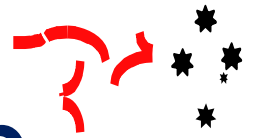




Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club

2024 JESS Match Cup



Incorporating the

2024 State Youth Keelboat Championships

Friday, 19 January to Sunday 21 January 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

The Junior Exchange Sailing Scheme (JESS) programme was a unique annual event which offered young yachtsmen and women the opportunity to not only improve their skills as sailors but to develop their character and leadership qualities. From 1988 until 2016 around 160 young sailors participated in JESS. Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club was proud to continue the original concept which was the brainchild of the Coaching Co-ordinator of the time, Huck Scott. His plan outlined an opportunity for young sailors to embark on a journey that would provide them with not only an enjoyable experience but an environment to develop valuable personal skills and lifelong friends.

The JESS Experience is demanding on the sailors, clubs, parents, and team leaders, but the rewards are rich. The experience for the sailors is a once in a lifetime event.

To honour the history of JESS, RFBYC have named this annual match racing event the JESS Match Cup. The inaugural event was 22 to 24 January 2018.

This will be the fifth time RFBYC will run the event and this year will form part of the 2024 State Youth Keelboat Championship.



Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club
2024 JESS MATCH CUP
and
2024 STATE YOUTH KEELBOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS
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1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club.

2 VENUE

The venue will be Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club (1 Hobbs Place, Keane’s Point, Peppermint Grove WA). Racing will be conducted in Freshwater Bay, Swan River, Perth WA.

3 EVENT GRADING

The JESS Match Cup is a World Sailing Grade 5 event. This grading is subject to review by the World Sailing. The event may be regraded when there is clear reason to do so.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

4.1 Schedule

Thursday 18 January	1600 - 1800	Registration and weigh in for competitors.	Dinghy & Training Centre
Friday 19 January	1400 - 1530	Registration and weight in by prior approval only.	Dinghy & Training Centre
	1530	Briefing for competitors and race officials.	Dinghy & Training Centre
	1630	Youth Championship - First Warning Signal.	
Saturday 20 January	0800	Briefing for competitors and race officials.	Dinghy & Training Centre
	0915	Youth Championship - First Warning Signal.	
Sunday 21 January	0800	Briefing for competitors and race officials.	Dinghy & Training Centre
	0915 - 1130	Youth Championship - First Warning Signal.	
	1300	Jess Match Cup – First Warning Signal	
	1800	Approximate time for Presentation Ceremony.	Member’s Bar & Upper Lawn

4.2 On Saturday, 20 January no warning signal will be made after 12:00pm midday.

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

- (a) Registration and weigh in.
- (b) Daily briefings.
- (c) Daily debriefings.
- (d) Presentation ceremony.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 All competitors shall be under the age of 25 years prior to and including Friday, 2 February 2024. Proof of age must be presented at registration.
- 5.2 The nominated skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 5.3 All competitors must have a valid Australian Sailing registration or their national equivalent.
- 5.4 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID prior to or at registration.

6 ENTRIES

- 6.1 Application for entry must be received by 5pm on Friday, 29 December 2023. Entry form can be found <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/rfbyc/eventsrsvp/215940/>. Entries will be confirmed by 5pm on Friday 5 January.
- 6.2 **Entering**
A team shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weigh in and payment of the damage deposit.
- 6.3 **Entry Fee**
A non-refundable entry fee of \$500 shall be paid to RFBYC by 5pm on Monday 8 January 2024. Entry will not proceed until payment has been received.
- 6.4 **Damage deposit**
 - (a) An initial damage deposit of \$1500 AUD shall be paid by the skipper on or before the event briefing, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
 - (b) If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
 - (c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days after the event.
- 6.5 All payments shall be made by credit card.

7 RULES

- 7.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C for the Jess Match Cup.
- 7.2 Rules for the umpired fleet races are attached in appendix A.
- 7.2 The rules for the handling of boats will apply and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- 7.3 Any prescriptions of the national authority that apply will be posted on the official notice board.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in BW8 type boats.
- 8.2 Six (6) boats will be provided.
- 8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Genoa, Jib and Spinnaker.
- 8.4 Boats will be allocated by the Race Committee (RC).

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four or five (5 or 6 for all female crew). All registered crew shall sail all races.

9.2 Crew Weighing

The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 350kg, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.

9.3 Crew weight will be checked prior to the Jess Match Cup.

9.4 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.

9.5 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10 EVENT FORMAT

The event will consist of the State Youth Keelboat Championships and the JESS Match Cup.

State Youth Keelboat Championships

10.1 The championship shall run as umpired fleet racing.

10.2 The number of races to be sailed will be advised at close of entries when number of competitors is known.

JESS Match Cup

10.3 The event shall run as match racing and open to the top 4 placed teams from the State Youth Championships. If a team chooses not to participate the next highest placed team will be offered the spot.

10.5 The event will consist of a semi-final, petit finals and finals.

10.6 Semi-Final - The highest placed skipper from the State Youth Keelboat Championships shall select their opponent when requested to do so by the RC. The remaining two skippers will sail each other.

10.7 The first two skippers to score three points shall proceed to the Final Knockout. The others shall proceed to the Petit Final Knockout.

10.8 Petit Final Knockout – the first skipper to score three points shall be awarded third place, the other fourth place.

10.9 Final Knockout – the first skipper to score three points shall be awarded first place, the other second place.

10.10 The Race Committee may change the format, terminate any stage or the events when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of races/matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

11 COURSE

11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind and will be fully described in the Sailing Instructions.

11.2 The intended course area will be Freshwater Bay, Swan River, Perth WA.

12 ADVERTISING

12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority (OA), World Sailing regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.

12.2 The OA intends to supply the following equipment: BW8 Keelboat ready to race. Advertising as supplied by the OA is to be displayed on this equipment.

12.3 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13 SCORING

State Youth Keelboat Championships

- 13.1 The regatta will consist of a number of races in a continuous round robin.
- 13.2 The pairing list to be issued at the competitors briefing.
- 13.3 Low point scoring will be applied.
- 13.4 The round robin may be terminated at any time at the discretion of the OA.
- 13.5 Up to one race may be added or excluded from a boat's score to even up the number of races for each team. Average points of all races (including any discarded races) will be used to increase or decrease a boats score.

14 PRIZES

State Youth Keelboat Championships

- 14.1 The principal prize for the overall winner will be a perpetual trophy.
- 14.2 There will be prizes awarded at the discretion of the OA.

JESS Match Cup

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- 14.4 There will be prizes awarded at the discretion of the OA.
- 14.5 The highest placed eligible skipper (excluding skippers already entered) will receive an invitation to compete in the 2024 Warren Jones International Youth Regatta to be sailed from 30 January – 2 February. The event will be hosted by Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club and managed by Swan River Sailing. The entry fee is \$1,850. Click [here](#) for the Notice of Race for the event.
- 14.6 The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

15 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

- 15.1 If required by the OA, competitors shall participate in media interviews with the regatta commentary team.
- 15.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.
- 15.3 The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

16 COACH BOATS

- 16.1 Coach and support boats shall stay at least 100m to leeward of the start line between the warning signal for a flight and until all boats have finished the race.

17 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Competitors shall supply their own PFD's (minimum 50N buoyancy) which shall be worn when code flag Y is displayed on the start boat.

18 DISCLAIMER

All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1 For further information please contact:

2024 JESS Match Cup & State Youth Keelboat Championships –Notice of Race

APPENDIX A – UMPIRED FLEET RACING

A1 CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES

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

- (a) The definition *Finish* is changed to
 - A boat *finishes* when any part of her hull, or crew or equipment in normal position, crosses the finishing line in the direction of the course from the last *mark*, either for the first time or after completing any penalties or, under rule 28.1, after correcting an error made at the finishing line.
- (b) When rule 20.1 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) A boat that, while *racing*, 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.'

A3.2 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 hailing 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.