

NOTICE OF RACE

2026 Women's Keelboat State Championships

Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 April 2026 • Hosted by East Fremantle Yacht Club



PC: Protest Committee or International Jury

OA: Organising Authority

SI: Sailing Instruction

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

NoR: Notice of Race

RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing

RC: Race Committee

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 Races will be umpired and conducted as per Addendum A.

1.3 The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SI's will be available by 5pm on Friday, 3rd April 2026 on the Swan River Sailing event page www.swanriversailing.com/womens-state-keelboat-championships/

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The official notice board is located at <https://www.swanriversailing.com/womens-state-keelboat-championships/>

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to all female teams in accordance with NOR 6.

4.2 Teams may enter by registering online at <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/swanriversailing/events/327979> To be considered an entry in the event, eligible teams shall complete registration and pay the required fee by Friday, 20th March 2026.

4.3 All competitors shall be members of an Australian Sailing affiliated club and hold a sailor identification number (SIN).

4.4 Entries are accepted at the discretion of the OA.

5. FEES

5.1 The entry fee is \$850.

5.2 There is an early bird discount of \$100.00 off the entry fee (use code WOMENS2026 in RevSport) for teams that enter by 11pm, 28th February 2026.

5.3 No damage deposit is required but teams are responsible for and will be charged for any damage.

5.4 The maximum damage cost for any one incident is \$5,000.00.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 All crew members shall be female.

6.2 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 7.

7. EVENT FORMAT

7.1 The event will be sailed in Foundation 36 yachts provided by the OA. Each boat will have the following sails: mainsail, genoa, jib and spinnaker.

7.2 The sails to be used will be allocated by the RC.

7.3 As many races will be sailed as the schedule allows.

8. SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Details
Saturday 11 th April	1500	Briefing at East Fremantle Yacht Club
	1600	First warning signal. Subsequent races will start as soon as possible.
		No warning signal after 1830hrs.
Sunday, 12 th April	0730	Meet at East Fremantle Yacht Club, coffee available.
	0745	Briefing
	0800	Briefing finishes, teams to go to allocated yachts.
	0830	First warning signal. Subsequent races will start as soon as possible.

No warning signal after 1245hrs.

After racing Closing Presentations at East Fremantle Yacht Club

9. BOAT ALLOCATION

9.1 Boats will be allocated for the duration of the event by the OA and competitors will be advised of their allocated boat number no later than 1200 on Friday 10th April 2026.

9.1.1 One complimentary training session is included in the entry fee. Additional training sessions are available for \$500 for up to 4 hours or can be credited for coaching a charter or assisting with transferring the Foundation 36s to and from the Event. Please email ops@swanriversailing.com to organise a training session or if you have any questions with trading hours etc.

10. VENUE

10.1 Racing will be conducted in front of East Fremantle Yacht Club.

11. COURSES

11.1 Courses will be windward/leeward with a leeward gate finishing downwind and will be described in full in the Sailing Instructions.

12. SCORING

12.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A.

12.2 If five or more races are sailed, a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12.3 If four or fewer races are sailed, all races shall be scored.

12.4 One race constitutes a series.

13. BERTHING

13.1 All yachts will be kept in their allocated berth at East Fremantle Yacht Club before racing and shall be returned by teams after racing concludes.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means.

15. RISK STATEMENT

15.1 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 this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

16. PRIZES

16.1 The Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winning team.

16.2 Prizes may be awarded for first, second and third overall.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1 For further information please contact:

ops@swanriversailing.com

Phone: 08 9386 9488.

We encourage all participants to engage with us on your social media channels!

Please tag **@SwanRiverSailing** and use the hashtags **#SwanRiverSailing** & **#WomensKeelboatChamps2026**

ADDENDUM A UMPIRED FLEET RACING**A1 CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES**

A1.1 Changes to the Definitions and the Rules of Part 2

- (a) Add to the definition Proper Course: 'A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a proper course.'
- (b) When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:
 - (1) for 'Room to tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
 - (2) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

A1.2 Changes to Rules Involving Protests and Exoneration

- (a) In rule 60.3(a)(1) 'serious' is deleted.
- (b) The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted.
- (c) While racing, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury) may take a single gybe when on an upwind leg or single tack when on a downwind leg under rule 44.

A2 PROTESTS BY BOATS

When a boat protests under a rule of Part 2 or under rule 31 or 42 for an incident in the racing area, she is not entitled to a hearing and the following applies:

- (a) She shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a "Y" (Yankee) flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each.
- (b) The boats shall be given time to respond. A boat involved in the incident may respond by promptly taking an appropriate penalty or clearly indicating that she will do so as soon as possible.
- (c) If no boat takes a penalty, an umpire shall decide whether to penalize any boat.
- (d) If more than one boat broke a rule and was not exonerated, an umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and did not take an appropriate penalty.
- (e) An umpire shall signal a decision in compliance with rule A3.
- (f) a boat penalized by an umpire shall take a Two-Turns Penalty.

A3 SIGNALS BY UMPIRES

A3.1 An umpire shall signal a decision as follows:

- (a) A green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty.'
- (b) A red flag with one long sound means 'The identified boat is penalized.'
- (c) A black flag with one long sound means 'The identified boat is disqualified.'

A boat penalized under rule A3.1(b) shall promptly take a Two-Turns Penalty under rule 44. A boat disqualified under rule A3.1(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

A4 PENALTIES INITIATED BY UMPIRES

A4.1 Rule Changes

Rule 64.2 is changed so that the provision for exonerating a boat may be applied by the umpires without a hearing, and it takes precedence over any conflicting rule of this appendix.

A4.2 When a boat

- (a) breaks rule 31 or 42 and does not take a penalty,
- (b) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,
- (c) breaks rule 2, or
- (d) fails to comply with rule 44.2 when required by an umpire,

an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire shall impose a penalty of two or more turns, each including two tacks and two gybes, signalled by displaying a red flag and hauling the boat accordingly, or penalize her under rule A3.1(c) or report the incident to the protest committee for further action.

A4.3 If the umpires decide that a boat may have broken a rule other than those listed in rules A2 and A4.2, they shall so inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3.

A5 REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

A5.1 A boat intending to request redress because of circumstances that arise before she finishes or retires shall clearly display a red flag as soon as possible after she becomes aware of those circumstances, but not later than two minutes after finishing or retiring. She shall keep the flag displayed until she has informed the umpires after finishing or retiring.

A5.2 There shall be no request for redress or an appeal from a decision made under the rules of this appendix. Rule 66.2 is changed to 'A party to the hearing may not ask for a reopening.'

A5.3 A competitor may not base a request for redress on a claim that an action by an official boat was improper. The protest committee may decide to consider giving redress in such circumstances but only if it believes that an official boat, including an umpire boat, may have seriously interfered with a competing boat.

A5.4 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by the umpires, except as permitted in rule A5.3.

A5.5

- (a) Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing.
- (b) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
- (c) If the protest committee decides that a breach of a rule has had no significant effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a penalty or make any other arrangement it decides is fair for all boats affected, which may be to impose no penalty.

A5.6 Neither the race committee nor the protest committee shall protest a boat for breaking a rule listed in rule A2, except rule 14 when there is damage or injury.