



64th HMAS Perth Memorial Regatta

Commemorating the loss of the HMAS Perth and her crew

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sunday 18 February 2024



Organising Authority: Nedlands Yacht Club (Inc.)

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Introduction

This annual Regatta hosted by Nedlands Yacht Club commemorates the loss of HMAS Perth (I) (D-29) at the ferocious 1st of March 1942 Battle of Sunda Strait, during which 352 Australian servicemen perished along with Capt. Hector Waller, DSO, RAN.

HMAS Perth (I) survivors wanted the sinking of their ship and their captain (Hector Waller) remembered and a yacht race was suggested.

The first regatta was held in 1960 at the Fremantle Sailing Club. The Nedlands Yacht Club has conducted the Regatta since 1964. The regattas have been warmly supported by the survivors and their families.

The regatta is an open invitational yardstick regatta for off the beach dinghies and catamarans, keelboats, trailable cruisers, sportsboats and multihulls. Racing will be divided into divisions based on class performance. Prizes are awarded in each division. Fleets may also be invited to race separately to the division races, or within a division.

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The Organising Authority is the Nedlands Yacht Club (Inc.) – NYC.
- 1.2. The NYC Regatta Committee is appointed “Race Committee”.
- 1.3. The “Officer of the Day” (OOD) is the NYC Regatta Committee representative with the authority of the “Race Committee”.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The Event will be governed by the Rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 2.2. The Australian Sailing Prescriptions and Special Regulations will apply.
- 2.3. These Sailing Instructions may change racing rules. Changes will appear in full below.
- 2.4. The Notation [DP] in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 2.5. In an instance where these Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race differ, These Sailing Instructions take precedence.
- 2.6. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1, Section 2 to a level of Category 7 shall apply to Cruiser fleets.
- 2.7. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2, regulation 5.01 (Personal Flotation Devices) will be enforced for Dinghy and Off the Beach catamaran fleets.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Race Control notice board located at NYC Sail Training Centre.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



- 4.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Race Control notice board no later than 45 minutes before the first warning signal of the day.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm adjacent to the NYC Control tower.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, A warning signal will be made not less than 5 minutes after the end of a postponement period. This changes “Postponement Signals” in “Race Signals”

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Competitor Briefings may be held at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 6.2. An official opening ceremony will begin at 12:30 on the veranda of the Nedlands Yacht Club main clubhouse. This ceremony will include speeches by Guests of Honour.
- 6.3. Approximately 13:10 the official ceremony will conclude with the unfurling of the Australian Flag. This will signify the commencement of the on water schedule and the raising of the orange “Line in Use” flag.
- 6.4. The scheduled race times are as follows:

Race Start	Division	Yacht Class	Starting Pennant
13:25	Windsurfer LT Invitation	Windsurfer LT	Windsurfer LT Fleet pennant
13:30	Division 1 – HMAS Perth Survivor’s Trophy,	Small Dinghies	Naval Numeral 1 
13:35	Division 2 – HMAS Perth Trophy,	Medium Performance Dinghies	Naval Numeral 2 
13:40	Division 3 – USS Houston Survivor’s Trophy	Medium Performance Catamarans	Naval Numeral 3 
13:45	Division 4 – Naval Association Trophy	Cruisers and Trailer Sailers	Naval Numeral 4 
13:50	Division 5 – Capt. Hector Waller Memorial Trophy	High Performance Catamarans	Naval Numeral 5 
13:55	Division 6 – Capt. Hector Waller Memorial Trophy	High Performance Dinghies	Naval Numeral 6 

- 6.5. The Race Committee may remove divisions from the schedule if there are insufficient registered competitors for the division

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. The races will be sailed on the Swan River in the area designated as Melville Water, as depicted in Appendix A – Map of Course Marks.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. Courses are defined in Appendix C.
- 8.2. The course to be sailed will be indicated by a Numeral Pennant displayed on the yardarm of the committee boat at least 5 minutes prior to the first Warning Signal.
- 8.3. Flying Code flag S indicates a shortened course. For course 1, proceed from the shortened course mark to Dalkeith Day Buoy (leaving to P) and finish in a SW direction. For course 2, proceed directly from the shortened course mark to the finish in a NE direction. This changes *RSS* Rule 32.2.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Courses comprise of both permanent Swan River navigational and racing marks, as well as temporary Nedlands Yacht Club day buoys. Refer to Appendix A- Map of Course Marks.
- 9.2. Temporary Nedlands day buoys are as follows:
- Dalkeith Day Buoy is a medium sized yellow post style buoy, located approximately 20-30m to the north of the finish line.
 - Waratah Day Buoy is a medium sized green inflated buoy (pyramid shaped) located approximately 100 metres S-SW of the NYC finish line.
 - Day Buoy number 1 is a large yellow inflated buoy (pyramid shaped) located approximately 250m to the SSE of Armstrong Spit (36).
 - Nedlands Gate (course 1 only) is comprised of 2x large yellow inflated buoys (cone shaped) approximately 50m wide located approximately 20m west of Dolphin West Buoy.
 - Day Buoy number 2 (course 2 only) is a large yellow inflated buoy (cone shaped). It is located approximately 100m to the SE of Dolphin West 42A. The exact location will be selected to best suit the prevailing wind direction.
 - Day Buoy number 3 is a large red inflated buoy (cone shaped) located in the vicinity of Armstrong (32). The exact location will be selected to best suit the prevailing wind direction and nominated course.
 - Day Buoy number 4 is a large red inflated buoy (pyramid shaped) located approximately 100m North of Deepwater spit post.
 - Day Buoy number 5 is a large orange inflated buoy (pyramid shaped) located in the vicinity of Hallmark 41A and Baths 41C. The exact location will be selected to best suit the prevailing wind direction and nominated course.
- 9.3. The start line marks consist of the Start Boat as the starboard end and a medium red inflated buoy (pyramid shaped) as the port end. The start line will be immediately east of the NYC black striped mark. Refer to appendix B “Start and Finish Line Diagrams”.
- 9.4. The finish line marks include the black striped buoy as the inner and a medium red inflated buoy (pyramid shaped) as the outer. The line is located east of the NYC shoreline. Refer to appendix B “Start and Finish Line Diagrams”.

10. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1. While racing, all navigation marks shall be passed on their navigable side with the exception of Outer Dolphin Spit No.17, Deepwater Spit No.37 and Foam Spit No.18 which may be passed on either side.
- 10.2. A boat shall not pass in either direction through any club's start or finish line in use (as identified by RRS "Race Signals" Orange or Blue flag), except her own, between her warning and starting signals, or to affect her own start or finish. A boat that breaks this rule may take a penalty in accordance with RRS Rule 44.1 and Rule 44.2 and SI 15. [DP]
- 10.3. No boat may sail between a line joining Bricklanding buoys A and B, or a line joining Lucky Bay and Smith buoys.

11. NOTICE OF INTENT TO RACE AND RETIREMENT

- 11.1. It is a safety requirement that all boats register their intent to race, and if they retire or fail to finish must notify the Race Committee via the retirement sheet.
- 11.2. All boats must register for the Regatta on-line via the NYC web page (<http://www.nyc.org.au/regattas-invitational-events/>) before 17:00 on 17 Feb 2024.
- 11.3. Late registrations will be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority. A late registration fee of \$30 applies.
- 11.4. All boats must register their Notice of Intent to Race by signing the Sign-On Sheet at NYC Race Office prior to the first warning signal.
- 11.5. Boats competing from other clubs who are arriving by water, who are unable to come ashore and who have completed an on-line registration may signal their intent to race by sailing in the vicinity of the start area within 5 minutes of their start signal.
- 11.6. Boats failing to sign on as per 11.4 or 11.5 shall be awarded a score of Did Not Compete.
- 11.7. A boat that retires from a race shall sign the retirement notification sheet within the NYC Sail Training Centre as soon as possible.
- 11.8. Boats that retire and do not return to NYC must contact the Race Committee by VHF radio on channel 74 or by phone on 9386 5496 as soon as practical.

12. THE START

- 12.1. All starts will use the NYC Committee boat start line.
- 12.2. The Start Line is between the NYC Committee boat as the starboard end and a medium red inflated buoy (pyramid shaped) as the port end.
- 12.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other divisions [DP].

13. GENERAL RECALLS

- 13.1. Recalled Fleets go to the end of the starting sequence. This changes RSS Rule 29.2.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1. All finishes will use the NYC extended finish line.
- 14.2. The Finish Line is between a medium red inflated buoy (pyramid shaped) as the outer mark and the red triangle on the control tower. The permanent black striped mark indicates the inner end of the line and is placed approximately upon the finishing line.
- 14.3. Once finished, a boat shall not sail back through the finish line [DP].
- 14.4. Boats that have finished a race shall stay clear of boats still racing [DP]

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1. Rules 44.1 and 44.2 (taking a penalty) are amended so that only one turn, including one tack and one jibe, are required.

16. TIME LIMITS

- 16.1. A time limit for the first boat in each fleet is set as 2.5 hours from the fleets start time.
- 16.2. A time limit for all subsequent boats in a fleet is set as the later of either a) 2.5 hours after the start time for the fleet or b) 30 minutes after the first boats finish time
- 16.3. Boats that fail to complete the course within the time limit will be awarded a DNF.
- 16.4. These provisions change Rules 35 and A4.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1. All protests shall be in accordance with RRS Part 5 Protests, Redress, Hearings, Misconduct and Appeals
- 17.2. Verbal notification of intention to protest must be given to the Officer of the Day within 15 minutes of the return of the protesting yacht to the Club
- 17.3. Protests and Requests for Redress shall then be written on the appropriate forms which are available from the OOD and delivered to the OOD prior to the elapse of 30 minutes after the last boat of all the fleets has finished for the day.
- 17.4. Hearings, if they are to proceed following ARBITRATION (see below), will be held at the earliest possible opportunity at the discretion of the OOD.
- 17.5. Parents of interested parties from a junior fleet may accompany their children to the hearing, or mediation, as observers only.
- 17.6. Breaches of Sailing Instructions 10.2, 12.3, 14.3 and 14.4 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for breaches of these Sailing Instructions may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.

18. ARBITRATION

- 18.1. Arbitration will be in accordance with *RRS* Appendix T – Arbitration

19. SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY

- 19.1. Attention is drawn to the RRS, Part 1, Fundamental Rule 3, “Decision to Race”, which states, “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”
- 19.2. The Club and its officials are not responsible for the seaworthiness of boats or for the sufficiency or adequacy of their equipment.
- 19.3. Competitors in Cruiser divisions must comply to a level of Category 7 of the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1, Section 2.
- 19.4. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2, regulation 5.01 (Personal Flotation Devices) will be enforced for all off the beach sailors.

20. ADVERTISING

- 20.1. Advertising will be restricted to ISAF Regulation 20 Advertising Code

21. SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1. Support boats will display a green over white diagonal flag.
- 21.2. Support boats and crew will be supplied by the Organising Authority under its standard operating procedures.
- 21.3. Support boats have right of way at all times. Redress does not apply to a boat disadvantaged by a support boat performing rescue operations.
- 21.4. Coach boats and individual support boats are not permitted to supply support to any competitor while racing. Coach boats and individual support boats must register with the Organising Authority via VHF channel 74, and must offer assistance to competitors in distress as directed by the Officer of the Day or as noted by the skipper.

22. PRIZES

- 22.1. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 22.2. Presentation of prizes will occur in the Nedlands Clubhouse at approximately 16:30 on the day of the regatta.

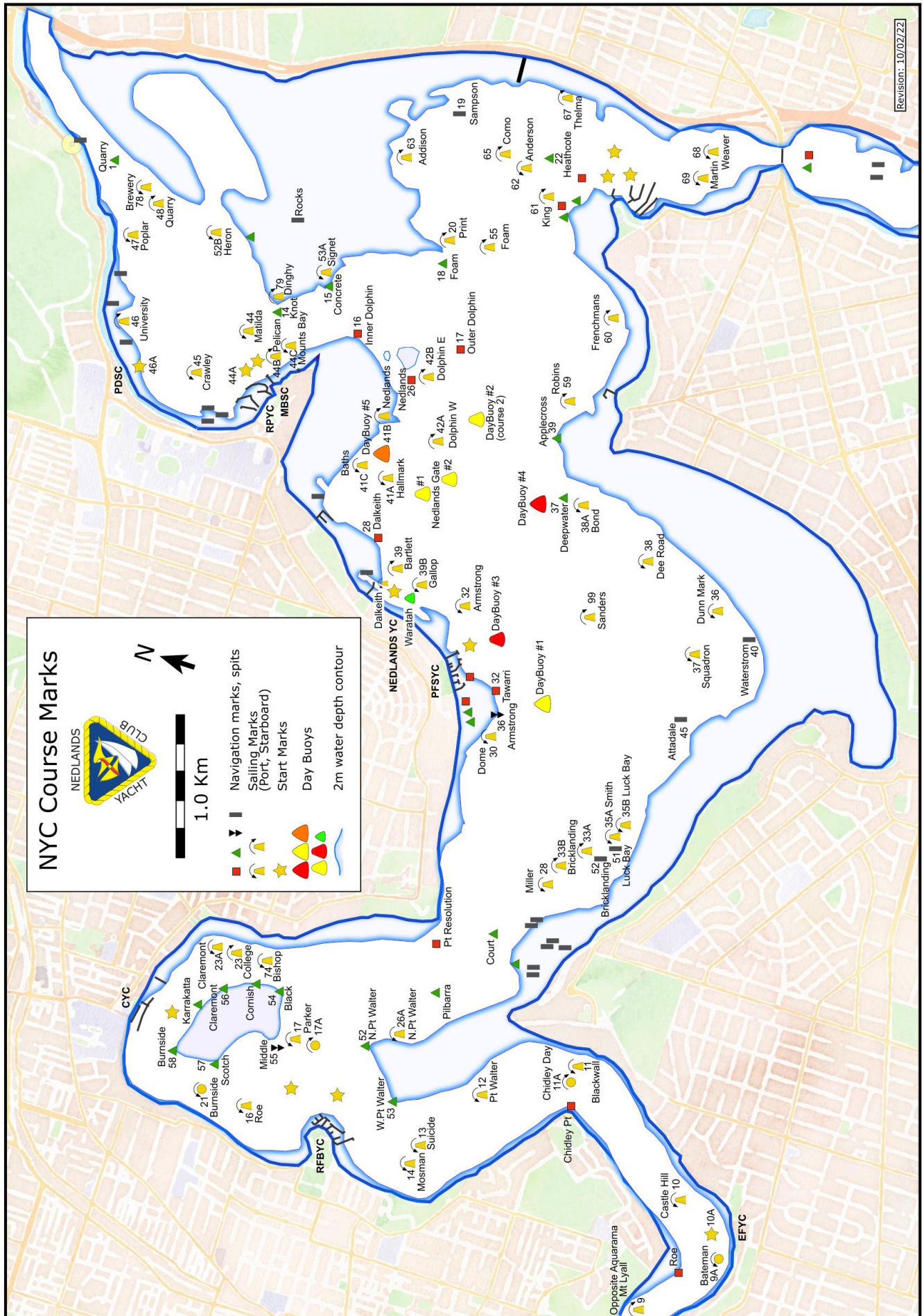
23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 23.1. All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk. The Organising Authority, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused. Attention is also drawn to Fundamental Rule 3 which states “The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.

24. INSURANCE

- 24.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with current third party property and personal liability insurance cover with a minimum cover of AU\$10,000,000 per event.

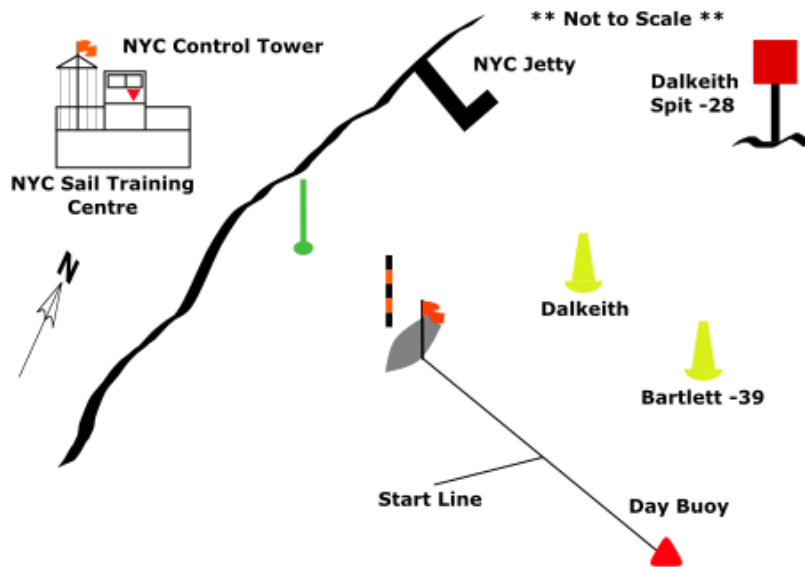
Appendix A – Map of Course Marks



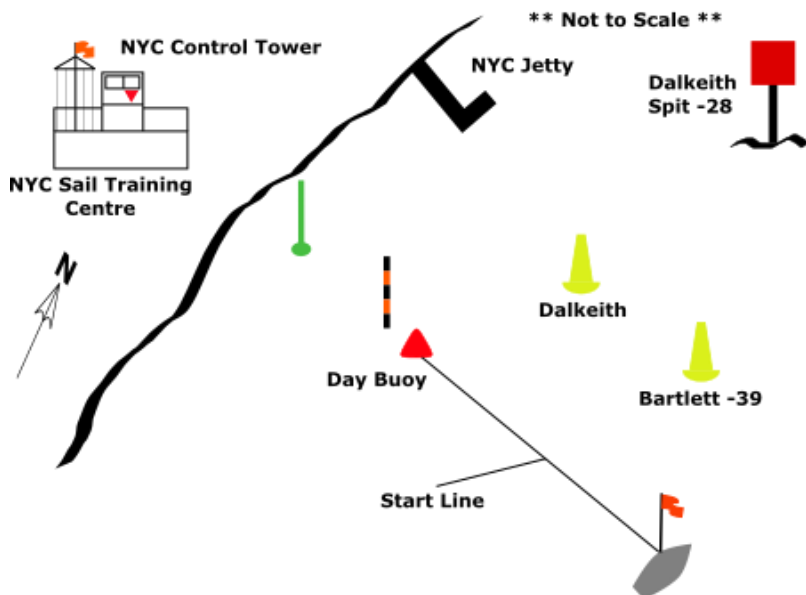
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Appendix B – Start and Finish line diagrams

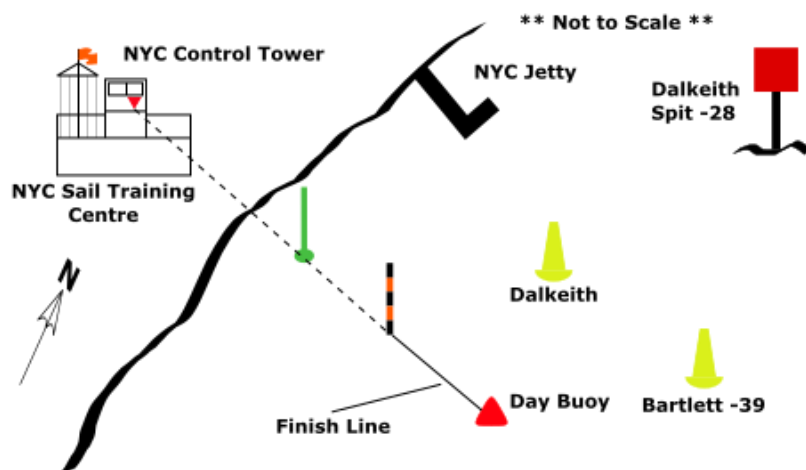
HMAS Perth Start Line - Course 1 SW



HMAS Perth Start Line - Course 2 E



HMAS Perth Finish Line



Appendix C – Courses and Yardsticks

THE HMAS PERTH INVITATION

Windsurfer LT Association

Nominal Start Time: 13:25 hrs. - Racing Signal: - Windsurfer LT Pennant

COURSE 1

Start in SW direction

Miller	28	P
Dee Rd	38	P
Print	20	S
Saunders	99	S♦
Print	20	S
Saunders	99	S
Day Buoy #5		P
Dalkeith Day Buoy		P


Finish in SW direction

COURSE 2

Start in NE direction

Print	20	S
Saunders	99	S
Miller	28	P
Dee Rd	38	P
Waratah Day Buoy		S

Finish in NE direction

♦ Indicates shortened course marker, signalled by flying code flag S  from support boat.

Course 1 proceed to Dalkeith Day Buoy and then finish. Course 2 proceed directly to finish

THE HMAS PERTH SURVIVORS' TROPHY RACE

HMAS Perth Division 1 for Small Dinghies

Nominal Start Time: 13:30 hrs. - Racing Signal: - Navy Numeral 1 

CLASS	YARDSTICK	CLASS	YARDSTICK
Pacer no spinnaker	131	Heron	145
Jay Dee	131	Mirror	142
Flying 11	131	Minnow	168
Signet	135	Manly Junior	168
Flying Ant	136	Pelican	174

COURSE 1

Start in SW direction

Day Buoy #3	P
Day Buoy #5	P
Day Buoy #3	P
Day Buoy #4	P
Day Buoy #5	P♦
Day Buoy #3	P
Day Buoy #5	P
Dalkeith Day Buoy	P

Finish in SW direction

COURSE 2

Start in NE direction

Day Buoy #5	S
Day Buoy #3	S
Day Buoy #5	S
Day Buoy #4	S
Waratah Day Buoy	S♦
Day Buoy #5	S
Waratah Day Buoy	S

Finish in NE direction

♦ Indicates shortened course marker, signalled by flying code flag S  from support boat.

Course 1 proceed to Dalkeith Day Buoy and then finish. Course 2 proceed directly to finish

Nominal Start Time: 13:35 hrs - Racing Signal: - Navy Numeral 2



CLASS	YARDSTICK	CLASS	YARDSTICK
Moth Skiff	103	Corsair	119.5
Tasar	108	Laser 4.7	125
Laser II	110	National 125	123
420	115	Sabre	127
National E	113	GP14	130
Laser	114	Aero 9	109.3
Finn	112	Aero 7	112.5
Moth Scow	115	Aero 6	114.6
Laser Radial	118.5	Aero 5	116.8

Start in SW direction


Day Buoy #1		P
Day Buoy #4		P
Day Buoy #5		P
Day Buoy #1		P
Nedlands Gate	G1/G2	P/S♦
Day Buoy #1		P
Day Buoy #4		P
Day Buoy #5		P
Dalkeith Day Buoy		P

Finish in SW direction

Start in NE direction

Day Buoy #2	S
Day Buoy #4	S
Day Buoy #1	S
Day Buoy #2	S
Waratah Day Buoy	S♦
Day Buoy #2	S
Day Buoy #4	S
Waratah Day Buoy	S

Finish in NE direction

♦ Indicates shortened course marker, signalled by flying code flag S  from support boat.

Course 1 proceed to Dalkeith Day Buoy and then finish. Course 2 proceed directly to finish

THE USS HOUSTON SURVIVORS TROPHY RACE

HMAS Perth Division 3 for Medium Performance Catamarans

Nominal Start Time: 13:40 hrs - Racing Signal - Navy Numeral 3



CLASS	YARDSTICK	CLASS	YARDSTICK
Pringle	83	Windrush 14 Sloop	90.5
Mosquito	82	Hobie 14 Turbo	90.5
Hydra	82	Paper Tiger	92.5
Yvonne	77	Windrush 14 Cat	95.5
Windrush 14 S/S	88	Hobie 14	96.5

COURSE 1

Start in SW direction

Smith	35A	P
Lucky Bay	35B	P
Nedlands Gate	G1/G2	P/S
Day Buoy #1		P
Nedlands Gate	G1/G2	P/S♦
Day Buoy #1		P
Bond Spit	38A	P
Bartlett	39	S
Nedlands Gate	G1/G2	P/S
Dalkeith Day Buoy		P


Finish in SW direction

COURSE 2

Start in NE direction

Print	20	S
Robins	59	S
Waratah Day Buoy		S
Print	20	S
Waratah Day Buoy		S♦
Print	20	S
Robins	59	S
Waratah Day Buoy		S

Finish in NE

♦ Indicates shortened course marker, signalled by flying code flag S  from support boat.

Course 1 proceed to Dalkeith Day Buoy and then finish. Course 2 proceed directly to finish

THE NAVAL ASSOCIATION TROPHY RACE

HMAS Perth Division 4a for Division 1 and 2 Cruisers & Trailer Sailers

Nominal Start Time: - 13:45 hrs. - Racing Signal: – Navy Numeral 4 
(Note HMAS Division 4a and 4b start together)

Class: Cruisers Division 1 & 2 Yardstick: To be advised on the day

COURSE 1

Start in SW direction

Miller	28	P
Dee Road	38	P
Hallmark	41A	P
Day Buoy #1		P
Nedlands Gate	G1/G2	P/S♦
Day Buoy #1		P
Dee Road	38	P
Hallmark	41A	P
Dalkeith Day Buoy		P


Finish in SW direction

COURSE 2

Start in NE direction


Frenchmans	60	S
Dome	30	P
Dee Road	38	P
Waratah Day Buoy		S♦
Dolphin West	42A	S
Waratah Day Buoy		S

Finish in NE direction

♦ Indicates shortened course marker, signalled by flying code flag S  from support boat.
Course 1 proceed to Dalkeith Day Buoy and then finish. Course 2 proceed directly to finish

THE NAVAL ASSOCIATION TROPHY RACE

HMAS Perth Division 4b for Division 3 and 4 Cruisers & Trailer Sailers

Nominal Start Time: - 13:45 hrs. - Racing Signal: – Navy Numeral 4 
(Note HMAS Division 4a and 4b start together)

Class: Cruisers Division 3&4 Yardstick: To be advised on the day

COURSE 1

Start in SW direction

Smith	35A	P
Lucky Bay	35B	P
Dee Road	38	P
Hallmark	41A	P
Armstrong	32	P
Nedlands Gate	G1/G2	P/S♦
Bartlett	39	S
Hallmark	41A	P
Dalkeith Day Buoy		P


Finish in SW

COURSE 2

Start in NE direction

Day Buoy #2	2	S
Dome	30	P
Dee Road	38	P
Waratah Day Buoy		S♦
Day Buoy #2	2	S
Waratah Day Buoy		S

Finish in NE

♦ Indicates shortened course marker, signalled by flying code flag S  from support boat.
Course 1 proceed to Dalkeith Day Buoy and then finish. Course 2 proceed directly to finish

THE CAPTAIN HECTOR WALLER MEMORIAL RACE

HMAS Perth Division 5 for High Performance Catamarans

Nominal Start Time: 13:50 hrs. - Racing Signal - Navy Numeral 5 

CLASS	YARDSTICK	CLASS	YARDSTICK
A Class (Z Foil)	60	Hobie 18	76
Tornado Sport	63.5	Hobie Tiger	67
F18	65	Nacra 5.2	77.5
Tornado Classic	64	Nacra 16sq	78.5
A Class (no foil)	70	Hobie 16	80.5
F16 (Sloop)	67	Nacra 5.0 Cat	84
Nacra 5.8	73.5	Hobie 17	80
Nacra 15 FCS	67	Nacra 5.0 Sloop	79
Nacra 18sq	75	Nacra 14 sq	84

COURSE 1

Start in SW direction

Smith	35A	P
Lucky Bay	35B	P
Nedlands Gate	G1/G2	P/S
Day Buoy #1		P
Nedlands Gate	G1/G2	P/S
Smith	35A	P
Lucky Bay	35B	P
Nedlands Gate	G1/G2	P/S ♦
Day Buoy #1		P
Bond	38A	P
Bartlett	39	S
Hallmark	41A	P
Dalkeith Day Buoy		P


Finish in SW direction

COURSE 2

Start in NE direction

Print	20	S
Robins	59	S
Waratah Day Buoy		S
Print	20	S
Waratah Day Buoy		S ♦
Print	20	S
Robins	59	S
Waratah Day Buoy		S

Finish in NE direction

♦ Indicates shortened course marker, signalled by flying code flag S  from support boat.

Course 1 proceed to Dalkeith Day Buoy and then finish. Course 2 proceed directly to finish

THE CAPTAIN HECTOR WALLER MEMORIAL RACE

HMAS Perth Division 6 for High Performance Dinghies

Nominal Start Time: 13:55 hrs. - Racing Signal - Navy Numeral 6



CLASS	YARDSTICK	CLASS	YARDSTICK
18ft Skiff	68	470	101
Moth Foiler	60	Fireball	101
49er	77.3	Skate	97.5
International 14	84	RS 600	87.2
16ft Skiff	85.5	WASZP	83
LW Sharpie	95	Cherub	100
29er	96.5	Contender	106.5
Javelin	97.5	Hornet	109
505	97.5	Flying Fifteen	109

COURSE 1

Start in SW direction


Smith	35A	P
Lucky Bay	35B	P
Nedlands Gate	G1/G2	P/S
Day Buoy #1		P
Nedlands Gate	G1/G2	P/S♦
Day Buoy #1		P
Nedlands Gate	G1/G2	P/S
Dalkeith Day Buoy		P

Finish in SW direction

COURSE 2

Start in NE direction

Day Buoy #2	S
Day Buoy #1	S
Day Buoy #2	S
Waratah Day Buoy	S♦
Day Buoy #2	S
Waratah Day Buoy	S
<u>Finish in NE direction</u>	S

♦ Indicates shortened course marker, signalled by flying code flag S  from support boat.

Course 1 proceed to Dalkeith Day Buoy and then finish. Course 2 proceed directly to finish



Sinking of the HMAS Perth (I)

Short of fuel and ammunition the Perth, a Leander class light cruiser and the American cruiser Houston, were exhausted, outnumbered, outgunned in a hopelessly gallant action on March 1 1942. The two cruisers chanced into a Japanese convoy. It became two cruisers against 20 ships including six destroyers, a heavy cruiser, a sea plane carrier and four transports.

Captain Hector Waller took the HMAS Perth through the middle of the convoy lines at full speed ahead, with all her guns blazing.

Out of ammunition she was sunk before reaching the last Japanese ships.

Of the 681 sailors aboard the Perth, 353 were killed in the battle.

All but four of the 328 survivors were captured and became prisoners of war.

More than 100 died in captivity, the surviving 218 returned home to Australia after the war.

The Japanese forced HMAS Perth survivors to work on the infamous Burma railway. Near war's end the survivors were being sent to forced labour in Japan on board a Japanese ship which was torpedoed by an American submarine.

West Australian Arthur Bancroft was one of those rescued – a survivor of two sinkings.

He often said he would never go to sea again with his mate who was with him in both sinkings.

