

# OCEAN RACING WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## Handbook 2023-2024



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Incorporating the Season Programme, Notice of Race  
and Sailing Instructions for the Ocean Racing WA Series



Fremantle Sailing Club (FSC)  
Hillarys Yacht Club (HYC)  
Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club (RFBYC)  
Royal Perth Yacht Club (RPYC)  
South of Perth Yacht Club (SoPYC)

## Ocean Racing WA—Series 2023-2024

The races are conducted by the Clubs that are the Organising Authorities (OA) for Ocean Racing WA. The table below is a guide to indicate which races will be part of the ORWA Series 2023-2024.

- Short Haul Series (SH) - nine races, two discards.
- Blue Water Series (BW) - four races, one discard.
- Siska Series (SIS) combination of the Short Haul and Blue Water Series races using IRC. Discards 3 SH and 1 BW.
- WA IRC State Championships (IRC)

DATE	EVENT	CAT	SH	BW	SIS	IRC
Sep 16	Foundation Race, George Law Memorial, FSC	4				
Oct 15	The West Coaster, FSC	4				
Oct 28	Geraldton Ocean Classic, SoPYC	2				
Nov 4	Geraldton to Fremantle Race, SoPYC	2				
Nov 18	Coventry Reef Race, FSC	4				
Nov 25	Dolphin Race, RFBYC WA IRC State Championships, RFBYC	4				
Nov 26	WA IRC State Championships, RFBYC	4				
Jan 20	Pot of Gold, HYC	4				
Feb 17	76th Bunbury and Return Ocean Race, RFBYC	3+				
March 9	Halls Head Ocean Race, FSC	4				
Mar 22	60th Cape Naturaliste and Return Race, RPYC	3+				
Apr 6	Island Race, RPYC	4				
Apr 20	Roland Smith Ocean Race, RFBYC	4				
May 4	Gage Roads Race, FSC	5				
<b>SERIES</b>			<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	
<b>DIS-CARDS</b>	<b>Guide only. See scoring information in the Notice of Race for full details.</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>TO COUNT</b>	<b>If a full series of racing has been held.</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	

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## “The Yellow Book”

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# Welcome



**Welcome to the ocean racing season 2023/24. It will be another exciting year of racing with something in the program for everyone.**

I encourage you to spend some time reading this year's handbook. There are some significant changes to the race documents in particular. The Board of ORWA in consultation with others has put considerable time and effort into drafting updated race documentation which are included in the hand book. The sailing administrators of each of the clubs will be encouraged to adopt these templates as a significant step in the right direction in having consistent and uniform race documents for all events included the calendar.

The popular Mandurah weekend is back in the calendar after a year's absence. MOFSC is keen to see us all again and promises to turn on the hospitality. The Geraldton race is this year's destination race in October. If you can, take up the tactical and navigation challenge the race offers in getting there and back and take part in the Lobster Pot Series. The enthusiastic volunteers at the Geraldton Yacht Club will make you very welcome. The IRC state championships this year will be hosted by RFBYC as part of the Rockingham weekend. It is always a very popular event. If you are doing either the Dolphin or Gordon Craig race, make ensure you also sign up for the IRC State Championships. It's a prestigious trophy and a good reason to practise those spinnaker handling skills.

Fremantle Sailing Club has recently decided to combine their inshore and offshore sections. One of the commendable aims is to increase participation in both categories and hopefully the initiative will result in new entrants choosing to join in some offshore racing. Please give plenty of encouragement and support to those that may be new to offshore sailing. We sometimes forget how daunting it can be for newcomers and friendly offers of help or advice from the more seasoned offshore sailors will go a long way to encouraging them to come out again.



My thanks to the members on the board of ORWA for their hard work and dedication this past year. A special thanks to Suzzi Ghent our manager. She sets a high standard in all that she does. Thanks also to the sailing administrators of the clubs for their invaluable support and willingness to work with ORWA. And last but not least, our sincere gratitude to the volunteer start team led by Cherry for their wonderful work and unfailing support for offshore racing.

We also acknowledge the kind support provided by our sponsors and those businesses that advertise with ORWA.

Congratulations again to Dave Davenport and the crew of Crush as the winner of last year's Siska Offshore Series. One does not win the Siska without skill, grit and a huge commitment of time and resources. The cover photo says it all and shows why Crush was the worthy winner of the premier race trophy in offshore sailing in Western Australia in 2022/23

The board of ORWA wishes all boat owners, skippers and crew a safe, enjoyable and challenging 2023/24 season of offshore racing.

Paul Arns

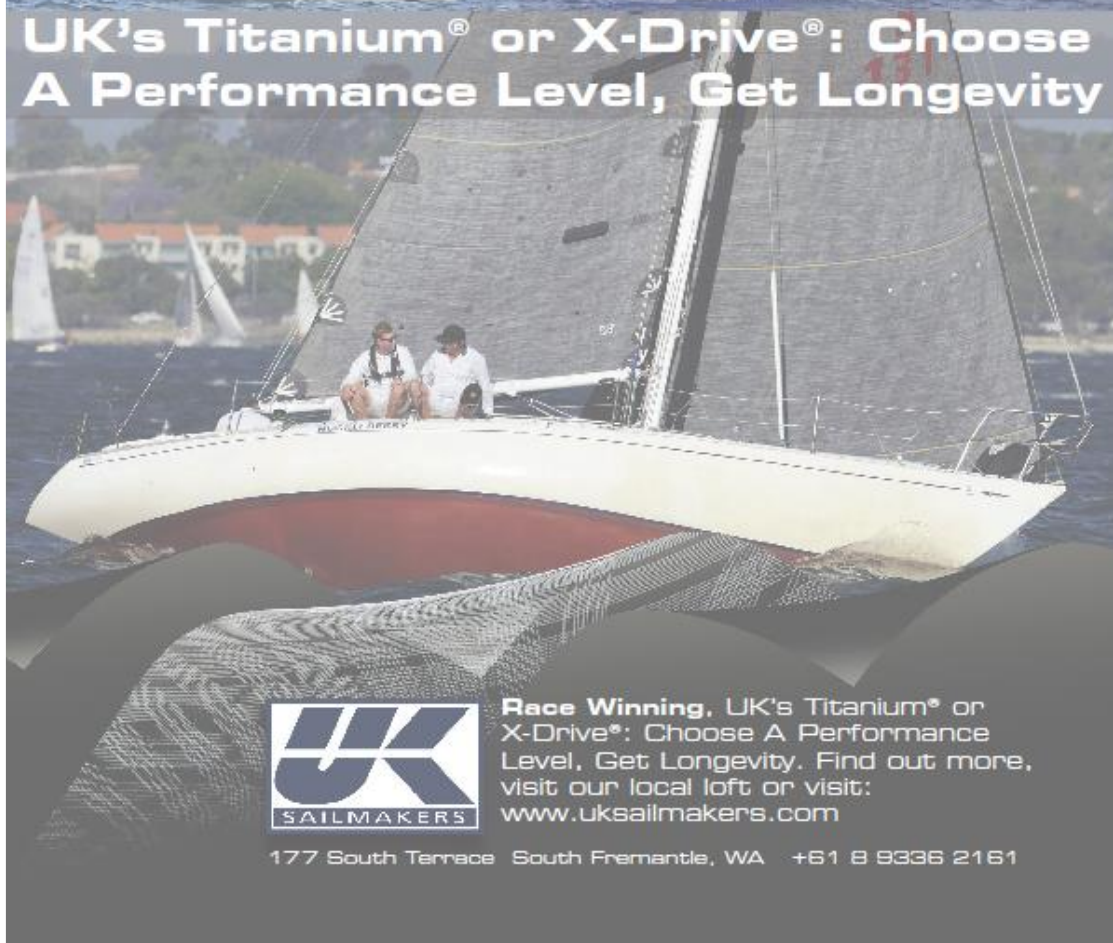
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# Membership

**We welcome new members to the Ocean Racing WA community.**

Ocean Racing Association of Western Australia Inc (ORWA) is a registered association and offers membership.

Membership is available to any person who supports the objects and purposes of ORWA.

In an effort to maximise engagement between owners and crews there are three types of membership available for the 2023-2024 season. These are Ordinary membership, Associate membership and Casual membership.

	Membership Type	Vote	For	Annual Fee
Boat Owner	Ordinary member	Yes	Boat racing in the ORWA Series	\$30/m of boat
	Casual participant	No	Boat racing in 4 races or less (or WA IRC States)	\$150
Crew / Volunteer / Supporter	Associate member	No	Yacht crew, volunteers and supporters	\$50

The casual option is for boat owners who wish to test the ocean waters and complete in up to four ORWA calendar races during the season.

Boats competing in the WA IRC State Championships need to be an Ordinary member or purchase a Casual membership which is then only valid for that one event.

To be scored in any ORWA Series (Short Haul / Blue Water / Siska / Corinthian) in the 2023-2024 season, the owner must be an Ordinary member prior to 31 October 2023.

To become a member, applicants must apply in writing to ORWA by completing the online registration form. For assistance please send an email to [oceanracingwa@gmail.com](mailto:oceanracingwa@gmail.com)

Applicants should make themselves aware of the Constitution for Ocean Racing WA, in particular the section relating to membership. More information is available on the website.

# Ocean Racing WA - Events for the 2023-2024 season

## Ocean Racing WA Series 2023-2024

The Ocean Racing WA Series consists of thirteen races spread through the season.

All thirteen races are part of the Siska Series, racing for the Siska Trophy. Races are also grouped in the Blue Water Series (4 races) and Short Haul Series (9 races).

### Divisions:

- One, Two, Double Handed.
- Divisions may be combined at the discretion of the OA, the recommendation from ORWA is if fleet numbers are less than four. For example, a Double Handed entry would sail in its relevant division based on size and ability, one or two.
- Results and prizes are subject to fleet numbers, at the discretion of the ORWA Board.

### Results:

- IRC for boats who hold a valid IRC certificate.
- PHS for all boats registered (members) with Ocean Racing WA.
- Race pennants will be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

### Category winners:

- Blue Water Series winner for IRC and PHS in divisions.
- Short Haul Series winner for IRC and PHS in divisions.
- Siska Series winner, combined using IRC.
- Best performing Corinthian in the Siska Series, combined using PHS.



## 2023-2024 Ocean Racing WA Annual Awards

Save the date for the end of season party and presentation of awards, an evening not to be missed!

**Saturday 25 May 2024**



## 2023-2024 WA IRC State Championships

The 2023-2024 WA IRC State Championships is an Ocean Racing WA event.

Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club will be the host Club and the championship will be held on the weekend of the Rockingham Race Regatta, Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 November 2023.

The Category 4 event will include a mix of passage and around the buoys racing.

More information on page 56 in the ORWA Handbook.



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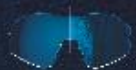
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**Club Series - 2023-2024**  
**(not ORWA Series)**

Series details for events conducted by the ORWA Organising Authority Clubs. A selection of these races have been included in the ORWA Series for 2023-2024.

Boat owners must be an Ordinary or Casual member of ORWA to be eligible for a series score in any Club Series (see NoR).

Please note that not all of the races listed in the Club Series are part of any ORWA Series (Short Haul / Blue Water / Siska / WA IRC State Championships). See the calendar page for a list of included races.

Divisions may be combined for overall awards depending on fleet numbers.

RFBYC - 47th Farrowa Cup Series						
Four races, all races to count. Overall winner on IRC combined. Results for divisions using IRC and PHS.						
	Race Name	Day	D	M	Y	Cat
1.	Dolphin Race	Sat	25	11	2023	4
2.	Gordon Craig Ocean Race	Sun	26	11	2023	4
3.	76th Bunbury and Return Ocean Race	Sat	17	02	2024	3+
4.	Roland Smith Ocean Race	Sat	20	04	2024	4
The 47th Farrowa Cup Series presentation evening will be held on Saturday 25 May 2024 at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club.						



## Club Series - 2023-2024 continued (not ORWA Series)

<b>FSC Success Cup</b>						
Five races, four to count. Results for Division One and Division Two using IRC and PHS.						
	Race Name	Day	D	M	Y	Cat
1.	Foundation George Law Memorial	Sat	16	09	2023	4
2.	West Coaster	Sun	15	10	2023	4
3.	Geraldton Race	Sat	28	10	2023	2
4.	Coventry Reef	Sat	18	11	2023	4
5.	Cape Naturaliste	Fri	22	03	2024	3+
Presentations at Fremantle Sailing Club on Saturday 11 May 2024.						

<b>FSC Captain Stirling Cup</b>						
Five races, four to count. Results for Division One and Division Two using IRC and PHS.						
	Race Name	Day	D	M	Y	Cat
1.	Foundation George Law Memorial	Sat	16	09	2023	4
2.	Coventry Reef	Sat	18	11	2023	4
3.	Halls Head Race	Sat	09	03	2024	4*
4.	Point Robert Return	Sun	10	03	2024	4*
5.	Gage Roads	Sat	04	05	2024	5
Presentations at Fremantle Sailing Club on Saturday 11 May 2024. Note * FSC reserves right to change safety category via SSIs.						

# THE SISKI TROPHY

**The “Siska Trophy”, originally the “Golden Fleece Trophy”, was commissioned by the Golden Fleece Oil Company for the 1978 “Great Circle Yacht Race” around Tasmania, a distance of 810 nautical miles.**

It was won by Siska, owned and sailed by West Australian Rolly Tasker.



In 1988 Rolly Tasker rededicated it as the “SISKI TROPHY”.

He presented the magnificent trophy, to be awarded annually, to the most outstanding yacht in the Western Australian Ocean Racing Series.

Rolly Tasker built and raced five ocean racing yachts named Siska, and over a fifteen year period from the 1970's won almost every race on the WA calendar, usually taking fastest time as well.

The Siska's competed in Sydney to Hobart Yacht Races, the infamous 1979 Fastnet Race (finishing third over the line with a snapped main boom), the Parmelia Race and the first Fremantle to Bali Yacht Race in 1981. His support of ocean racing is gratefully acknowledged.

Rolly Tasker passed away in June 2012 at the age of 86.

The Siska Trophy was awarded to the overall IRC winner of the Blue Water Series races from 1987/88 onwards.

Currently the Ocean Racing WA Siska Series is a combination of the Short Haul Series and Blue Water Series and the trophy is awarded to the overall IRC winner, combined divisions.

The cover photo of the Ocean Racing WA Handbook (The Yellow Book) is traditionally the current holder of the trophy.

**2023-2024 season cover girl is CRUSH, a J/V TP 52.**

# THE SISKI TROPHY WINNERS

<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>Crush</b>	<b>David Davenport</b>	<b>EFYC / FSC / RFBYC</b>
2021-2022	Enterprise Next Generation		
		Anthony Kirke / Andrew Nuttman	FSC
2020-2021	Atomic Blonde	Simon Torvaldsen	RPYC
2019-2020	Joss	Ian Clyne	RFBYC
2018-2019	Dirty Deeds	Alan Stein	FSC
2017-2018	Indian	Craig Carter	RFBYC
2016-2017	Giddy Up	Robert Halvorsen/ James Halvorsen	FSC
2015-2016	Indian	Craig Carter	RFBYC
2014-2015	Calm	Tony Mitchell / Astrid Mitchell	FSC
2013-2014	Hoodoo Man	Craig Carter	RFBYC
2012-2013	General Lee	Paul Eldrid / Scott Disley	RFBYC
2011-2012	Black Betty	Gary McNally	RFBYC
2010-2011	Sled	Tony Mitchell	RFBYC
2009-2010	The Next Factor	David Walling / Vern Williamson	RFBYC
2008-2009	The Next Factor	David Walling / Vern Williamson	RFBYC
2007-2008	Steel de Breeze	Brian de Vries	FSC
2006-2007	Storm Rider	Luke Rees	EFYC
2005-2006	Ninety Seven	Chris Glossop	FSC
2004-2005	Storm Rider	Luke Rees	EFYC
2003-2004	Fast Forward	Daniel Patterson	HYC
2002-2003	Farrago	Peter Vlaar	SoPYC
2001-2002	Vendetta	Barry Bond	HYC
2000-2001	Impulse	Lance Woods	RFBYC
1999-2000	Internet Express	David Clifton	FSC
1998-1999	Heatwave	Brad Hiles	FSC
1997-1998	Neftenga	Trevor Taylor	TCYC
1996-1997	Mustang Sally	Warren Batt	FSC
1995-1996	Red Jacket	Ron Lally	HYC
1994-1995	Botticelli	Steve Morrow	FSC
1993-1994	Huckleberry	Merv Finn / Mike Finn	RFBYC
1992-1993	Huckleberry	Merv Finn / Mike Finn	RFBYC
1991-1992	Fremantle Doctor	Robert Baker	FSC
1990-1991	Huckleberry	Merv Finn / Mike Finn	RFBYC
1989-1990	Le Truck	Bill Burbidge	FSC
1988-1989	Castille	Ian Allen	FSC
1987-1988	Copper Top	Tony Stanton	RPYC

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# Notice of Race

## Abbreviations / definitions

The following abbreviations/definitions (in addition to the terminology used in the RRS) will apply.

Term/abbreviation	Meaning
AS	Australian Sailing
ASSR	Australian Sailing Special Regulations
Committee Boat	a vessel located at the starboard end of the start line, flying the start signals
Incident	Any event where there is any damage/harm or risk of damage/harm to people, property, and/or the OA or ORWA (including a Near Miss)
IRC	International Rating Certificate
Listening Watch	a continuous monitoring of all radio communications whilst participating in a race, including travel to and from safe harbour
Near Miss	an Incident where no damage or harm occurred
OA	Organising Authority (RRS 89.1)
Offshore Race Control	radio callsign and collectively, the group of people that provide communications during racing
ORWA	Ocean Racing WA
Person in Charge	as defined in RRS 46 AS prescription
POB	persons on board
Race Channel(s)	the VHF radio channel(s) used for communication with Offshore Race Control
Race Documents	the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and any Supplementary Sailing Instructions as issued by the Race Committee
Race Notice Board	the online location ( <a href="http://www.oceanracingwa.com.au/competitor-information/race-noticeboard/">www.oceanracingwa.com.au/competitor-information/race-noticeboard/</a> ) where all written race notices are published
RC	Race Committee conducts races as directed by the Organising Authority and as required by the rules (RRS 89.1)
Rounding Report	a report made in accordance with the Race Documents
RRS	Racing Rules of Sailing (with Australian prescriptions)
SI & SSI	Sailing Instructions & Supplementary Sailing Instructions, respectively
TopYacht	online tool used by ORWA for online entrant and results management

## 1. Race/series schedule

An invitation is extended to owners of eligible boats to enter the 2023 - 24 races and series as detailed in the ORWA Calendar ([www.oceanracingwa.com.au/competitor-information/season-calendar/](http://www.oceanracingwa.com.au/competitor-information/season-calendar/)). This Notice of Race is issued by the respective Organising Authority's for each race in the offshore racing calendar for 2023 - 24:

- Fremantle Sailing Club (FSC)
- Hillarys Yacht Club (HYC)
- Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club (RFBYC)
- Royal Perth Yacht Club (RPYC)
- South of Perth Yacht Club (SoPYC)

## 2. Divisions/classes

Once the series entries have closed (section 5.2), ORWA will allocate boats to Division/classes for the season.

## 3. Rules

All races/events are governed by the following rules, versions of which are current at the start of each race:

1. **The Racing Rules of Sailing** (with Australian Sailing prescriptions) – amended as follows:
  - **RRS 40.2** (Basic rule) – is amended to include (c) double handed sailors. For the avoidance of doubt, Rule 40.1 applies to the double handed division whilst on deck.
  - **RRS 41(C)** (Outside help) –except in an emergency, from the warning signal and until finished, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that are not available to all boats.
  - **RRS 51** (Moveable ballast) – is amended as follows: boats with Moveable or Variable Ballast (as defined in Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 section 3 and Australian Sailing Special Regulations Appendix B) may move or vary their ballast whilst racing. Proof of compliance with these Special Regulations must be carried onboard and the Race Committee may require copies.
  - **RRS 60.1(a)** (Right to protest) – amends this rule to provide that where any clause of the Race Documents is denoted by:
    - (NP) - a breach of that rule will **not** be grounds for protest by a boat
    - (DP) - denotes that a penalty for a breach of that rule is **at the discretion of the Protest Committee** and may be less than disqualification
  - **RRS, Part 2** (Racing at night) – between the hours of sunset and sunrise the Rules of Part 2 are replaced with the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at sea. ("Prevention of Collisions at sea Regulations 1983").
  - **RRS A5.3** (Scoring) – will apply to all race scores for each series. (See section 12 below)
2. **Special Regulations Part 1 for Racing Boats** (Keelboats) published by Australian Sailing – amended as follows:
  - **ASSR 3.25.1** – add (d) A boat's radio shall be connected with a speaker that shall be clearly heard on deck at all times.



- **ASSR 3.25.4** – add (e) Radio transceiver’s operability shall be tested annually with a suitable station: for HF over 90nm and for VHF over 20nm away.
  - **ASSR 4.22 Pyrotechnics (Flare)** - add 2 Red Parachute flares to Category 4.
  - **IRC Rule 2023** (Rule 21.6–1) - attention is drawn to the following Australian Sailing prescription to IRC Rule 21.6.1. In accordance with IRC Rule 11.2 and 11.3, Australian Sailing prescribes that in IRC races requiring Category 1, Category 2, or Category 3 Special Regulations compliance, a boat may carry one more spinnaker than shown on her current IRC certificate (as applicable for a specific race), of area not greater than rated SPA, without an increase in rating.
3. **Waypoints** - where waypoints are designated as part of a course, RRS Appendix WP shall apply.
  4. **PHS Handicap** - guidelines listed under ORWA PHS Handicap Registration Application are available on the ORWA website ([www.oceanracingwa.com.au/competitor-information/phs-handicap/](http://www.oceanracingwa.com.au/competitor-information/phs-handicap/)).
  5. **Arbitration** - Appendix T of the Racing Rules of Sailing applies.

## 4. Race documents

The race documents that apply to all races are:

- **Notice of Race (NoR)** (this document) – deemed to be issued by the OA on July 1, 2023
- **Sailing instructions (SI)** – deemed to be published by the Race Committee on July 1, 2023
- **Supplementary Sailing instructions (SSI)** – deemed to be published by the Race Committee.

These documents shall be read and interpreted together. However, where there are any inconsistencies, errors or omissions, the Supplementary Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

## 5. Eligibility & entry

### 5.1 Eligibility

Notwithstanding the requirements of the online entry form, to be eligible to enter a race:

- **Boat** –shall be of monohull construction that complies with the ASSR Part 1 for the applicable Race Category as evidenced by a current Australian Sailing Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form signed by an accredited Australian Sailing Special Regulations Equipment Auditor and by the Person in Charge
- **Person in Charge** -shall be a member of a Club affiliated to Australian Sailing, be an ORWA member and have an Australian Sailing number, or, if an international competitor, a member of club affiliated to a World Sailing recognised Member National Authority.
- **Crew** - all persons on board a boat while racing shall be members of a Club affiliated to Australian Sailing and have an Australian Sailing number, or hold a valid sail Pass, or if an international competitor, be a member of club affiliated to a World Sailing recognised Member National Authority.

- **Double Handed** (ie. when there is only two persons onboard for a race, or the boat is a Double Handed entry):
  - The boat shall be fitted with an automatic helming capability in working condition; and,
  - The Organising Authority may request that the crew entered provide CVs of their experience.

## 5.2 Entry

Eligible boats may enter a series/race by completing the online entry form ([www.oceanracingwa.com.au/competitor-information/race-entry/](http://www.oceanracingwa.com.au/competitor-information/race-entry/)) and submitting it, together with the required fee as set by the OA, before the following deadline:

	Series entry deadline	Race entry deadline
<b>Short Haul</b>	October 31, 2023	1700hrs, Monday before the race (eg. 4days for a Saturday race)
<b>Blue Water</b>	October 31, 2023	1700hrs, second Friday before the race (eg. 7days for a Saturday race)
<b>Corinthian</b>	October 31, 2023	As per the relevant series
<b>Siska</b>	October 31, 2023	As per the relevant series

The online entry includes completion in full of the TopYacht profile ([www.oceanracingwa.com.au/competitor-information/race-entry/](http://www.oceanracingwa.com.au/competitor-information/race-entry/)) including, but not limited to:

- Valid IRC certificate (if racing in the IRC division, by the Race entry deadline detailed above, a boat shall designate the applicable rating that shall be used for scoring for that race)
- Valid ASSR equipment Audit Form, applicable for the race
- ORWA Radio Declaration Form
- ORWA Team Shore Contact Form, with details current for the race
- Life raft certificate of Inspection (when a life raft is required)
- Keel and Rudder Inspection Form

The Race Committee may require additional information be provided to accept a boats entry. Entry eligibility is always at the absolute discretion of the Race Committee up until the Warning signal. Late entries maybe accepted at the absolute discretion of the Organising Authority.

## 6. Handicap & rating system

Placings in each race will be determined in the following categories:

- **PHS** – assessed according to PHS handicap system administered by ORWA.
- **IRC** – assessed according to the rating on the IRC certificate that is uploaded in TopYacht as part of an eligible race entry.
- **Corinthian** -A boat is eligible to enter as a Corinthian if all crew meet the World Sailing Sailor Classification for Group 1, as well as the following requirements - no crew member (including owner) shall sail on the boat, if:
  - they are paid to sail on the boat, or

- their primary source of income is derived by working in the yachting industry, and whose skills are such that would clearly advantage the boat's performance whilst sailing on the boat.
- If a boat becomes ineligible as a Corinthian entrant for any race, they must contact ORWA to be excluded from that race no later than 2 days after the race.

## 7. Crew limitations

IRC rule 22.4.2 will be interpreted as the Crew Number printed on each boat's applicable IRC certificate. Persons On Board shall not exceed this number unless in so doing the total crew weight does not exceed 85kg multiplied by the Crew Number printed on the certificate.

## 8. Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

Any advertising displayed on boats shall comply with the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 20 (World Sailing Advertising Code). In addition, the OA may decline to accept an entry of a boat which, in its opinion is carrying advertising which conflicts with governmental regulations.

## 9. Media rights & restrictions

The condition of entry may include a requirement that the owner and all crew members acknowledge:

- The OA owns all media rights to its races including all rights in and to any visual and audio material and any data taken on or behalf of the OA, or provided to it, in connection with the race and may exercise those rights as they see fit.
- That by accepting the entry, the owner and crew members grant the OA the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images, and biographical information relating to the crew and photographs, video footage and audio recordings taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during and after the race.

Any breach of these conditions may result in a boat's entry being rejected or cancelled by the OA or disqualified. This does not limit the right of the OA or Race Committee to take any other action it sees fit to enforce compliance with these conditions.

## 10. Equipment inspection / measurement checks

Attention is drawn to ASSR 2.02.3 which states that if a boat does not comply with the Special Regulations, it may have its entry rejected by the OA, or it may be liable to disqualification, or such other penalty determined by the Protest Committee.

[DP] Boats shall be available for equipment inspection as reasonably required at any time, except whilst racing.

## 11. Courses

### 11.1 Location

The courses are generally set off the coast of Metropolitan Perth including Gage Roads, Cockburn Sound. The Blue Water racecourses are generally set along the coast from Fremantle for greater distances, including races to Exmouth, Geraldton, Coventry Reef, Mandurah, Bunbury, and Cape Naturaliste.

Specific courses for each race will be designated by the OA for the race/event.

### 11.2 Marks/waypoints

The marks that may be used (including their coordinates) are provided in Appendix A. Additional marks/waypoints etc if required shall be detailed in the SSIs.

## 12. Scoring

### 12.1 Race scoring

The scoring system for ORWA races and events shall be as per RRS Appendix A; Rule A5.3 shall apply.

### 12.2 Series constitution

Only ORWA Ordinary and Casual Members are eligible for ORWA series point scores except for the WA IRC states – the OA shall define the entry requirements.

The number of races excluded from a series score (ie. drops) and the number of races that constitutes a series) are defined as follows:

- **Short Haul series** (IRC and Corinthian) - a maximum of nine races. When six or more races have been held there will be one discard. When eight races have been held there will be two discards. A minimum of six completed races will constitute a series.
- **Bluewater series** (IRC and Corinthian) - a maximum of four races. When three or more races have been held there will be one discard. A minimum of two completed races will constitute a series.
- **Siska series** (IRC) - a combination of the short Haul Races and Bluewater Races. A boat's series score will be the combination of her short Haul series and Bluewater series race scores excluding her discards from the Bluewater series and discards from the Short Haul series. A maximum of thirteen races, with four discards (ie. three short Haul and one Blue Water) will constitute a series.
- **Corinthian series** (PHS) - a combination of the Short Haul Races and Bluewater Races. A boat's series score will be the combination of her Short Haul series and Bluewater series race scores excluding her worst score(s) from the Bluewater series and three worst scores from the Short Haul series. A maximum of thirteen races with up to four discards (ie. three Short Haul and one Bluewater) will constitute a series.
- **WA IRC state championships** - as determined by the OA.

Summary table of the above:

Series	Max/min number of races	Discards for series	Discards for Siska series
Short Haul (IRC & Corinthian)	9/6	2	3
Bluewater (IRC & Corinthian)	4/2	1	1
Siska (IRC) & Corinthian (PHS)	13/8	-	4 total, being: 3 from Short Haul plus 1 from Bluewater
IRC states	as determined by the OA.		

## 13. Race notice board

The online race notice board for all races is the ORWA race noticeboard ([www.oceanracingwa.com.au/competitor-information/race-noticeboard/](http://www.oceanracingwa.com.au/competitor-information/race-noticeboard/)).

## 14. Incident reporting

### 14.1 Incidents

Boats shall inform Offshore Race Control or the Race Officer of incidents as soon as reasonably possible.

### 14.2 Man overboard (MOB)

MOB incidents shall be reported immediately to Offshore Race Control by VHF radio on the Race Channel(s), and if not possible, by any other means.

### 14.3 Reporting

When any of the following occurs whilst a yacht is being prepared, travelling to and from the racecourse or whilst racing, a written incident report shall be submitted to the Race Officer as soon as reasonably practical:

- Injury that required professional medical attention
- Contact between boats
- Grounding, structural failure, and the like
- MOB
- Failure of the OA's management systems that resulted in a materially worse outcome.
- Where outside assistance is required (eg. sea Rescue, other boats, 3rd Party)
- Activation of an EPIRB, PLB or AIS MOB device, accidental or otherwise
- A Near Miss of any of the above

## 15. Risk statement

Boats participate in the races entirely at their own risk.

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

Disclaimer of liability - the Organising Authorities, their associates and appointees will not accept responsibility for material damage or personal injury, or death or inconvenience sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after any race/event. By participating in any race, each competitor agrees to release the race organisers from all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## 16. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 million (ten million dollars AUD) per incident or the equivalent.

The participating boat shall hold adequate insurance to cover each race that it competes in. By taking part in a race, owners are deemed to have made a declaration that they have such cover.





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## Appendix A - Marks

### [NP] Important note on mark coordinates

The coordinates for the marks are reasonable approximations as per navigational charts. Static navigational marks like pylons and spits are consistent with their charted position. Floating marks are not static and will rotate around their moorings, or indeed their moorings can move, or be simply missing. Therefore, attention is drawn to SI section 11 (Missing Mark) and especially the definition of a missing mark.

Area	Mark	Coordinates
Gage Roads	Centaur Reef South cardinal mark	31 52.730s 115 43.006e
	Eastern South Passage transit beacon	32 01.161s 115 37.671e
	Eleven metre bank isolated danger mark	32 03.243s 115 40.685e
	Fairway landfall buoy	31 57.154s 115 38.834e
	Hall Bank beacon	32 01.840s 115 42.729e
	Kingston Reefs North cardinal buoy	31 58.850s 115 33.977e
	Red A buoy	31 59.007s 115 41.692e
	Western South Passage transit beacon	32 01.287s 115 37.104e
South of Fremantle to Cockburn Sound	Green no. 1 channel marker	32 03.683s 115 41.182e
	Green no. 2 channel marker	32 04.265s 115 41.318e
	Green no. 3 channel marker	32 04.640s 115 41.403e
	Green no. 4 channel marker	32 05.016s 115 41.490e
	Green no. 5 channel marker	32 05.401s 115 41.579e
	Green no. 6 channel marker	32 05.759s 115 41.656e
	Green no. 7 channel marker	32 06.105s 115 41.717e
	Green no. 8 channel marker	32 06.752s 115 41.872e
	Green no. 9 channel marker	32 07.120s 115 41.966e
	Green no. 10 channel marker	32 07.455s 115 42.038e
	Green no. 11 channel marker	32 07.791s 115 42.120e
	Green no. 12 channel marker	32 08.160s 115 42.185e
	Red A channel marker	32 03.663s 115 41.307e
	Red B channel marker	32 04.255s 115 41.423e
	Red C channel marker	32 04.622s 115 41.507e
	Red D channel marker	32 04.996s 115 41.590e
	Red E channel marker	32 05.379s 115 41.677e
	Red F channel marker	32 05.743s 115 41.758e
	Red G channel marker	32 06.107s 115 41.864e

Area	Mark	Coordinates
<b>South of Fremantle to Cockburn Sound</b>	Red H channel marker	32 06.728s 115 41.996e
	Red J channel marker	32 07.103s 115 42.064e
	Red K channel marker	32 07.424s 115 42.138e
	Red L channel marker	32 07.780s 115 42.219e
	Red M channel marker	32 08.141s 115 42.314e
<b>Fremantle Harbour</b>	Green no. 1 harbour entrance buoy	32 03.442s 115 43.051e
	Red A harbour entrance buoy	32 03.314s 115 43.033e
<b>Challenger Passage</b>	Eastern Challenger Passage lead beacon	32 08.729s 115 40.258e
	Challenger Passage outer port buoy	32 08.303s 115 38.936e
	Challenger Passage outer starboard buoy	32 08.323s 115 38.776e
<b>Other</b>	Armstrong Point exclusion mark NE	31 58.877s 115 30.691e
	Armstrong Point exclusion mark NW	31 59.171s 115 29.958e
	Burnell buoy	32 01.402s 115 44.298e
	Campbell buoy	31 59.207s 115 44.300e
	Cape Vlamingh exclusion mark NW	32 00.990s 115 26.379e
	Cape Vlamingh exclusion mark SE	32 02.011s 115 27.410e
	Cape Vlamingh exclusion mark SW	32 01.910s 115 26.376e
	FSC buoy B	32 03.521s 115 44.071e
	Parker Point exclusion mark SE	32 01.671s 115 31.948e
	Parker Point exclusion mark SW	32 01.947s 115 31.500e
	Stanton buoy	32 03.296s 115 39.500e
	Swanbourne exclusion mark NW	31 56.548s 115 43.349e
	Swanbourne exclusion mark SW	31 58.901s 115 43.354e



# Sailing Instructions

## 1. Rules

All races/events are governed by the rules as defined in section 3 of the NoR, as well as the following:

- **RRS 29.2** (General recall) and Race Signals (inside front cover) – amend this rule, as per section 10.3 below
- **RRS 34** (Missing mark) – replace this rule, as per section 11 below
- **RRS 60.1(a)** (Right to protest) – amend this rule to provide that where any clause of the Race Documents is denoted by:
  - **[NP]** - a breach of that rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat
  - **[DP]** - denotes that a penalty for a breach of that rule is at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification

## 2. Supplementary sailing instructions (SSI's)

Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI) for each race may be issued by the OA and will take precedence over all other Race Documents where there is a discrepancy, error or omission.

## 3. Code of conduct

[DP] Competitors, boat owners and support persons shall always:

- act ethically and inclusively,
- conduct themselves with good manners, good sportsmanship
- not bring the sport into disrepute, and
- comply with reasonable requests from race officials

## 4. Changes to sailing instructions

Any changes to sailing instructions will be posted:

- **Before 1800hrs the day before the race** - Owners will be notified by email, or
- **On the day of racing (and prior to the first Warning Signal)** - 'Code flag L' will be displayed on the Committee Boat and the changes will be broadcast on the Race Channel (or given orally by any other means). (as per RRS 90.2(c))

## 5. Notices

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official race noticeboard located at [www.oceanracingwa.com.au/competitor-information/race-noticeboard/](http://www.oceanracingwa.com.au/competitor-information/race-noticeboard/)

## 6. Race & events' schedule

Race and Event details are provided in the Notice of Race.

## 7. Class flags

Class flags (for each Divisions) shall be displayed from a boat so that they are clearly visible, as follows:

- **Division 1** - Naval Numeral ONE
- **Division 2** - Naval Numeral TWO
- **Double-handed** - Naval Numeral FOUR

## 8. Courses & marks

If not already specified in the NoR, the course(s) and marks will be designated in the SSI.

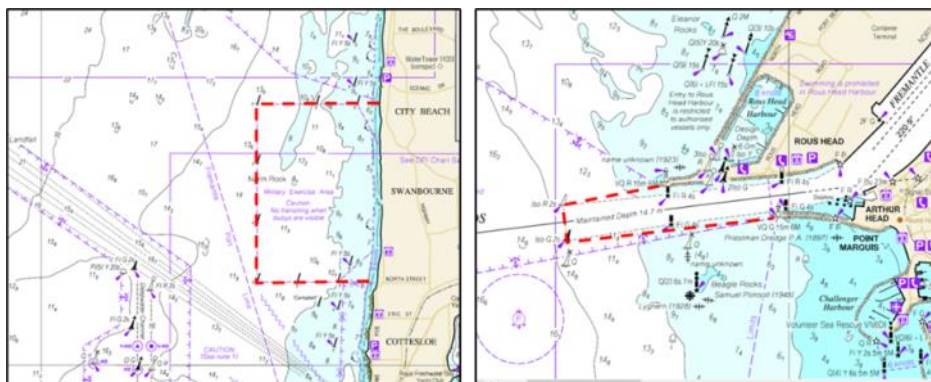
If there are multiple courses, no later than the warning signal, the Race Committee shall designate the course with the appropriate numeral pennant.

Courses may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.

## 9. Obstructions

The following areas (indicated as dotted red lines in the diagrams below) are designated as 'obstructions' and shall not be entered:

- **Swanbourne Military Exercise Area** - a line joining the 'Swanbourne exclusion zone buoy (NW)' and 'Swanbourne exclusion zone buoy (SW)', and the shore due east of these points.
- **Fremantle Harbour entrance** - a line joining North Mole and Red "A" harbour entrance buoy, 'Green No. 1 harbour entrance buoy' and South Mole.



## 10. The start

[DP] The starting line will be in the vicinity of Hall Bank Beacon.

Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.

Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

Except for a heavy weather start, a boat that does not start within 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1, A5.2 and A5.3.

### 10.1 Course flag

Where more than one course is listed, the Numeral Pennant corresponding to the course number will be displayed with the Warning Signal of the relevant division.

### 10.2 'Day buoy'

Where a day buoy is listed in the course, it will be placed approximately one nautical mile to windward of the Start Line. Prior to the Warning Signal, the Race Committee Boat will display a flag to designate the side that the day buoy shall be left:

- **Red** - left to Port
- **Green** – left to Starboard

### 10.3 General recall

When a general recall is signalled, the warning signal for the first recalled fleet will be displayed at the start signal for the last fleet in the sequence. Warning signals for other recalled fleets will follow in order thereafter.

This changes RRS 29.2 (General Recall) and Race Signals.

### 10.4 Heavy weather start (option)

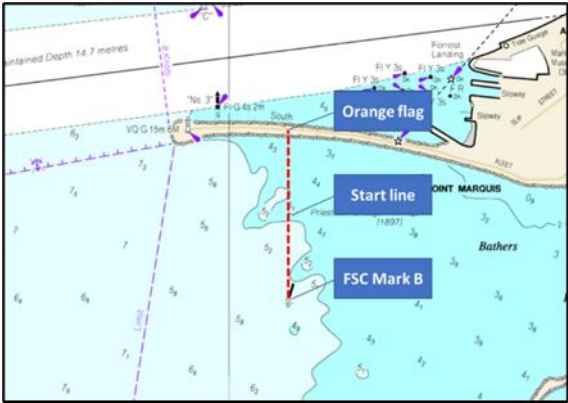
If a 'Heavy Weather Start' is designated in the SSI's, the start crew will start the race at the South Mole finish location. Note – a 'heavy weather start' may be designated by the OA for reasons other than actual heavy weather. For example, if a start boat was not available, or the required quantity of volunteers is not available to safely conduct an on-water start.

#### 10.4.1 Start time

Boats shall have 20 minutes to cross the start line following the start signal. This changes RRS 26. The 20-minute window of time is provided specifically so that boats can cross the line in an orderly, appropriately 'staggered' fashion while respecting each other's sea room.

**10.4.2      Start line**

The starting line shall be between a point approx. 150m east of the South Mole Lighthouse marked by an Orange ‘On Station’ Flag and the yellow buoy, FSC Mark B bearing approx. 180° at 0.15 nautical mile from the South Mole, shown diagrammatically below. To start, competitors shall pass FSC Mark B to Port and start in a westerly direction.



**10.4.3      Start sequence**

The start sequence shall be:

Time	Sequence
0915	Orange flag raised signalling start crew is “on station”
0925	Course flag raised
0926	Blue Peter raised (4-minute warning for start line opening)
0929	Blue Peter lowered (1-minute warning for start line opening)
0930	Course flag will be lowered signalling that competitors can start for the next 20 minutes
0950	Orange flag “on station” lowered signalling that the start line is closed

**10.4.4      Heavy weather course flag**

Where only one course is designated, then the numeral pennant ‘one’ will be displayed as the course flag during the start sequence. If there is more than one course, then the numeral pennant corresponding to the course number will be displayed.



## 11. Missing mark

Should a mark of the course be missing (*defined* as being more than 100m from the coordinates listed in NoR Appendix A and/or SSIs), competitors shall leave the defined coordinates of that mark to the side designated in the course, and it shall be treated as a 'waypoint'. A declaration from the skipper and evidence from the boats primary navigational system may be required as proof that the coordinates have been passed correctly.

This replaces RRS 34 (Missing Mark).

## 12. Commercial shipping

At all times competitors should take particular care in areas where commercial shipping operates, including (but not limited to):

- Entrance to Fremantle Harbour.
- Northern Entrance to and in the Cockburn Sound Channel.
- Deepwater channel in Gage Roads marked by Green No. 1 Buoy, Red "A" Buoy, Green No. 2 Buoy, Green No. 3 Buoy and Red "B" Buoy.
- Fairway Landfall Buoy

### 12.1 Penalty [NP][DP]

If the Fremantle Port Authority or any statutory body lodges a formal complaint with the OA that a boat has failed to keep clear, the Race Committee may impose a penalty up to and including DSQ.

## 13. Damaging a mark

Any boat damaging a mark shall notify Offshore Race Control immediately and provide a written report to the OA at the first reasonable opportunity (Note – the boat may be responsible for the cost of its repair).

## 14. Engine running

### 14.1 Use of engines

Apart from use of engines sanctioned by RRS 1.1 (Helping Those in Danger), and in any other emergency, engines shall only run for charging batteries. Propellers shall not be allowed to turn by action of the engine while racing.

### 14.2 Redress involving RRS 1.1 (Helping Those in Danger)

Whether or not the propulsion engine was used, if a claim for redress is made, the loss of time shall be supported as a minimum by logged details of course changes, distances, times, etc. The logged details shall be submitted with a formal request.

### 14.3 Avoiding commercial shipping

In the event of avoiding action becoming necessary, a yacht may start its engine and motor to avoid a shipping hazard, on a course perpendicular to its original course for as long as necessary.

A yacht that takes such action shall return to the position where she commenced motoring, cease motoring and resume racing as soon as possible.

The detail of any such action must be reported to the Organising Authority as a formal declaration at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 15. The finish

Unless otherwise specified in the SSI's, the finish line shall be a line running approximately north south between:

- a staff located approx. 150 metres east of the South Mole Lighthouse (and displaying an orange flag) and
- FSC Mark B (passed to starboard).

Boats finishing during the hours of darkness shall illuminate their sails when crossing the finish line. Ideally boats shall finish as north along the line as safely practicable to assist the finish team to identify the finisher. If there is any doubt that the finish team has identified the finisher correctly, then boats may use VHF radio (on the Race Channel) to ensure they have been identified correctly.

If the Race Committee is absent when a boat finishes, boats shall report their finishing time (GPS time or equivalent), and their position in relation to nearby boats to the Race Committee, at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 16. Electronic communications [NP]

The following is a summary of electronic communications whilst on the water:

	Ref	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 3+	Cat 4	Cat 5
<b>Race Channel</b>		VHF 72, unless amended in the SSI's				
<b>Check In</b>	17.1	Race Channel				
<b>Listening watch</b>	17.1	VHF 16 & Race Channel(s)				
<b>Rounding report</b>	17.1	As designated in the SSI (if any)				
<b>SKED</b>	17.2	TXT via satellite device or mobile phone.			Not required	

## 16.1 VHF radio

The following will be undertaken using VHF radio on the Race Channel(s):

- **Broadcasts to competitors** - on the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with boats on the Race Channel.
- **Listening watch** - all boats shall maintain a Listening Watch on VHF Channel 16 as well as the Race Channel.
- **Pre-race check in** - prior to the first warning signal, each boat shall contact Offshore Race Control on the designated Race Channel:
  - **Boat** – state the boat’s name and confirm the number of persons on board (POB); and,
  - **Offshore Race Control** – provide each boat with an individual reference number. Failure to check in shall result in the boat being scored DNS.
- **Rounding report(s)** - if designated in the SSI:
  - report to Offshore Race Control at the first reasonable opportunity after rounding or passing a mark or specific location.
  - If unable to make the report by VHF, the boat shall (in order of precedence):
    - contact another competitor by VHF radio to relay the Rounding Report to Offshore Race Control, or
    - contact Offshore Race Control by mobile telephone or satellite device, who will then broadcast the report to all boats.
  - If a boat fails to make a rounding report on the designated channel or relayed to Offshore Race Control via another boat, the Race Committee may impose a penalty up to and including DSQ.

## 16.2 Satellite device (or mobile phone)

### 16.2.1 Position report schedule

If designated in the SSI’s, Scheduled Position Reporting shall be carried out daily for the duration of the race at:

- **0900hrs** (± 10 minutes); and
- **2100hrs** (± 10 minutes).

### 16.2.2 Report by TXT

The report shall be a TXT message to the SKED number (eg. for boat named ‘Airborne’):

- “Airborne OK”
- Race Control will reply “Airborne logged, please reply with ‘Copy’”
- Airborne replies “Copy”

If unable to make the report by satellite device or mobile phone, the boat shall (in order of precedence):

- contact another competitor by VHF radio, and they shall relay that information to Offshore Race Control via TXT that the calling boat is OK
- contact Offshore Race Control by mobile telephone or satellite phone (voice call)

### **16.2.3      *Scheduled position report penalties***

The overall objective is that Offshore Race Control achieves and maintains regular contact with yachts and vice versa. However, it is acknowledged that some boats may have difficulties getting their SKED message through. As such Offshore Race Control will accept messages outside, but as close as reasonably possible to the times detailed above without penalty. Offshore Race Control will endeavour to do everything reasonably possible to assist inside and outside of the prescribed SKED times.

Failure to communicate in accordance with this section without reasonable cause may result in the imposition of a penalty, applied at the discretion of the Race Committee having regard to the circumstances, as follows:

Position Report missed (Cumulative over the season)	Penalty Imposed (cumulative)
1st Sked missed	No penalty imposed
2nd Sked missed	20 minutes added to elapsed time
Each successive sked missed*	40 minutes added to elapsed time

\*a boat that misses 3 SKED reports (cumulative over a season) without reasonable cause would receive a time penalty of 60 minutes added to the boat's elapsed time and so on.

### **16.2.4      *Lost contact***

If at any time a boat is unable to contact either Offshore Race Control or another boat, she must use any available alternative means to contact Offshore Race Control or any other Race Contacts as per the SSI's.

If contact with Offshore Race Control of other boats is unable to be made, then contact:

- **Coast Radio Perth** - on HF 4125, 6215 or 8291 kHz or VHF Channel 16, or
- **Volunteer Sea Rescue Station** - on VHF Channels 16, 73 or local VHF repeater channel.

If contact is made, advise:

- the race you are competing in
- that you have lost radio contact with the fleet
- report your position and other relevant information
- request they pass this information to Offshore Race Control.
- continue to work with Coast Radio Perth or a Volunteer Sea Rescue group after each schedule time if you are again unable to establish communications with the fleet, requesting the station to contact Offshore Race Control.

If after missing one schedule and no contact is made with any station during the next two hours, the boat must endeavour to make a visual contact with another vessel to re-establish contact with the fleet as soon as possible. Sail close enough to be identified.

A search may be initiated if any boat's position and safety cannot be established by any means within three hours of a missed scheduled radio position report. Any costs associated with any searches, may be charged to the boat(s) concerned.

### **16.3 Trackers**

When an Organising Authority provides satellite tracking devices to boats (eg. YB Trackers), these shall be fitted as instructed and left turned on for the duration of the race and/or safely returned to harbour. Every effort shall be made by the competitor to ensure that the tracking device functions as intended.

Should a tracking device stop functioning the Race Committee may require additional position reports.

#### **16.3.1 Lost tracking units**

Any boat failing to return a tracking unit to the Organising Authority by the due date and in good working order will be liable for all charges incurred. This may include the cost to either replace or repair the unit.

## **17. Hearing requests**

Completed forms shall be delivered to a member of the Race Committee within the time limit, as follows:

- **Category 2 and 3 Races** - 6 hours after the protesting boat finishes
- **Category 4 and below** - 2 hours after the protesting boat finishes

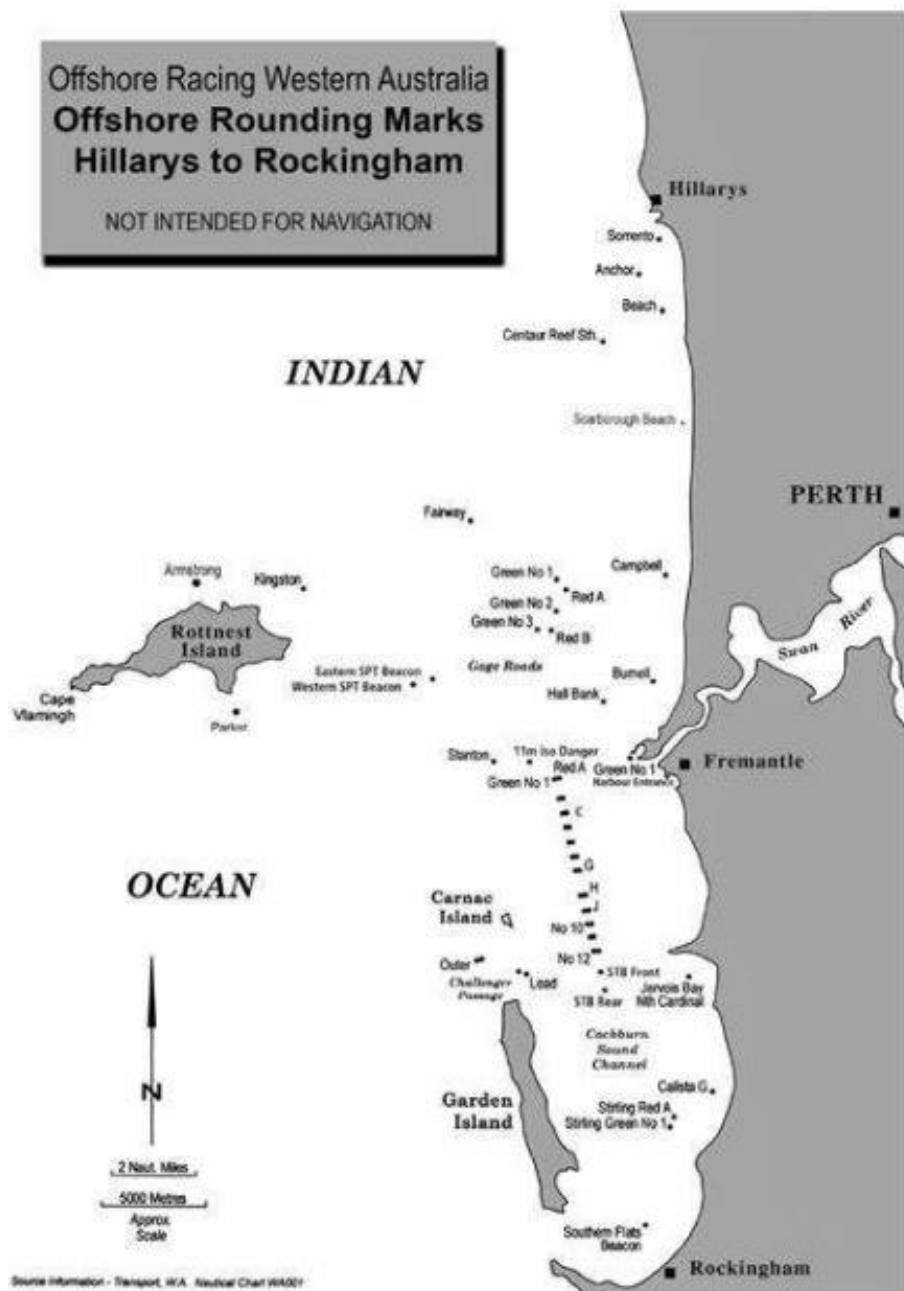
Hearing request forms are available from the Race Notice Board.

## **17. Retirements [DP]**

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity and advise the reason for its retirement and its intentions and maintain routine communication until safely in port.

# Offshore Racing Western Australia Offshore Rounding Marks Hillarys to Rockingham

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## Individual Race Notices

**The individual Race Notice for each race that is part of the Ocean Racing WA Series in 2023-2024 follow.**

Nine Short Haul Series races (inshore day races) and four Blue Water Series races (more than 100nm) make up the series of thirteen. An overall winner on combined IRC will be awarded as well as Division awards.

**For easy reference:**

Short Haul Series races are marked

**SHORT HAUL**

Blue Water Series races are marked

**BLUE WATER**

WA IRC State Championships are marked

**IRC STATES**

Siska Series races are marked

**SISKA**

Corinthian Series races are marked

**CORINTHIAN**

Other races that are part of the Club events, conducted by the ORWA Organising Authority Clubs may be mentioned but full details may not be included in this book.

Please visit the event information from the organising club, usually on their website, for more information. Links to race websites can be found at [oceanracingwa.com.au](http://oceanracingwa.com.au) in the calendar.



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Warning Signal:	Double Handed & Division 2	0900
	Division 1	0905
Distance	41 nautical miles	
Safety	Category 4	
Trophies	IRC & PHS	
Series	ORWA , FSC Success & Captain Stirling Cups	
Entry Fee	\$100	
Entry Close	1700 on Wednesday 13 September 2023	

COURSE(S) shall be issued with SSI's one week prior to race or sooner

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## Race History

The Foundation race goes back to 1978. In those days the offshore season had some 37 races on their books.

The foundation race was a rather short race of around 30NM. In 1981 it was moved to the 1st event to become the Opening Day race for the Offshore Season, which by then had dropped to only 30 races! Between 1997 and 1999 it was replaced as Opening Day Race, but was reinstated in that role in 2000 and is still the season Opening Race to this day.

In 2004 the race was sponsored by Isabel Law, the widow of the late George Law, owner of the well-known Peterson 45 'Battlestar', and the race was named the George Law Foundation Race as it is today.

George Law joined Fremantle Sailing Club in 1987 after building his yacht 'Angel' and was a very active member. After buying 'Battlestar' in 1992, George participated in many inshore and offshore races, winning the Fremantle to Geraldton Return Races, Bunbury, and Mandurah races, the inaugural Port Geographe race and the very competitive Fremantle Harbour Classic.

George Law was always identified with his yacht, "Battlestar" which is a Peterson 45 launched 1977 for the Admiral's Cup, when she was skippered by John Bertrand. "Battlestar" completed five Sydney to Hobart Races and in 1999 took the first ever 'all female crew' to compete in the Fremantle to Geraldton and Return Races.

Isabel Law and the crew of "Battlestar" have provided the last bell cast by Law Foundries as a perpetual trophy for The Foundation Race to commemorate George's keen interest in sailing, his joy of life and his ability to encourage people to reach their own goal.

## The West Coaster

SHORT HAUL

SPONSORED BY	Arns & Associates	SISKA
Organising Authority:	Fremantle Sailing Club	CORINTHIAN
Date:	Sunday 15 October 2023	
Warning Signal:	Double Handed & Division 2	0900
	Division 1	0905
Distance	Approx 50 nautical miles for 2023 day race	
Safety	Category 4	
Trophies	IRC & PHS	
Series	ORWA, FSC Success Cup	
Entry Fee	\$100	
Entry Close	1700 on Wednesday 12 November 2023	

COURSE(S) shall be issued with SSI's one week prior to race or sooner

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## Geraldton Ocean Classic

BLUE WATER

### Fremantle to Geraldton

SISKA

CORINTHIAN

Organising Authority:	South of Perth Yacht Club in association with Geraldton Yacht Club
Date:	Saturday 28 October 2023
Warning Signal:	0925
Safety	Category 2
Additional:	All boats shall carry a tracking device supplied by the Organising Authority.
Race Tracking:	YB Tracking
Communications:	Primary Communication will be by satellite phone incorporation voice and SMS capability.
Briefing:	At least the skipper and navigator shall attend the race and weather briefing which is scheduled for Thursday 26th October 2023 commencing at 1830 at South of Perth Yacht Club.
Trophies	IRC & PHS
Series	ORWA , Batavia Coast Series
Entry Fee	\$350 (includes briefing, entry to Fremantle to Geraldton, Lobster Pot Regatta, Geraldton to Fremantle)
Entry Close	1700 on Monday 16 October 2023

## Course

START	Fremantle start area
DAY BUOY	
WESTERN SOUTH PASSAGE TRANSIT BEACON	PORT
PARKER POINT EXCLUSION MARK	PORT
CAPE VLAMINGH EXCLUSION MARK SE	STARBOARD
CAPE VLAMINGH EXCLUSION MARK SW	STARBOARD
CAPE VLAMINGH EXCLUSION MARK NW	STARBOARD
FAIRWAY BUOY GERALDTON	STARBOARD
BLUFF POINT LEAD	STARBOARD
FINISH, GERALDTON	

### Finish line:

The finish line will be between two red inflatable buoys located between the Southern Breakwater to the Batavia Coast Marina and Channel Marker BE20. The approximate center of the line will be 28°46.084' South; 114°36.441 East. The marks may be lit at night.

### Exclusion zones:

Geraldton Harbour Channel Restricted Area.

Organising Authority:	South of Perth Yacht Club in association with Geraldton Yacht Club
Date:	Friday 3 November 2023
Warning Signal:	0925
Safety	Category 2
Additional:	All boats shall carry a tracking device supplied by the Organising Authority.
Race Tracking:	YB Tracking
Communications:	Primary Communication will be by satellite phone incorporation voice and SMS capability.
Crew List"s:	Final crew lists, including PLB HEX ID/UIN shall be submitted to the OA by midday on Tuesday 31st October 2023.
Briefing:	At least the skipper and navigator shall attend the race and weather briefing which is scheduled for Friday 3 November 2023 commencing at 0800 at Geraldton Yacht Club.
Trophies	IRC & PHS
Series	ORWA , Batavia Coast Series
Entry Fee	\$350 (Includes entry to Fremantle to Geraldton, Lobster Pot Regatta, Geraldton to Fremantle)
Entry Close	1700 on Monday 16 October 2023



## Course

START	(In vicinity of Bluff Point Lead)
DAY BUOY	STARBOARD
LEAVING ALL DEEP WATER CHANNEL MARKERS	PORT
FAIRWAY BUOY GERALDTON	PORT
FAIRWAY LANDFALL BUOY FREMANTLE	PORT
HALL BANK BEACON	STARBOARD
LEAVING RED A HARBOUR ENTRANCE TO	PORT
GREEN No1 HARBOUR ENTRANCE BUOY TO	STARBOARD
TO SOUTH MOLE FINISH LINE	

### Presentations:

A Presentation Dinner for the Batavia Coast Trophy (best overall points score for Geraldton Ocean Classic, Lobster Pot Series and Geraldton Return Race) and Geraldton Return results will be held 18:30 Friday 10 November 2023 at SoPYC. Buffet format \$45 / head.

### Also included in entry:

Lobster Pot Series - Tues 31st October - to Thurs 2nd November 2023

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## UK Sailmakers Coventry Reef Race

SHORT HAUL

SPONSORED BY	The Bishop Family & UK Sailmakers	SISKA
Organising Authority:	Fremantle Sailing Club	CORINTHIAN
Date:	Saturday 18 November 2023	
Warning Signal:	Double Handed & Division 2	0900
	Division 1	0905
Distance:	48 nautical miles	
Safety:	Category 4	
Trophies:	IRC & PHS	
Series:	ORWA , FSC Success & Captain Stirling Cups	
Entry Fee:	\$100	
Entry Close:	1700 on Wednesday 15 November 2023	

COURSE(S) shall be issued with SSI's one week prior to race or sooner

**RADIO ROOM - 9435 8855**

**RACE CONTROL - 0478 637 135**



## Race History

The FSC Coventry Reef Race was originally the FSC Five Fathoms Race and took sailors from Fremantle to Coventry Reef and returned to Fremantle, the round trip being approximately 53 nm. This was a rather special race on the FSC calendar with sailors competing for a perpetual trophy in memory of the late Gordon Haselhurst who was one of the instigators of this race and a revered and hard-working member of FSC. The trophy was donated by the Royal Instrument Company and consists of wind speed and wind direction gauges and was positioned directly below the Club Bell in the main bar area.

In 1984 SoPYC ran the Marine Hull Company Coventry Reef Race as part of the Schweppes Ocean Racing Series. That included a Mandurah Race and a Commodores Night Race. In 1985 Fremantle Sailing Club introduced the Gordon Haselhurst Memorial Race, to Coventry Reef and return, the only difference was that the Fremantle Sailing Club race rounded the reef to starboard while the South of Perth Yacht Club Race round-ed it to Port. In 1991 SoPYC discontinued its Coventry Reef Race (run from the mid 1970's as a Division 3 race in conjunction with their non-stop Mandurah and Return race) and in 1997 FSC added 'Coventry Reef' to the title of the race.

In 2011 the Gordon Haselhurst family trust discontinued their sponsorship and in 2012 'Rockwater' Roger Passmore took up the sponsorship supporting the race for nearly 10 years.

In 2021 Geoff Bishop UK Sailmakers picked up the mantel to support this great race, from 2023 The Bishop Family added their support of this popular race!



Category 4

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# 2023 WA IRC State Championships Ocean Racing WA

**Friday 24 November 2023, 1800**

Event briefing at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club

**Saturday 25 November 2023, 0930 start**

Racing in North Cottesloe

Two windward / leeward races, target time 45 mins each

Dolphin Race - Cottesloe to Rockingham, stay overnight with TCYC

**Sunday 26 November 2023, 0930 start**

Racing in Cockburn Sound

Two windward / leeward races, target time 45 mins each

Gordon Craig Ocean Race - Rockingham to Fremantle

**Thursday 30 December 2021, 1830**

Presentation Evening at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club

In conjunction with the annual Rockingham Race Regatta.





Organising Authority:	Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club Part of the Rockingham Race Regatta
Partner Club:	The Cruising Yacht Club of WA
Dates:	Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 November 2023
Saturday:	Warning signal at 0925. Start area in North Cottesloe, vicinity of Campbell Buoy. Division Two followed by Division One. Two windward / leeward races, target time 45 mins each, followed by a passage race (Dolphin Race). Overnight stay in Rockingham, moorings and a ferry service provided by TCYC.
Sunday:	Warning signal at 0925. Start area in Cockburn Sound. Division Two followed by Division One. Two windward / leeward races, target time 45 mins each, followed by a passage race (Gordon Craig Ocean Race).
Safety:	Category 4 (Clarification 4.18.1(b) an EPIRB shall be carried)
Recommendation:	ASSR for life jackets 5.01.1(d) (III) A crotch strap or thigh strap fitted
Entry Fee:	\$250 for Ordinary members of ORWA or \$350 for boats who are not Ordinary members of ORWA to include \$100 for Casual membership of ORWA.  Includes WA IRC State Championships / Rockingham Race Regatta, Dolphin Race and Gordon Craig Ocean Race.
Entry Close:	1700 on Monday 20 November 2023

## Dolphin Race

SHORT HAUL

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CORINTHIAN

Organising Authority:	Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club
Partner Club:	The Cruising Yacht Club of WA
Date:	Saturday 25 November 2023
Warning Signal:	<p>As soon as practicable after the windward / leeward racing for the WA IRC State Championships and not before midday.</p> <p>Starting in the following order at 5 minute intervals, double handed entries will sail in their relevant division.</p>
	Division 2 (& Double Handed)
	Division 1 (& Double Handed)
Distance:	Approximately 25 nautical miles
Safety:	Category 4 (Clarification 4.18.1(b) an EPIRB shall be carried)
Recommendation:	ASSR for life jackets 5.01.1(d) (III) A crotch strap or thigh strap fitted
Trophies:	IRC & PHS
Series:	ORWA , 47th Farrawa Cup Series, WA IRC State Championships / Rockingham Race Regatta.
Entry Fee:	\$250 (weekend event, includes Gordon Craig Ocean Race)
Entry Close:	1700 on Monday 20 November 2023

## Race History

The first Dolphin Race was held in 1953. Ever since, the race name has been included on the annual RFBYC Offshore Racing calendar although the course sailed has varied over the years. Course formats have included windward / leeward racing, short and long passage races. For a period of time the race was held with the John Russell Race. Both were windward / leeward races and they often formed part of other events such as the WA IRC State Championship.

In the 2013/2014 season, the Dolphin Race and John Russell Race were around the buoys races. They were held alongside the Bunbury and Return Ocean Race in January as a weekend event. From 2014 onwards the Dolphin Race replaced the Roland Smith Ocean Race as the passage event held on day one of the Rockingham Race Weekend.





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## Gordon Craig Ocean Race

SHORT HAUL

IRC STATES

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Organising Authority:	Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club
Partner Club:	The Cruising Yacht Club of WA
Date:	Sunday 26 November 2023
Warning Signal:	<p>As soon as practicable after the windward / leeward racing for the WA IRC State Championships and not before midday.</p> <p>Starting in the following order at 5 minute intervals, double handed entries will sail in their relevant division.</p>
	Division 2 (& Double Handed)
	Division 1 (& Double Handed)
Distance:	Approximately 22 nautical miles
Safety:	Category 4 (Clarification 4.18.1(b) an EPIRB shall be carried)
Recommendation:	ASSR for life jackets 5.01.1(d) (III) A crotch strap or thigh strap fitted
Trophies:	IRC & PHS
Series:	ORWA , 47th Farrawa Cup Series, WA IRC State Championships / Rockingham Race Regatta.
Entry Fee:	Included in weekend entry, Dolphin Race
Entry Close:	1700 on Monday 20 November 2023

## Race History

The first Gordon Craig Ocean Race was held in 1949 and won by the yacht Flight (V.A.Read). Initially the race included the rounding of both Rottnest and Garden Island. This course is depicted on the impressive trophy which is on display in the Members' Bar at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club.

With construction of the Garden Island causeway beginning in 1971, it is expected that the race course changed around this time. Further research is required.

More recent records show the coastal passage race as the return leg of the Rockingham Race Regatta with a more direct route from Rockingham to Fremantle. The Roland Smith Ocean Race was the feeder race to Rockingham on the previous day until 2013 when this became the Dolphin Race.



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## Pot of Gold

SHORT HAUL

SPONSORED BY	Beneteau by Mansfield Marine Brokers	SISKA
Organising Authority:	Hillarys Yacht Club	CORINTHIAN
Date:	Saturday 20 January 2024	
Warning Signal:	Double Handed & Division 2	0940
	Division 1	0955
Start Area:	Boat start, off Leighton Beach	
Distance:	Course(s) 40 ~45 nautical miles	
Safety:	Category 4	
Recommendation:	ASSR for life jackets 5.01.1(d) (III) A crotch strap or thigh straps fitted	
Trophies:	IRC & PHS	
Series:	ORWA Series and Pot of Gold Weekend	
Entry Fee:	\$150 (includes Shepherdess Cup)	
Entry Close:	1700 on Monday 15 January 2024	
Other:	The Shepherdess Cup will be held on Sunday 21 January	



## Race History

The Pot of Gold race to Hillarys commenced in 1994. It was created by the Hillarys Yacht Club as part of a weekend event to encourage Western Australian sailors to compete in a Regatta with Offshore and Inshore fleets on the same day followed by presentations and a celebration on the boardwalk. The regatta has evolved over-time with this year's event including the Dash for Cash for inshore boats on Saturday and the Shepherdess Cup for the Offshore fleet on Sunday.

This seasons Pot of Gold course one will be an around Rottnest race with inshore alternatives if the weather is unsuitable. HYC will again have the customary welcome drink as yachts dock followed by a celebration at the HYC clubhouse. On Sunday there is the Shepherdess Cup return race to Fremantle. The Shepherdess Cup presentation will be held at FSC an hour after completion of the race. The presentation for the overall winners of the "Pot of Gold Weekend" combining the Pot of Gold and Shepherdess Cup results will be made at the ORWA annual awards night.

The Dash for Cash, an escorted Category 6 race for the inshore fleet, is a shorter race along the coast from Fremantle to Hillarys. HYC encourages and welcomes sailors from other clubs to participate and join the presentation and party at HYC in the afternoon and evening. Pens will be made available for visiting yachts.

## Shepherdess Cup

SPONSORED BY	Beneteau by Mansfield Marine Brokers	
Organising Authority:	Hillarys Yacht Club	
Date:	Sunday 21 January 2024	
Warning Signals:		0925
Start Area:	Boat start, Sorrento Beach	
Safety:	Category 4	
Recommendation:	ASSR for life jackets 5.01.1(d) (III) A crotch strap or thigh straps fitted	
Trophies:	IRC & PHS	
Series:	HYC Weekend	
Entry Fee:	Included in Pot of Gold	
Entry Close:	1700 on Monday 15 January 2024 (included with Pot of Gold entry)	
Presentation:	Following the race at FSC	

## 76th Bunbury and Return Ocean Race

BLUE WATER

Organising Authority:	Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club	SISKA
Partner Club:	Koombana Bay Sailing Club	CORINTHIAN
Date:	Saturday 17 February 2024	
Warning Signal:	0855 (all fleets)	
Start Area:	Fremantle start area	
Distance:	170 nautical miles	
Safety	<p>Category 3+ (plus): At least 2 crew must have a valid Sea Safety Survival Course qualification and the following items in the Australian Sailing Special Regulations to comply with Cat 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.24.1 (permanently installed inboard propulsion engine).</li> <li>• 4.19 (Liferafts).</li> <li>• 4.18.2 and 4.18.4 (EPIRB).</li> <li>• 4.20 (Grab Bags to Accompany Liferafts).</li> <li>• 5.01.1 (f) (Spare Lifejacket).</li> <li>• 5.05 (Personal Locator Beacon).</li> </ul>	
Additional:	<p>Crew lists, including PLB HEX ID/UIN must be submitted to the OA by midday on Wednesday 14 February 2024 by signing on all persons on board in the online entry system for the race. All yachts must carry a tracking device supplied by the OA.</p>	
Recommendation:	<p>A personal MOB AIS locator is recommended for all competitors, and we encourage the details to be added to the boats race entry using the online system.</p>	
Trophies	IRC & PHS	
Series	ORWA, 47th Farrawa Cup Series	
Entry Fee	\$250	
Entry Close	1700 Friday 9 February 2024	
Briefing:	1830 Friday 16 February 2024	



## Course

START	
DAY BUOY	
WESTERN SOUTH PASSAGE TRANSIT BEACON	PORT
MARK BOAT BUNBURY	STARBOARD
WESTERN SOUTH PASSAGE TRANSIT BEACON	STARBOARD
HALL BANK BEACON	STARBOARD
SOUTH MOLE FINISH	

### MARK BOAT BUNBURY

The approximate location 33° 18.703'S 115° 38.883'E

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RACE RECORD the current race record is held by *CRUSH*

2023              Crush              D.Davenport              16h 26m 21s

The Bunbury & Return was first raced on 24 February 1948. The start line was inside Fremantle Harbour, opposite 'B' shed on Victoria Quay. The course was around Bell and Fairway Buoys, then the west end of Rottnest with its two light-houses, one manned, then south to Bunbury. Moorings, tenders and a mayoral reception at the golf club awaited them. Fifteen yachts entered for this initial overnight offshore race. From 1949 onwards the race became Bunbury and return, along with a mid-morning start.

The 169nm race grew steadily in popularity. By the 1960's this major offshore event was attracting considerable media coverage. From 2016 there was a lap in Koom-bana Bay and a Friday evening start which saw most of the fleet turning in Bunbury during daylight hours to connect the race with the locals. In 2018, a spectacular Fremantle Harbour start celebrated the 70th race.

The Bunbury and Return is not the longest but it is the oldest offshore race in Western Australia, it will always have a special place in history.



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## Halls Head Ocean Race

SHORT HAUL

SPONSORED BY	Mansfield Marine	SISKA
Organising Authority:	Fremantle Sailing Club	CORINTHIAN
Date:	Saturday 9 March 2024	
Warning Signal:	Double Handed & Division 2	0900
	Division 1	0905
Distance	~40 nautical miles	
Safety	Category 4* * FSC reserves right to change safety category via SSIs	
Trophies	IRC & PHS	
Series	ORWA, FSC Captain Stirling Cup	
Entry Fee	\$100 (includes Point Robert Return Ocean Race)	
Entry Close	1700 on Wednesday 6 March 2024	

COURSE(S) shall be issued with SSI's one week prior to race or sooner

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HALLS HEAD OCEAN RACE - FSC

## Race History

Fremantle Sailing Club introduced these races in 1983 in conjunction with what was then the Mandurah Yacht Club at Halls Head. Over the years these races have become the most popular events on the calendar, taking over from the now defunct Bunbury City Classic and the Cape Bouvarde races as the premier stop-over event.

Apart from the merger of the MYC with the local fishing club in 2001 to form MOFSC, when the boats were able to go into pens in the marina, instead of anchoring offshore, very few changes have been made to the event.



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## Point Robert Return Ocean Race

SPONSORED BY	Mansfield Marine	
Organising Authority:	Fremantle Sailing Club	
Date:	Sunday 10 March 2024	
Warning Signal:	Double Handed & Division 2	0900
	Division 1	0905
Distance	~40 nautical miles	
Safety	Category 4* * FSC reserves right to change safety category via SSIs	
Trophies	IRC & PHS	
Series	FSC Captain Stirling Cup	
Entry Fee	\$100 (includes Halls Head Ocean Race)	
Entry Close	1700 on Wednesday 6 March 2024	

COURSE(S) shall be issued with SSI's one week prior to race or sooner

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## 60th Cape Naturaliste and Return Ocean Race

BLUE WATER

Organising Authority:	Royal Perth Yacht Club	SISKA
Date:	Friday 22 March 2024	CORINTHIAN
Warning Signal:	1755 (all fleets)	
Start Area:	Fremantle start area	
Course:	To be advised in SSL's for the event	
Distance:	200 nautical miles	
Safety	<p>Category 3+ (plus):</p> <p>At least 2 crew must have a valid Sea Safety Survival Course qualification and the following items in the Australian Sailing Special Regulations to comply with Cat 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.24.1 (permanently installed inboard propulsion engine).</li> <li>• 4.19 (Liferafts).</li> <li>• 4.18.2 and 4.18.4 (EPIRB).</li> <li>• 4.20 (Grab Bags to Accompany Liferafts).</li> <li>• 5.01.1 (f) (Spare Lifejacket).</li> <li>• 5.05 (Personal Locator Beacon).</li> </ul>	
Additional:	<p>Crew lists, including PLB HEX ID/UIN must be submitted to the OA by 0900 on Wednesday 20th March 2024 by signing on all persons on board in the online entry system for the race. All yachts must carry a tracking device supplied by the OA.</p>	
Recommendation:	<p>A personal MOB AIS locator is recommended for all competitors, and we encourage the details to be added to the boats race entry using the online system.</p>	
Trophies	IRC & PHS	
Series	ORWA,	
Entry Fee	\$250	
Entry Close	0900 Monday 18 March 2024	
Briefing:	1800 Thursday 21 March 2024	

60th CAPE NATURALISTE - RPYC



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## Island Race

SHORT HAUL

Organising Authority:	Royal Perth Yacht Club	SISKA
Date:	Saturday 6 April 2024	CORINTHIAN
Warning Signal:	Double Handed & Division 2	0900
	Division 1	0905
Start Area:	Fremantle start area	
Safety	Category 4	
Recommendation:	ASSR for life jackets 5.01.1(d) (III) A crotch strap or thigh strap fitted	
Trophies	IRC & PHS	
Series	ORWA,	
Entry Fee	\$150 (race only)	
Entry Close	Wednesday 3 April 2024	

ISLAND RACE - RPYC



## Roland Smith Ocean Race

SHORT HAUL

Organising Authority:	Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club	SISKA
Date:	Saturday 20 April 2024	CORINTHIAN
Warning Signal:	Double Handed & Division 2	0900
	Division 1	0905
Distance	Course(s) 40 ~45 nautical miles	
Safety	Category 4 (Clarification 4.18.1(b) an EPIRB shall be carried)	
Recommendation:	ASSR for life jackets 5.01.1(d) (III) A crotch strap or thigh strap fitted	
Trophies	IRC & PHS	
Series	ORWA, 47th Farrawa Cup Series	
Entry Fee	\$100	
Entry Close	1700 on Monday 15 April 2024	

ROLAND SMNITH OCEAN RACE - RFBYC

## Race History

Named in honour of Roland Smith, Commodore of RFBYC from 1932 to 1935 and again from 1940 to 1942. In 1934 he was involved in the successful negotiation with the State Governor Sir James Mitchell, to approve the use of the prefix 'Royal' by the Freshwater Bay Yacht Club. He was both a yachtsman and a launch owner. In 1942 he was appointed commanding officer of HMAS Leeuwin II. This was the Naval Auxiliary Patrol unit based at RFBYC during World War II. On his power yacht "Pollyanna" he chartered much of Rottnest Island, providing safe passage for other mariners and there is a memorial for him near Narrownneck, the Roland Smith Monument. He was a long serving member of the island's board of control and contributed much to the volunteer reforestation work until his death in 1972.

The Roland Smith Ocean Race returned to the racing calendar in 2015 as an 80 nautical mile Blue Water event which included an element of Rottnest Island in honour of the connection he had with the island. The course took the fleet as far south as Mandurah and returned to Perth after rounding the West End of Rottnest.

After requests from the competitors to lessen the safety requirements over the ocean racing season, in the 2019-2020 year the race became a coastal day race. Similar to the original race which was an inshore day race which finished in Rockingham.

## Gage Roads Race

SHORT HAUL

SPONSORED BY	Gage Road Brewery	SISKA
Organising Authority:	Fremantle Sailing Club	CORINTHIAN
Date:	Saturday 4 May 2024	
Warning Signal:	Double Handed & Division 2	0900
	Division 1	0905
Distance	Course(s) 40 ~45 nautical miles	
Safety	Category 5	
Trophies	IRC & PHS	
Series	ORWA, FSC Captain Stirling Cup	
Entry Fee	\$100	
Entry Close	1700 on Wednesday 1 May 2024	

COURSE(S) shall be issued with SSI's one week prior to race or sooner

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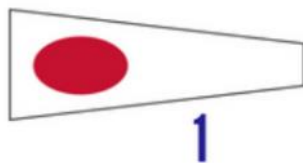
GAGE ROADS RACE - FSC



# LET'S DO IT

**FOUNDATION RACE** SAT 16 SEPT  
**WESTCOASTER RACE** SUN 15 OCT  
**COVENTRY REEF RACE** SAT 18 NOV  
**MANDURAH WEEKEND** 9 & 10 MAR  
**GAGE ROADS** SAT 4 MAY

**2023**  
**2024**



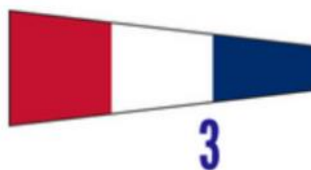
Marks of the course	Rounding	Distance (approx.)	Heading
<b>Course 1 - E / SW</b>			
Start			
Day Buoy		1 nm	
Eastern South Passage Transit Beacon	Stbd		
Hall Bank Beacon	Stbd		
11m Bank Isolated Danger Mark	Stbd		
Gage Roads Red A Buoy	Stbd		
Stanton Buoy	Stbd		
Campbell Buoy	Stbd	Shorten to finish	
11m Bank Isolated Danger Mark	Port		
Burnell Buoy	Stbd		
To seaward Fremantle Harbour entrance restricted area	Port		
South Mole finish line		40 nm	

**Notes:**



Marks of the course	Rounding	Distance (approx.)	Heading
<b>Course 2 - SE / SW</b>			
Start			
Day Buoy		1 nm	
Fairway Landfall Buoy	Port		
Hall Bank Beacon	Port		
Gage Roads Red A Buoy	Port		
Stanton Buoy	Port		
Campbell Buoy	Stbd		
11m Bank Isolated Danger Mark	Stbd		
Gage Roads Red A Buoy	Stbd	Shorten to finish	
Campbell Buoy	Stbd		
To seaward Fremantle Harbour entrance restricted area	Port		
South Mole finish line		45 nm	

**Notes:**



Marks of the course	Rounding	Distance (approx.)	Heading
<b>Course 3 - S / SW</b>			
Start			
Day Buoy		1 nm	
Campbell Buoy	Stbd		
Burnell Buoy	Stbd		
Gage Roads Red A Buoy	Port		
Stanton Buoy	Stbd		
Eastern South Passage Transit Beacon	Stbd		
Gage Roads Red A Buoy	Stbd		
Campbell Buoy	Stbd	Shorten to finish	
11m Bank Isolated Danger Mark	Port		
Campbell Buoy	Stbd		
Hall Bank Beacon	Port		
To seaward Fremantle Harbour entrance restricted area	Port		
South Mole finish line		39.5 nm	

**Notes:**





Marks of the course	Rounding	Distance (approx.)	Heading
<b>Course 4 - NE / NW</b>			
Start			
Day Buoy		1 nm	
Stanton Buoy	Stbd		
Campbell Buoy	Port		
Hall Bank Beacon	Stbd		
Fairway Landfall Buoy	Stbd		
Burnell Buoy	Stbd		
Gage Roads Red A Buoy	Port		
Hall Bank Beacon	Stbd	Shorten to finish	
Eastern South Passage Transit Beacon	Port		
Cockburn Sound Red A Channel Marker	Port		
To seaward Fremantle Harbour entrance restricted area	Port		
South Mole finish line		43 nm	

### Notes:



Marks of the course	Rounding	Distance (approx.)	Heading
<b>Course 5 - E / W</b>			
Start			
Day Buoy		1 nm	
Eastern South Passage Transit Beacon	Stbd		
Hall Bank Beacon	Port		
Campbell Buoy	Port		
Fairway Landfall Buoy	Port		
Gage Roads Red A Buoy	Stbd		
Kingston Reef North Cardinal Buoy	Stbd		
Gage Roads Red B Buoy	Stbd		
Burnell Buoy	Stbd		
Hall Bank Beacon	Port		
To seaward Fremantle Harbour entrance restricted area	Port		
South Mole finish line		41.6 nm	

**Notes:**



Marks of the course	Rounding	Distance (approx.)	Heading
<b>Course 6 - E / SW</b>			
Start			
Day Buoy		1 nm	
Campbell Buoy	Port		
Fairway Landfall Buoy	Stbd		
Campbell Buoy	Stbd		
Hall Bank Beacon	Stbd		
Stanton Buoy	Stbd		
Campbell Buoy	Stbd		
11m Bank Isolated Danger Mark	Port		
Burnell Buoy	Port	Shorten to finish	
Campbell Buoy	Stbd		
To seaward Fremantle Harbour entrance restricted area	Port		
South Mole finish line		42.15 nm	

**Notes:**



Marks of the course	Rounding	Distance (approx.)	Heading
<b>Course 7 - SE / SW</b>			
Start (Vicinity of FSC Mark N)			
Day Buoy		1 nm	
11m Bank Isolated Danger Mark	Stbd		
Day Buoy	Stbd		
11m Bank Isolated Danger Mark	Stbd		
Campbell Buoy	Port		
Stanton Buoy	Stbd		
Campbell Buoy	Port	Shorten to finish	
11m Bank Isolated Danger Mark	Port		
Burnell Buoy	Stbd		
To seaward Fremantle Harbour entrance restricted area	Port		
South Mole finish line		38.50 nm	

**Notes:**



Marks of the course	Rounding	Distance (approx.)	Heading
<b>Course 8 - E / SW</b>			
Start			
Day Buoy			
Campbell Buoy	Port		
Gage Roads Red A Buoy	Stbd		
Campbell Buoy	Stbd		
Cockburn Sound Red B Channel Marker	Port		
Gate: Cockburn Sound Red J Channel Marker	Port		
Gate: Cockburn Sound Green #10 Channel Marker	Stbd		
Cockburn Sound Green #11 Channel Marker	Stbd		
Eastern Challenger Passage Lead Beacon	Port		
Jervoise Bay North Cardinal Mark	Stbd		
Stirling Channel Green #1	Stbd		
Jervoise Bay North Cardinal Mark	Port		
Cockburn Sound Channel North Transit	Stbd		
Gate: Cockburn Sound Green #10 Channel marker	port		
Gate: Cockburn Sound Red J Channel Marker	Stbd		
Cockburn Sound Red B Channel Marker	Stbd		
To seaward Fremantle Harbour entrance restricted area	Port		
South Mole finish line		39.4 nm	

**Notes:**



Marks of the course	Rounding	Distance (approx.)	Heading
<b>Course 9 - E / SE / SW</b>			
Start (Vicinity of FSC Mark N)			
Day Buoy		1 nm	
11m Bank Isolated Danger Mark	Stbd		
Day Buoy	Stbd		
Cockburn Sound Red B Channel Marker	Port		
Gate: Cockburn Sound Red J Channel Marker	Port		
Gate: Cockburn Sound Green #10 Channel Marker	Stbd		
Cockburn Sound Channel South transit Beacon (front)	Port		
Jervoise Bay North Cardinal Mark	Stbd		
James Point Buoy	Stbd		
Cockburn Sound Channel South transit Beacon (rear)	Stbd		
Gate: Cockburn Sound Green #10 Channel Marker	Port		
Gate: Cockburn Sound Red J Channel Marker	Stbd		
Cockburn Sound Red B Channel Marker	Stbd	Shorten to finish	
Campbell Buoy	Stbd		
11m Bank Isolated Danger Mark	Port		
To seaward Fremantle Harbour entrance restricted area	Port		
South Mole finish line		40.5 nm	

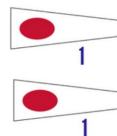
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Marks of the course	Rounding	Distance (approx.)	Heading
<b>Course 10 - SE / WSW / SW</b>			
Start			
Day Buoy		1 nm	
Fairway Landfall Buoy	Port		
Hall Bank Beacon	Port		
Gage Roads Red A Buoy	Port		
Eastern South Passage Transit Beacon	Port		
Campbell Buoy	Stbd		
Stanton Buoy	Port	Shorten to finish	
Burnell Buoy	Stbd		
To seaward Fremantle Harbour entrance restricted area	Port		
South Mole finish line		39.4 nm	

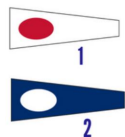
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Marks of the course	Rounding	Distance (approx.)	Heading
<b>Course 11 - SE / WSW / SW</b>			
Start			
Day Buoy		1 nm	
Fairway Landfall Buoy	Port		
Eastern South Passage Transit Beacon	Port		
Campbell Buoy	Stbd		
Stanton Buoy	Stbd		
Campbell Buoy	Stbd		
11m Bank Isolated Danger Mark	Port	Shorten to finish	
Hall Bank Beacon	Stbd		
Burnell Buoy	Stbd		
To seaward Fremantle Harbour entrance restricted area	Port		
South Mole finish line		40.5 nm	

**Notes:**



Marks of the course	Rounding	Distance (approx.)	Heading
<b>Course 12 - S / NW / W</b>			
Start			
Day Buoy		1 nm	
Fairway Landfall Buoy	Stbd		
Burnell Buoy	Port		
Gage Roads Red A Buoy	Port		
Kingston Buoy	Stbd		
Campbell Buoy	Stbd		
Burnell Buoy	Stbd		
11m Bank Isolated Danger Mark	Port		
To seaward Fremantle Harbour entrance restricted area	Port		
South Mole finish line		40.8 nm	

**Notes:**

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