



WA Heron Sailing Association

60th Australian National Heron Championships

December 28th – 4th January 2018-2019
Swan River, Perth, Western Australia

The Organising Authority is the
PERTH DINGHY SAILING CLUB
in conjunction with the
Western Australia Heron Sailing Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia.
- 1.3 The rules of the National Heron Sailing Association of Australia inc.(NHSAA)
- 1.4 The use of the Genoa is governed by NHSAA by law 16.7

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the west side of the flag deck at Perth Dinghy Sailing Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted 2 hours before it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Starters Box flagstaff.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time of first warning signal</u>	<u>Races</u>	<u>Race Area</u>
Saturday 29 December	1400	Invitation Race	Matilda Bay
Sunday 30 December	1400	Racing day 1	Matilda Bay
Monday 31 December	1400	Racing day 2	Matilda Bay
Tuesday 1 January		Lay day	
Wednesday 2 January	1400	Racing day 3	Matilda Bay
Thursday 3 January	1400	Racing day 4	Matilda Bay
Friday 4 January	1300	Racing day 5	Matilda Bay

5.2 When more than one race will be held in the same session, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, the postponement signal will be displayed for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

5.3 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500.

6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a blue flag with a white Heron insignia.

7. RACING AREAS

Racing will be conducted on Matilda Bay as shown in Attachment A.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 The diagram in Attachment B shows the courses and the order in which marks are to be rounded.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course .

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3s and 3p will be orange inflatable buoys. Mark 1a will be a white buoy.

9.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 11.1, will be orange inflatable buoys with a black band.

9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be will be a buoy displaying an orange flag.

9.4 The race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 11.2.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11.2 Boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change to the next leg and the near by mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an Blue flag on the race committee signal boat and the finishing mark.

13. TIME LIMITS

<u>Single Race/day</u>	<u>Multiple Races/day</u>
Time limit: 2 hours	Time limit: 1.5 hours
Mark 1 time limit: 40 minutes	Mark 1 time limit: 20 minutes
Target time: 80 minutes	Target time: 40 minutes

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

13.2 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit which is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

14.2 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.

14.3 Breaches of instruction 17 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

14.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered

- within the protest time limit if the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

14.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

15. MEDIATION

15.1 A mediation hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with rule 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or 4. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.

15.2 The time and place of the mediation hearing will be decided by the mediator and such advice may be given verbally. One representative of each boat shall attend the mediation hearing and no witnesses shall be allowed. The mediator shall decide the manner in which testimony is given.

15.3 After taking testimony at a mediation hearing the mediator shall make one of the following conclusions:

- The protest does not comply with rule 61 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
- The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing.
(This may be because rules other than Part 2 or 4 are or may be involved, or because evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason decided by the mediator.)
- No rule was broken and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
- A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, the infringing boat(s) may accept scoring points equal to a finishing place mid-way between the boat's actual finishing place and a disqualification, and if so accepted the protestor shall withdraw the

protest. (Half points shall be disregarded and the points of other boats shall not be adjusted.)

- 15.4 A mediation hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of a mediator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.
- 15.5 Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the mediator may be a member of the protest committee. Any evidence given by a mediator during a protest hearing shall be given only in the presence of the parties to the hearing.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 (a) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from six to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.3 A boat's handicap for the handicap series will be determined by an administrator appointed by the WA Heron Sailing Association and will be adjusted as deemed fit by that administrator.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 All skippers are required to sign the sign-on sheet located below the Official Notice Board prior to the starting of the first race of the day.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as practical.
- 17.3 All boats shall sign the sign-off sheets located below the Official Notice Board within ½ hour of beaching their boat in the last race of that session.
- 17.4 Failure to meet the above safety regulations 17.1 to 17.3 may result in a monetary fine as deemed appropriate by the race officer.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Requests shall be made on forms available at the Race Office.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity on forms available at the Race Office. If damage occurs on the water, equipment may be substituted before the following race and written permission shall be requested before the end of protest time on the same day.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

21. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for national championship and handicap at the presentation dinner on Friday 4th January 2019.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

Attachment A

RACING AREA



Attachment B

THE COURSE

Marks 1, 1a, 2 & 3p are to be left to port
Mark 3s to be left to starboard

Course	Description
1	Start - 1 - 2 - 3p - 1 - Finish A
2	Start - 1 - 2 - 3p - 1 - 3p - Finish B
3	Start - 1 - 2 - 3p - 1 - 3p - 1 - 2 - Finish A
4	Start - 1 - 2 - 3p - 1 - 3p - 1 - 2 - 3p - Finish B
5	Start - 1 - 1a - 3s/3p - 1 - 1a - Finish A
6	Start - 1 - 1a - 3s/3p - 1 - 1a - 3s/3p - 1 - 1a - Finish A

