Western Australian Sharpie Sailing Association

WA State Championships

The Organising Authority
FSC, EFYC & MBSC in conjunction
with the Western Australian Sharpie Sailing Association.

NOTICE OF RACE

Round 1 24th to 25th October 2026 Sail Freo Regatta

Round 2 Saturday 28th to Sunday 29th November 2026 EFYC & MBSC

Round 3 Saturday 13th March 2027 EFYC

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

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

1.2 Australian Sailing Prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 2 Off the Beach Boats will apply. It will be the responsibility of all competitors to ensure that personal flotation devices comply with a standard equivalent to those listed in Special Regulations 5.01 Personal Flotation Devices.

1.3

1.3.1 RRS 42.3(c) (1) is changed in accordance with the Class Association By-Laws, Part B, Clause 20(1) to allow "On a free leg of the course when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the leeward side of a wave) or plaining is possible, the Yacht's crew may, in order to initiate surfing or plaining, pump the sheet, boom or guy, controlling any sail a maximum of three (3) times for each wave or gust of wind."

1.3.2 Devices which indicate remotely or transmit or correlate data about wind direction, wind speed, boat speed or location shall be prohibited in accordance with the Class Association By-Laws, Part B, Clause 20(2).

1.4 Changes to RRS penalties are detailed in Clause 10.

1.5 The Sailing Instructions. When there is conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the rules of the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2 ADVERTISING/BOW NUMBERS

2.1 Competitor advertising will be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

2.2 The organising authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by a boat or competitor that is in conflict with an event sponsor of the laws of the Western Australian or Australian Governments.

2.3 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. If this rule is broken World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

2.4 Bow numbers if required will be provided by the Organising Authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Australian Sharpie Class that comply with the Rules of the Class Association. Crews must be financial members of their State Division of the Australian Sharpie Sailing Association, and a yacht club affiliated with Australian Sailing.

3.2 Eligible boats may enter by using the Entry Process as promoted on https://www.sharpies.com.au/western-australia/ website. Entries and fees must be received prior to 9am on the 24th of October 2026.
Membership Form: https://www.revolutionise.com.au/sharpiewa/registration
To enter Sail Freo regatta for heats 1 & 2, enter here: https://fremantlesailingclub.com.au/sail-freo/

3.3 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority and may be subject to payment of a "late entry fee" (refer to "Fees" below).

4 FEES

4.1 Required fees are as follows:
Membership and Registration to the Sharpie Sailing Association (WA) includes Race Entry Fees as per the Entry Process outlined in clause 3.2

Separate fees apply for Sail Freo payable to Fremantle Sailing Club https://fremantlesailingclub.com.au/sail-freo/

5 SCHEDULE

5.1

Date	Location	Time or First Warning Signal Not Before	Event
Sat 24th Oct	FSC clubhouse	0900	Briefing
	FSC	1030	1st Warning signal
Sun 25th Oct	Provision for resail	1030	1st Warning signal
Sat 28th Nov	MBSC clubouse	1200	Briefing
	MWW	1400	Race session
Sun 29th Nov	MWW	1400	Race session
Sat 13th Mar	EFYC Clubhouse	1200	Briefing
	MWW	1400	Race Session
	EFYC clubhouse	1800	Presentations

5.2 Refer to Sail Freo NOR for last warning signals for Round 1.
For Round 2, No warning signal will be made after 1600 on Sunday 29th Nov 2026.
For Round 3, No warning signal will be made after 1630 on Saturday 13th of March 2027

6 MEASUREMENTS

6.1 Each boat shall hold a current and valid measurement certificate that shall be provided at the request of the organising authority.

6.2 Any boat may be inspected by an organising authority appointed measurer at any time to ensure compliance with the class rules. Boats notified of measurement inspections shall follow the instructions of the race committee.

6.3 Any new sails or equipment not previously measured may be measured by directly contacting WA Association Measurer Danny O'Byrne on 0408 865 183 no later than 1pm on the 18 of October 2026.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 There will be separate Sailing Instructions for each Round.

7.2 The Sailing Instructions for Round One will be available at https://fremantlesailingclub.com.au/sail-freo/

7.3 The Sailing Instructions for Rounds Two and Three will be published by WA Sharpies no later than 3 days prior to each event.

8 VENUE/RACING AREA

8.1 Round 1 will be hosted by FSC as part of the Sail Freo Regatta. Round 2 will be hosted by MBSC. Round 3 will be hosted by EFYC.

8.2 The Racing Area will be the waters of Owen Anchorage for Round 1. The Racing area for Rounds 2 and 3 will be Melville Water West (MWW)

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be as described in the sailing instructions.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two - Turns Penalty is replaced by the One – Turn Penalty.

10.2 Appendix T, Arbitration may apply, except as changed by NOR 10.3.

10.3 T1 (b) 30% Scoring Penalty is changed to 20% Scoring Penalty.

11 SCORING

11.1 The Low Points Scoring System of RRS Appendix A4 will apply.

11.2 4 races will constitute a series

11.3 The regatta will consist of up to ten (10) races of which four (4) must be completed to constitute a series. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. (b) When from six (6) to seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When nine (9) races have been completed, a boat series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

12 SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 Coach and support boats shall register before racing commences by completing the form available at registration.

12.2 Each coach/support boat is required to have a working VHF radio tuned into a frequency designated by the Race Committee and be available to act as safety boats as directed by the Race Committee if required.

12.3 Unless so directed by the Race Committee, registered coach boats shall not enter the course area, starting area, finishing area or go closer than 100 metres to any boat racing between the Preparatory signal and until the last boat finishes or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment. [DP]

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

13.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

14 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

14.1 In submitting the entry form, all competitors, parents, legal guardians and custodians provide their permission for all photographs, video, TV and sound recordings to be the property of the organisers and used for any purpose including public viewing and posting on the event website without compensation.

15 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

GOLDEN OLDIES

Awarded to the first boat in the State Championships with a combined crew age of 150+ years.

PETER CHAPPELL MASTERS TROPHY

Skipper in the State Championships aged 60 or over (on the day of the 1st heat).

STANBURY JUNIOR STATE CHAMPION

Awarded to the first skipper in the State Championships aged 21 or under (on the day of the 1st heat).

WOMEN'S STATE CHAMPION

Awarded to the first woman skipper in the State Championships.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

1st	ALAN O'GRADY PERPETUAL
2nd	KELLY BROWN PERPETUAL
3rd	TREVOR DATE PERPETUAL

STATE CHAMPION CREW TROPHIES

LYALL GERRING TEAMS TROPHY

Awarded to the best performed Club in the State Championships based on the lowest point score of the best three boats.

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

16 Radio Communication

16.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication. [DP]

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or

personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta

18 INSURANCE

18.1 All boats competing in the regatta shall be insured with third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD5,000,000 per incident.

18.2 All competitors who submit the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

18.3 Competitors may be required to provide details and evidence that they have such insurance in place at the time of entry.

19 AMENDMENTS TO NOTICE OF RACE

Any amendment to the notice of race will be posted on the event website https://www.sharpies.com.au/western-australia/ and/or posted on the Notice Board at the host club no later than two hours before each days scheduled racing.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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