

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Perth Flying Squadron Yacht Club



Parmelia Night Race

Friday 6 February 2026

Organising Authority: Perth Flying Squadron Yacht Club, The Esplanade Dalkeith WA 6009

PARMELIA NIGHT RACE

FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2026

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Sailing Instructions – Friday 6th of February

Rules:

Races will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing (2025-2028)* (RRS); the prescriptions of Australian Sailing, the Class Rules, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.

Venue:

The race will start and finish at the Perth Flying Squadron Yacht Club. The course will be sailed on Melville Water and will take boats downriver to Blackwall Reach, around Freshwater Bay to Matilda Bay, South of Perth start line and finish at Perth Flying Squadron. **A shorter course will be set for Division III / IV boats.**

Safety Regulations

Regulation navigation lights must be lit for the entire race.

For safety reasons, no luffing rights exist after the start for the entire race.

All boats must comply to CAT 7 Plus and include the following;

- 2x Red Hand-Held Flares in a waterproof container
- 2x Operational Waterproof Torches

All boats must have at least one of the following means of communication;

- Radio communication will be by VHF Channel 68
- Mobile Phone

All boats are encouraged to have their radios on to assist in management of the race. Where radio contact is not possible, telephone contact with race officials can be made on **0420 383 332 (Start Box)**.

All crew shall wear a PFD at all times while racing.

Handicaps:

Handicaps as declared by PFSYC Handicapper will apply.

Handicaps and Divisions will be posted on the notice board downstairs on the river side of the building on Friday 6th of February prior to the race. They will also be available at the PFSYC Bar or from the office. Boats must sail in the Division to which they are allocated.

Start Times:

DIVISION III & IV	18:50 hours	Naval Numeral Flag 3 and 4
DIVISION I & II	19:00 hours	Naval Numeral Flag 1 and 2

Display of Signals:

All flag signals will be from the PFSYC Start Box at the end of A Jetty.

Changes to Sailing Instructions:

Notices to competitors and any late changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board located downstairs on the river side of the building. In addition, code flag "L" will be flown from the start box up to 10 minutes before the commencement of the first race. Failure to observe such postings will not invalidate such amendment or notification.

Navigation Marks:

All fixed river navigation marks shall be passed on the deep-water side. For the purposes of this event Deepwater Spit and the large green markers in and around Point Resolution and Point Walter are not navigation marks.

Racing Flag:

Whilst racing boats shall fly the appropriate class racing flag on their backstay approximately two metres above deck.

Starting and Finishing Line:

An imaginary line extending between the Start Box and the outer start mark 32A will be used for the start and finish. Be aware of inner limit buoy. Finishing/starting inshore of this buoy will be an automatic infringement. No boat shall pass through the start line after the preparatory signal.

Starting Procedure:

Starting procedures as outlined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2025 - 2028 apply. Section 26, Page 21.

Starting Penalty: (Amendment to Rule 30)

If any part of a boats hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or its extensions during the minute before the starting signal she shall sail around the outer start mark before starting.

Individual Recall (Rule 29.2):

When at her starting signal should a boat not comply with Rule 29.1 or Rule 30.1, the race committee shall promptly display flag X and one sound signal.

The flag shall be displayed until all such boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions and have complied with Rule 30.1 if it applies, but not later than four minutes after the starting signal or one minute before any later starting signal which ever is earlier.

General Recall (Rule 29.3):

When at the starting signal several unidentified boats are on the course side of the starting line or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the Race Committee may signal a general recall (flag First Substitute and two sound signals).

The preparatory signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is lowered.

Starts for any succeeding classes shall follow the new start.

Time Limit (Amendment to Rule 35):

The time limit will be four (4) hours. If any Competitor is not expected to cross the finish line by 11pm, then they must withdraw from the race and return to Port.

Shortened Course:

The PFSYC is eager to have results for this event; therefore, the course may be shortened.

Times will be taken at the mid race passing of PFSYC Outer Start mark and may be used for the race result if the time limit is exceeded by a division or divisions of yachts.

If it is clear that the time limit will be exceeded by a division or divisions of yachts, the course may be shortened either :-

At the first passing of PFSYC outer starting mark. The shortened course will be indicated by the displaying of the shortened course flag flying over the division flags of the division for which the course has been shortened and accompanying sound signal.

Or by the displaying of the shortened course flag flying over the division flags of the division for which the course has been shortened on the checkpoint boat stationed at any mark and with the accompanying sound signal. A strobe light will be used to draw attention to this procedure. After rounding the mark, the boats shall sail directly to the PFSYC finishing line finishing in a Westerly direction leaving all navigation marks on the correct side.

Please help the starters to identify your boat by shining a torch onto your sail number and calling out your boat's name loudly when you pass the Outer Start Buoy and all checkpoint boats.

Postponement and Abandonment (Amendment to Rule 27.3):

Before the starting signal the race committee may postpone (flag AP and a sound signal) or abandon the race (flag N over A and three sound signals) for any reason.

Keeping Clear (Additional to Rule 20):

After finishing, boats shall not pass between the on-station flag and outer start buoy. Boats which have finished shall keep clear of all other boats that are still racing.

Touching a Mark:

RRS Rule 31.1, 31.2 applies, (penalty 360 degree turns when clear).

Penalties for Breaking Rules when Boats Meet:

RRS Rule 44 applies, (penalty 720 degree turn).

Protests:

Protests shall be written on forms available through the race committee and delivered to them within thirty minutes of the last boat finishing.

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

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.

One representative only, of both the protestor and the protestee, may attend a mediation hearing. No witnesses will be allowed at the mediation hearing.

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 via the Start Box Phone: 0420 383 332 or via Radio: VHF Channel 68.

Safety Craft:

Safety craft carrying green and white diagonal flag will have right of way at all times. Action by safety craft shall not be grounds for seeking redress.

Declaration:

By crossing the finishing line at the conclusion of a race the skipper of the yacht shall be deemed to have made a declaration that:

- (a) They have obeyed all the Rules and Sailing Instructions governing the race,
- (b) Completed their designated course.

Safety and Responsibility:

Perth Flying Squadron Yacht Club (Inc) and/or its officials or assistants are not responsible for the seaworthiness of any competing boats, or the competence of any competing crew. On making entry, the entrant agrees that the Club or its officials are not liable for any damage, loss or injury to any person or property incurred in or before or after any Club event.

Inclement Weather:

For reasons of safety, the Club reserves the right to cancel the race.

Presentation & Prizes

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each division on handicap. Presentation of prizes will be held in the Mele Bilo Room of the Perth Flying Squadron Yacht Club on **Friday 27th of February commencing at 6:30pm**. All crews and their guests are invited to attend.

Bookings are required if you wish to have a meal.

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2025 - 2026 SAILING SEASON

Please round all marks as per Sailing Instructions.

COURSE: DIVISION I/II

Approx. 17.5 n.m.

START TIME – 19:00 hours

BRICKLANDING A & B (33A, 33B)	STARBOARD
BLACKWALL BUOY (11)	STARBOARD
BURNSIDE SPIT (58)	STARBOARD
CYC OUTER START BUOY (21A)	STARBOARD
POINT RESOLUTION SPIT	PORT
SQUADRON BUOY (37)	PORT
BOND (38A)	PORT
PFSYC OUTER START BUOY (32A)	STARBOARD
OUTER DOLPHIN (17)	PORT
INNER DOLPHIN (16)	PORT
CRAWLEY BUOY (45)	STARBOARD
QUARRY BUOY (48)	STARBOARD
KNOT SPIT (14)	PORT
CONCRETE SPIT (15)	PORT
FOAM SPIT (18)	PORT
HEATHCOTE SPIT (22)	STARBOARD
SOPYC OUTER START BUOY	STARBOARD

**TO FINISH: CROSS PFS LINE IN WESTERLY DIRECTION
LEAVING OUTER START MARK (32A) TO PORT HAVING LEFT ALL OTHER FIXED
NAVIGATION MARKS ON THE CORRECT SIDE**

Where a check-boat is stationed at a mark, please light your sail number and call out your boat name loudly.

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Please round all marks as per Sailing Instructions.

COURSE: DIVISION III/IV

Approx. 15 n.m.

START TIME – 18:50 hours

BRICKLANDING A & B (33A, 33B)	STARBOARD
BLACKWALL BUOY (11)	STARBOARD
BURNSIDE SPIT (58)	STARBOARD
CYC OUTER START BUOY (21A)	STARBOARD
POINT RESOLUTION SPIT	PORT
ARMSTRONG SPIT (36)	PORT
PFSYC OUTER START BUOY (32A)	STARBOARD
OUTER DOLPHIN (17)	PORT
INNER DOLPHIN (16)	PORT
CRAWLEY BUOY (45)	STARBOARD
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