



NOTICE OF RACE

Updated – 8 October 2026

Organising Authority | Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club (RFBYC)

Peppermint Grove, Western Australia | Monday, 25th January – Friday, 29th January 2027

The following abbreviations apply to this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions:

PC: Protest Committee or International Jury

SI: Sailing Instruction

NoR: Notice of Race

RC: Race Committee

OA: Organising Authority

TD: Technical Delegate

RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing

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

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, including RRS Appendix C.
- 1.2 The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the Sailing Instructions, will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- 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.
- 1.4 No Australian Sailing prescriptions apply.
- 1.5 The event has applied for World Sailing Grade 2. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SI's will be available on Monday, 25th January 2027 at registration in the Riverside Room located in the Dinghy Club and on the online official noticeboard.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board which is located at <https://www.warrenjonesregatta.com/official-notice-board>.
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag mast located at the Dinghy Club.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Up to twelve (12) skippers will be invited. Skippers wishing to receive an invite may register their request with the OA by completing the online form available at <https://www.warrenjonesregatta.com/applicationforentry> by 5pm AWST on Friday, 2nd October 2026. Local skippers not already invited may qualify for invitation by competing in the 2026 JESS Match Cup or other suitable event as notified.
- 4.2 All competitors shall be under the age of 25 years prior to and including Friday, 29th January 2027. Proof of age must be presented at registration.
- 4.3 Only skippers invited by the OA who confirm acceptance of the invitation as detailed in the letter of invitation will be eligible to enter this event.
- 4.4 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19.4.
- 4.5 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at <https://member.sailing.org>. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID prior to or at registration.
- 4.6 The skipper shall complete registration, pay an entry fee of AUD\$1,850 including a non-refundable entry bond of AUD\$925, arrange the damage deposit of AUD\$2,000 and shall ensure that all crew complete weigh-in between 0900 and 1530 on Monday, 25th January 2027, unless extended by the OA.
- 4.7 The entry fee includes accommodation and some meals for skipper and crew.
- 4.8 When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2.2(d)).



5. DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 5.1 Each supplied boat is insured for third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD\$2,000 per incident.
- 5.2 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to continue in the event.
- 5.3 The OA will refund any remaining damage deposit within 10 days after the event.

6. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 6.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 5 or 6 (5, 6 or 7 for all-female crews), excluding persons placed on board by the RC. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 6.2 After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.
- 6.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 6.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.
- 6.5 The total crew weight, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 437.5 kg or 476 kgs for all-female crews, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.
- 6.6 The OA may place a person on each boat as either a guest, cameraman, or umpire observer.

7. EVENT FORMAT

- 7.1 The OA intends to provide eight (8) Foundation 36 boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: mainsail, genoa, jib and spinnaker.
- 7.2 Boats will be allocated as decided by the RC. The intention of the RC will be to allocate boats by draw, either daily or for each round. The RC may also require boats to be exchanged in a knock-out stage.
- 7.3 The sails to be used will be allocated by the RC. Competitors may be requested to exchange sails during a series to satisfy sponsorship commitments.
- 7.4 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 7.5 The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC with the intention of the RC to start each subsequent flight as soon as practicable after the previous flight.
- 7.6 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings at the windward mark and a leeward gate, finishing downwind.
- 7.7 The intended course area will be Freshwater Bay on the Swan River, Western Australia.
- 7.8 **The event will consist of the following stages:**
 - Stage 1 – Round Robin. Top four boats proceed to Stage 3. All others to Stage 2.**
 - Stage 2 – Repechage. Top four boats to Stage 3, others eliminated.**
 - Stage 3 – Knock-Out Quarter-Final**
 - Stage 4 – Knock-Out Semi-Finals**
 - Stage 5 - Petite Final**
 - Stage 6 – Final**
- 7.9 The RC may change the format or terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

8. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

8.1 Schedule

Monday 25 January	0830 – 1530	Regatta Office open
	0900 - 1600	Registrations and crew weigh-in in the Dinghy Club
	1200 – 1630	Practice sessions in Freshwater Bay
	1715 - 1745	Competitor Briefing with key Race Management Officials
	1800	Welcome Function



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Tuesday 26 January	*TBD	Briefing in the Dinghy Clubhouse
	**TBD	Racing commences in Freshwater Bay
	1800	Australia Day Sausage sizzle at Dinghy Club
Wednesday 27 January	*TBD	Briefing in the Dinghy Clubhouse
	**TBD	Racing continues in Freshwater Bay
	From 1830	Twilight BBQ for Competitors & Host families
Thursday 28 January	*TBD	Daily briefing in the Dinghy Clubhouse
	**TBD	Racing continues in Freshwater Bay
Friday 29 January	*TBD	Daily briefing in the Dinghy Clubhouse
	**TBD	Racing continues in Freshwater Bay (if required)
	1200 – 1500	Gala Fundraising Luncheon at RFBYC
	1500 – 1830	Racing continues in Freshwater Bay
	1900	Prize Presentation at RFBYC
	1930 onwards	Wrap-up party at RFBYC

*Time of briefing will be advised in the Sailing Instructions

**Time of racing will be announced at the Daily briefing each day.

8.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- a) Welcome function for skippers and crew.
- b) Daily briefing for skippers.
- c) Presentation at Gala Luncheon of skippers from the top 4 teams.
- d) Prize giving for the skippers and crews.

9. [NP] ADVERTISING

9.1 Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

10. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 10.1 Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, cooperation with event sponsors, and shall behave so as not to bring the event into disrepute.
- 10.2 Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment or place advertising provided by the organizing authority with care and seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

11. SUPPORT PERSON

- 11.1 Support person vessels shall conspicuously display identification of the team being supported.
- 11.2 Support persons shall stay approximately 100m from the racing area while boats are racing or comply with reasonable requests from the officials.
- 11.3 Any interference by a Support Person with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the PC to the appropriate skipper or team.
- 11.4 The OA will not provide berths for support person vessels.

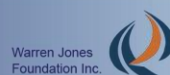
12. MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

- 12.1 If required by the OA:
 - a) Media personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
 - b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
 - c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.
- 12.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA-supplied media equipment.
- 12.3 The OA has the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of charge.



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13. DATA PROTECTION

The Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club is committed to the protection of personal information provided to the Club by an individual. Any personal information provided to the Club will be used for the purpose for which the information is gathered and for the purposes directly related to the functions and activities of the Club.

14. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: *'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'* By participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1 The principal prize for first place will be the inscription of the winning team members' names on the Warren Jones Youth Regatta perpetual trophy and a medallion for each team member.
- 15.2 Travel grants provided by the Warren Jones Foundation will be distributed as follows:
1st Place - AUD\$9,000
2nd Place - AUD\$3,000
3rd Place - AUD\$2,000
- 15.3 The "Travellers Trophy" will be awarded to the highest placed non-Australian team.
- 15.4 The Kim Laurence Award will be presented to an individual sailor or team who meets the following criteria;
- Showing respect for competitors, officials, volunteers, equipment and environment (both physical and social).
 - Shows a positive attitude, making the event better through their participation.
 - Contributing to all aspects of the Warren Jones event.
 - Makes a significant contribution to the event via their energy, fun and humour.
- 15.5 Other prizes may be awarded.
- 15.6 The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

