

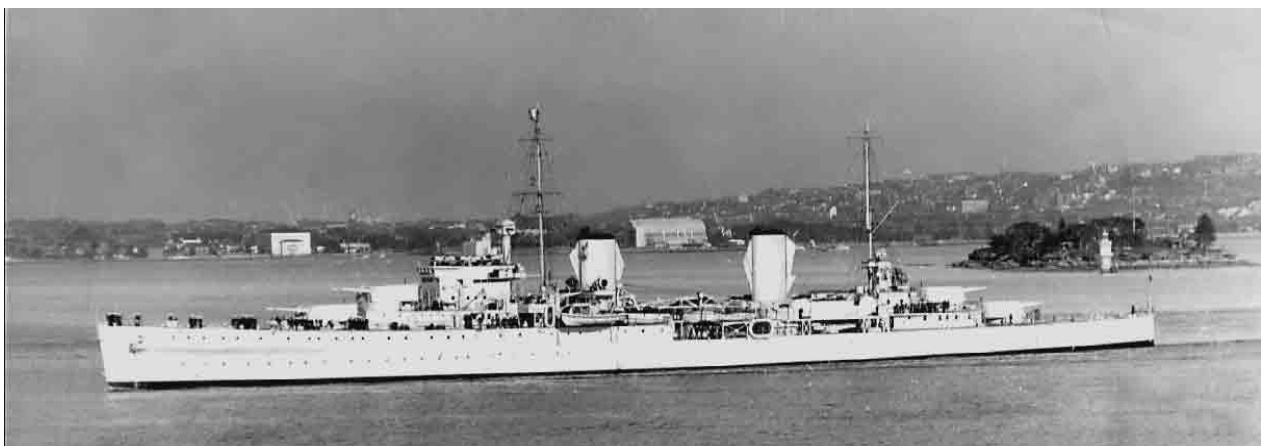


64th HMAS Perth Memorial Regatta

Commemorating the loss of the HMAS Perth and her crew

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS For Optimists and Open Skiffs

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 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.

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 Optimist and Open Skiff fleets start sequence will use the Club Start line with signals on the Nedlands Yacht Club control tower.
- 6.5. It should be noted that an adjacent Committee boat start line will be in use at the same time.
- 6.6. The Optimist and Open Skiff fleets will have a single race session, consisting of up to 3 races.
- 6.7. The scheduled race times are as follows:

| Race Start | Division | Yacht Class | Starting Pennant |
|-----------------|--|----------------------------|--|
| 14:00 Race 1 | Division 7 – HMAS Survivor’s Trophy | Optimist and Open Skiff | Optimist Flag  |

- 6.8. Subsequent race starts will be as soon after the previous race as possible. The Race Committee may decrease the number of races base on the available time to complete.
- 6.9. Optimist Green fleet, Optimist Intermediate / Open fleet, Open Skiff Green fleet and Open Skiff Intermediate / Open fleet will all start on the same start sequence.
- 6.10. Target race time is 20 minutes.
- 6.11. There will be no start sequence after 15:30
- 6.12. The Race Committee may remove or combine divisions and fleets from the schedule if there are insufficient registered competitors for the fleet.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. The races will be sailed on the Swan River in the area close to shore, East of the Nedlands Yacht Club shoreline, as depicted in Appendix A.

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 adjacent to the Nedlands Control tower at least 5 minutes prior to the Warning Signal. For that race.
- 8.3. Flying Code flag S indicates a shortened course. When Code flag “S” is flown near a mark, all boats shall round that mark and proceed directly to the finish line. This changes RSS Rule 32.2.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Course marks will be buoys consisting of orange flags on a staff over small white foam floats.
- 9.2. The start and finish line buoys will be the permanent green post style river mark and black striped post style river mark immediately east of the Nedlands Yacht Club shore.

10. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1. 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]

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.
- 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 failing to sign on as per 11.4 shall be awarded a score of Did Not Compete.
- 11.6. A boat that retires from a race shall sign the retirement notification sheet within the NYC Sail Training Centre as soon as possible.

12. THE START

- 12.1. All starts will use the NYC club start line immediately east of the NYC shore.
- 12.2. The Start Line is between the black striped post style river mark as the outer end and the red triangle on the control tower. The green post style river mark indicates the inner end of the line and is placed approximately on the start line.
- 12.3. Races will be started using RRS26 modified for a 3 minute start sequence, as per the following table.

| Signal | Minutes before starting signal | Visual Signal | Sound Signal |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------|
| Warning Signal | 3 | Class Flag raised | One |
| Preparatory Signal | 2 | Preparatory Flag raised (as per Rule 26) | One |
| One Minute Signal | 1 | Preparatory Flag lowered | One long |
| Start Signal | 0 | Class Flag lowered | One |

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. All finishes will use the NYC club finish line immediately east of the NYC shore.
- 13.2. The Finish Line is between the black striped post style river mark as the outer end and the red triangle on the control tower. The green post style river mark indicates the inner end of the line and is placed approximately on the start line.
- 13.3. Once finished, a boat shall not sail back through the finish line [DP].
- 13.4. Boats that have finished a race shall stay clear of boats still racing [DP]

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

15. RACE TARGET TIMES AND TIME LIMITS

- 15.1. Race target time is 20 minutes. Failure to meet the Target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 15.2. Time limit for the first boat in each fleet is 35 minutes from the fleet start time.
- 15.3. Time limit for subsequent boats is 15 minutes after the first boat finish time.
- 15.4. Boats that fail to complete the course within the time limit will be awarded a DNF.
- 15.5. These provisions change Rules 35 and A4.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. All protests shall be in accordance with RRS Part 5 Protests, Redress, Hearings, Misconduct and Appeals
- 16.2. 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
- 16.3. 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.
- 16.4. Hearings, if they are to proceed following ARBITRATION (see below), will be held at the earliest possible opportunity at the discretion of the OOD.
- 16.5. Parents of interested parties from a junior fleet may accompany their children to the hearing, or mediation, as observers only.
- 16.6. Breaches of Sailing Instructions 10.3, 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.

17. ARBITRATION

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

18. SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY

- 18.1. 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.”
- 18.2. The Club and its officials are not responsible for the seaworthiness of boats or for the sufficiency or adequacy of their equipment.
- 18.3. Competitors in Cruiser divisions must comply to a level of Category 7 of the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1, Section 2.
- 18.4. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2, regulation 5.01 (Personal Flotation Devices) will be enforced for all off the beach sailors.

19. ADVERTISING

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

20. SUPPORT BOATS

- 20.1. Support boats will display a green over white diagonal flag.
- 20.2. Support boats and crew will be supplied by the Organising Authority under its standard operating procedures.
- 20.3. Support boats have right of way at all times. Redress does not apply to a boat disadvantaged by a support boat performing rescue operations.
- 20.4. 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.

21. PRIZES

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

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 22.1. 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”.

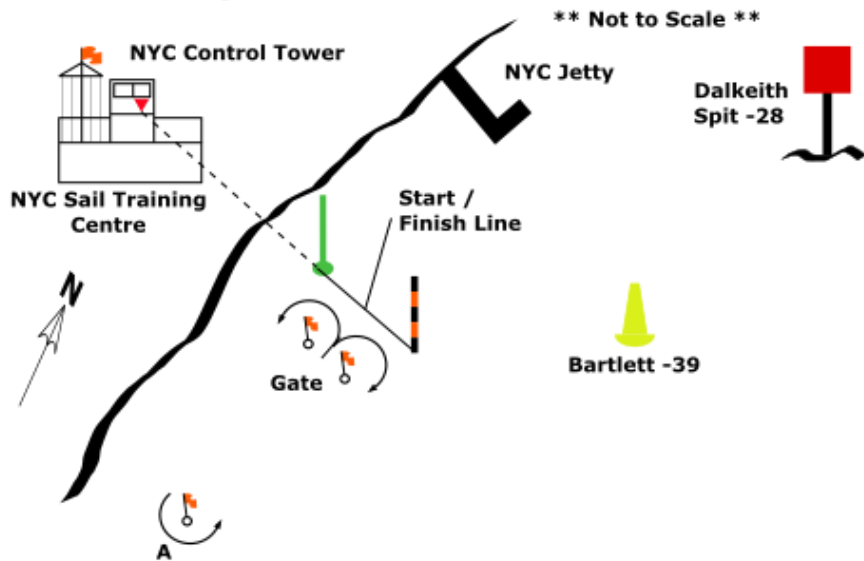
23. INSURANCE

- 23.1. 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.

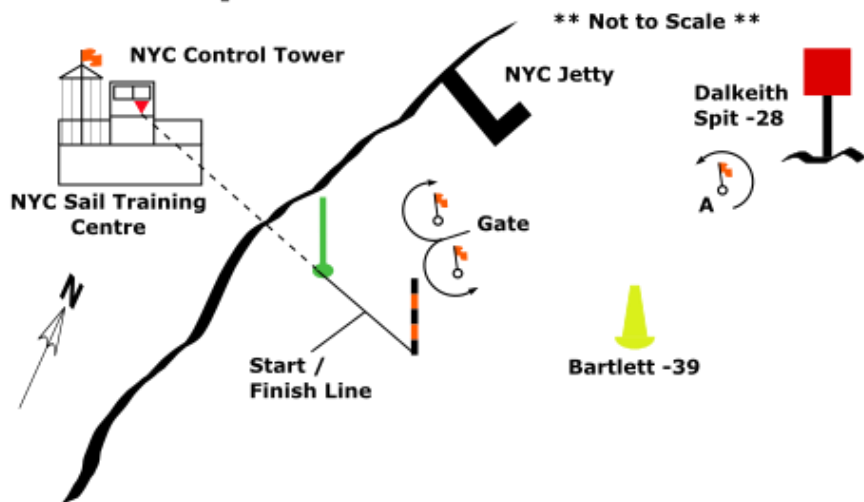
Appendix A – Optimist and Open Skiff Regatta Diagrams

- .) Race Area
- .) Start and Finish line diagrams
- .) Course mark approximate locations.

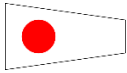
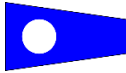


HMAS Optimist - South West Course



HMAS Optimist - East Course



Appendix B – Courses

| Course No. of laps | South Westerly Course  | | Easterly Course  | |
|--|--|---------------|--|---------------|
| | Start | S/W direction | Start | N/E direction |
| 2  | A | P | A | P |
| | Gate | P / S | Gate | P / S |
| | A | P | A | P |
| | Finish | N/E direction | Finish | S/W direction |
| | | | | |
| 3  | Start | S/W direction | Start | N/E direction |
| | A | P | A | P |
| | Gate | P / S | Gate | P / S |
| | A | P | A | P |
| | Gate | P / S | Gate | P / S |
| | A | P | A | P |
| | Finish | N/E direction | Finish | S/W direction |



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.

