racing.

It is recommended that all sailors competing single or double-handed shall wear a PFD.

Lightning

Races will be postponed or cancelled if lightning is present. The Club requests and encourages its skippers to seek safe shelter ASAP in lightning conditions. Each skipper has the right to determine whether conditions are dangerous.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Starters

A minimum of three (3) boats are required to start in any race for a result to be recorded. There must be a minimum of three (3) boats for the starters to go through the starting procedure. The starters are not obliged to finish these boats. Results are at the discretion of the Race Committee.

Start Box Access

With the exception of starting officials and Race Committee, no person is permitted to enter the starting box unless permission is granted by the starter.

Changes to Sailing Instructions

Notices to competitors and any changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the Regatta board located downstairs on river side of building (bottom of stairs).

Failure to observe such postings will not invalidate such amendment or notification.

An 'L' flag may be flown from the start box yardarm.



Navigation Marks

All navigation marks shall be passed on the deep-water side, and any mark designated a course mark shall be passed on the side denoted on the course sheet.

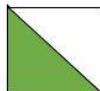
Boats that are racing are not permitted to cross an imaginary line between;

- Bricklanding A and Bricklanding B
- Smith Buoy and Lucky Bay Buoy.

Exoneration of a rule breach can be made by executing a 720 degree turn.

Support Craft

Support craft carrying a green and white diagonal flag will have right of way at all times. Actions by support craft will not be grounds for seeking redress.



Daylight events will be Category 7 – RRS

It is up to each skipper, whether from Perth Flying Squadron Yacht Club or on a visiting boat, to ensure that their boat complies with Category 7. Our Sailing Safety Officer will do spot checks throughout the season.

Australian Sailing Category 7

<https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/site/3iga7ijoamqagvvnv.pdf>

SUNDAY RACING

If only one Division is starting the start signal will be at 1400hrs during the summer season, or 1330hrs for the winter (Frostbite season – see below)

All Sunday Races are a flying start, except where programmed for a handicap start.

When the fleet sails as a **Combined Division**, the uppermost Division flag on the start box yardarm is the division course to be sailed.

If additional courses are provided they will supersede all others.

If two (2) or more Divisions are starting then the start will be;

1400hrs	Div III/IV	Naval Numeral Flag 3
1420hrs	Div I/II	Naval Numeral Flag 2

Start times are notional and depend on the classes sailing and strength of wind.

Frostbite Series

Start Time:

1330hrs	Div III/IV	Naval Numeral Flag 4
1350hrs	Div I/II	Naval Numeral Flag 2

Time Limit Rule (Rule 35)

Unless specified elsewhere the time limit will be three (3) hours. Such Limit will be extended by thirty (30) minutes if the first boat completes the course within 3 hours, thereby extending the time to three (3) hours and thirty (30) minutes. Boats not finishing will be recorded DNF (did not finish).

SUNDAY RACING HANDICAP START

Start Time: 1400hrs (for Limit Boat/s)

Boats start on the **fall** (lowering) of their Handicap Number displayed from the Start Box. Handicap numbers and fall times will be displayed on the Regatta board located on river side (bottom of stairs) of Club House prior to the race.

Starting Procedure

- Five (5) minutes prior to the start of the Limit Boat, Division/s Flag and the Course Flag will be displayed
- Four (4) minutes to go: The Preparatory Signal (flag 'I') will be displayed and the numerical display will show a number five (5) greater than the handicap of the Limit Boat/s. 
- The numerical display will reduce each minute by one until the start of the Scratch Boat/s
- All signals shall then be lowered.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON INVITATION RACE

Friday Afternoon Invitation Races are a flying start;

Summer Friday Invitational Race Start Times

1505hrs	Div IV	Naval Numeral Flag 4
1515hrs	Div III	Naval Numeral Flag 3
1525hrs	Div II	Naval Numeral Flag 2
1535hrs	Div I	Naval Numeral Flag 1

NB: Boats are nominated for Division I, II, III, IV by the Race Committee.
TIME LIMIT: 1730HRS.

Spinnakers shall not be used.

Winter Friday Invitational Race Start Times

1505hrs	Div III & Div IV	Naval Numeral Flag 3 & 4
1525hrs	Div I & II	Naval Numeral Flag 1 & 2

NB: Boats are nominated for Division I, II, III, IV by the Race Committee.
TIME LIMIT: 1730HRS.

Spinnakers shall not be used.

STARTING PROCEDURE

Start Procedure

The flags are the true start signals. Sound signals may be given to assist. The over-riding signal is the raising and lowering of the flags. (Rule 26)

For all Racing at PFSYC

At ten (10) minutes before:

The orange on Station Flag and course pendant raised + 1 sound

At five (5) minutes before:

The Division Flag will be raised + 1 sound signal

At four (4) minutes before:

The 'I' flag will be raised + 1 sound signal

At one (1) minute before

The 'I' Flag will be lowered + 1 sound signal

At the start of the race

The Division Flag will be raised + 1 sound signal

Ten (10) minutes after the start, the Course Flag and the orange on Station Flag will be lowered until five (5) minutes before the first boat crosses the Finish Line, then the orange on Station Flag will be raised once more.

Crossing the Start Line in the minute before you start ie. After 'I' flag lowered (Rule 30.1)

No boat shall have any part of its hull, crew, or equipment on the course side of the start line during the minute before her starting signal. If this infringement occurs RULE 30.1 (Round the End of the Buoy) applies ie.: any such boat must sail around the Club buoy (32A) and return to the pre-start side of the line and start correctly.

Late Starters

A boat may be up to 10 minutes late for its start and still be included in the race results.

STARTING PROCEDURE

Keeping Clear (Addition to Rule 20)

At the start, when there is more than one division racing, boats whose preparatory signal has not been raised shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been raised.

Special Marine Rules

A boat shall not deliberately impede another so as to delay her departing the marina. In addition to a protest by a boat, should a member of the Race Committee observe a boat break this rule, it may penalize her without a hearing scoring her 'DNS'. A boat penalized is entitled to a hearing upon request. The boat marinas are not to be used for pre-start manoeuvres before a race. Any boat that enters the boat marinas for this purpose will be disqualified.

Crossing the Start Line Early

There are three (3) options:

- Round the end of the buoy (Rule 30.1) I flag

See previous paragraph

- Individual Recall (Rule 29.1)

If a boat/s cross the Start line before their starting signal, flag **X** **will be raised +1 Sound Signal**. The X flag will remain there for up to 4 minutes until all such boats go around Club Buoy (32A) and start again. If the offending boat/s does not comply it may be disqualified.



- General Recall (Rule 29.2)

If at the starting signal the start team is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line, or there has been an error in the start procedure, the start team may signal a general recall by raising the: **1st Substitute Flag + 2 Sound Signals**.



Once the start team are ready, the 1st Substitute Flag will then be lowered + 1 sound signal. One (1) minute after the 1st Substitute Flag is lowered, the five (5) minute start sequence begins.

RULES OF SAILING

Races may be a) postponed b) abandoned or c) shortened

1. Because of foul weather
2. Because of insufficient wind making it unlikely that any boat will finish within the time limit
3. Because a mark is missing or out of position
4. For any reason directly affecting the safety or fairness of the competition

However, after one (1) boat has sailed the course and finished within the time limit, if any, the Race Committee shall not abandon the race without considering the consequences for all boats in the race or series.

Races will be abandoned prior to commencement at the discretion of the Starters and/or Race Committee.

a) Postponement (Rule 27.3)

Before the starting signal, the Race Committee may for any reason postpone a race by showing the following flag:



The Answering Pendant (AP) + 2 Sounds

b) Abandonment (Rule 32.1)

After the starting signal, the Race Committee or Starters may abandon a race as appropriate by raising the following flags:



Flag N over Flag A + 3 Sounds

c) Shortened Course (Rule 32.2)

Courses may be shortened if, due to little or no wind, the starters deem there is insufficient time to finish the full course. This is the preferred option over abandonment at PFSYC.

Flag S will be displayed to signal a shortened course form:



• The Start Box:

- At the start under the course numeral pendant to indicate the finish will be at the first crossing of the Start/Finish Line after the start.
- During the race indicating that the next pass through the Start/Finish line is the end of the race.

RULES OF SAILING

Missing Mark (Rule 34)

A boat shall proceed from a position approximating that of the missing mark to the next mark of the course. Where there is a major shortening of a course achieved by proceeding from a point that was not within reasonable proximity to the charted position of the missing mark, protests will be accepted.

Touching a Mark (Rule 31)

Penalty 360 degree turn.

Penalties for Breaking Rules when Boats Meet: (Rule 44)

Only 44.1 and 44.2 apply (see below)

44.1 720 degree turn penalty: If boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire

44.2 720 degree turn penalty: After getting well clear of other boats as soon after the incident as possible, a boat takes a Two-Turns Penalty by promptly making the turns in the same direction, each turn including one tack and one gybe. When a boat takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before finishing.

Start and Finish Lines

Other Clubs Start/Finish lines may be crossed in a manner obeying the RRS.

FINISHING PROCEDURES

After finishing, boats shall keep clear of the start/finish line and all other boats that are racing.

Retirements

A boat which retires during a race shall not sail through the finishing line. The skipper of any boat which retires shall report the retirement to the Race Committee or starters as soon as practical.

PROTESTS

Protests

Shall be written on forms available through the Race Committee (see starter or Rear Commodore after the race) and delivered to them within thirty (30) minutes of the last boat finishing.

All protests must be signed by a member of the Race Committee before lodgement.

Protests may be heard on the day of the incident, but the time and day for hearing shall be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

Mediation

Where possible mediation will be attempted before a protest is scheduled for hearing.

INTERNATIONAL CODE OF SIGNALS

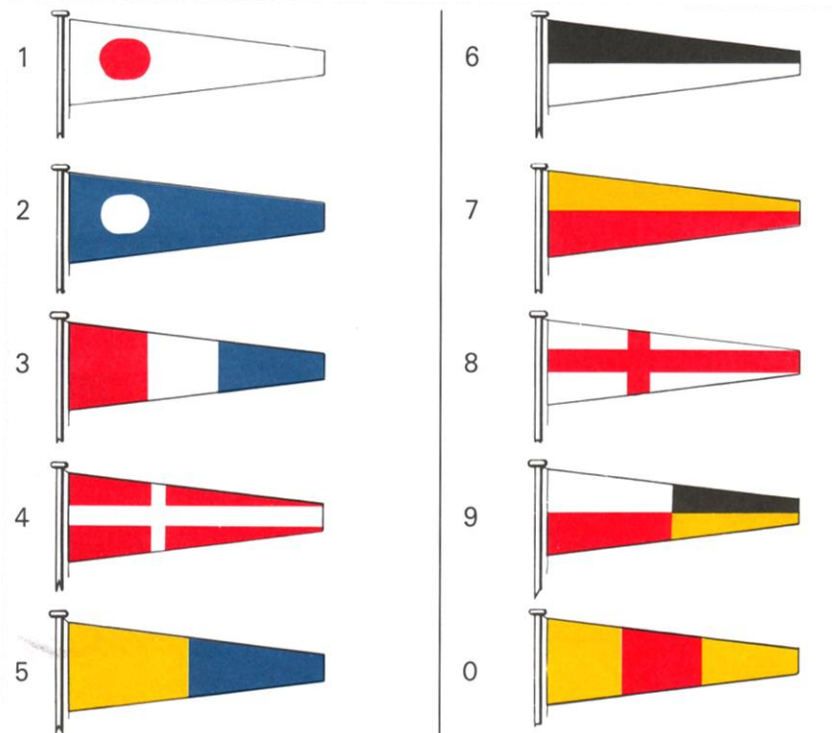
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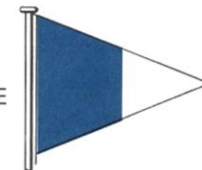


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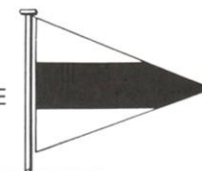
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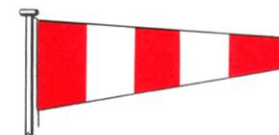
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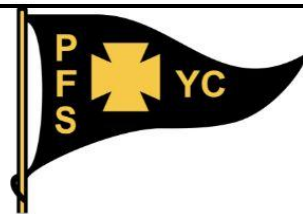


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CODE AND
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KEY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Friday 2 October 2026	Summer Series Commences
Wednesday 7 October 2026	Twilight Sailing Season Commences
Sunday 1 November 2026	PFSYC Opening Day
Friday 22 January 2027	Parmelia Night Race
Friday 19 February 2027	Parmelia Night Race Presentations
Sunday 7 March 2027	Wally & Glenys Pickford Memorial Marathon
Friday 19 March 2027	Wally & Glenys Pickford Marathon Presentations
Saturday 10 April 2027	Rob Brown Twilight Time Trial
Friday 23 April 2027	Summer Series Concludes
Sunday 25 April 2027	Anzac Day Final Twilight Sail
Friday 30 April 2027	Winter Series Commences
Saturday 31 July 2027	Cork Evans Time Trial
Friday 24 September 2027	Winter Series Conclude

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