



**2020 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN
O'pen Skiff Championship**
7th – 9th March 2020

NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority
Australian International O'pen Skiff Association
in conjunction with
Scouts SA & Henley Sailing Club



1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS).

Australian Sailing Special Regulations - Part 2 (for off the beach boats) shall apply.

It is recommended competitors wear a safety helmet to the minimum standard of EN1385 or EN1077 whilst afloat.

1.1 Combined Gold/Silver Fleet

The O'pen Skiff Umpired Fleet Racing rules, Appendix U, will apply. Refer to Attachment #4

These change the RRS Parts 4 and 5, A5 and definitions under rule 86.3.

1.2 Green Fleet

Refer to Attachment #2.

2 ADVERTISING

2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

2.2 The organising authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by a boat or competitor when it is in conflict with an event sponsor or government regulations.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to boats complying with the current O'pen Skiff class rules.

3.2 Boats may be available for charter. Contact sa@openskiff.org.au at the earliest opportunity for information about this.

3.3 All sailors shall be financial members of a yacht club that is affiliated with Australian Sailing or their MNA.

3.4 Each boat shall be covered for a minimum \$10 million of third-party liability insurance. The WSC requires all boats participating in aquatic events provide evidence of insurance cover both on shore and while racing.

3.5 Competitors and guardians shall abide by the Australian Sailing Member Protection Policy and Procedures.

3.6 All entrants must be paid up members of the Australian O'pen Skiff Association (pay during rego. if need be)

3.7 Entry into Green Fleet shall be approved by the Australian O'pen Skiff Class Association.

3.8 Entry for Gold/Silver Fleet is \$40

Entry for Green Fleet is \$40

A \$10 late entry fee applies after midnight on 2nd March 2020

3.9 Boats shall enter online at <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=37970> and pay the relevant entry fee. Note: There is an additional fee of 2.75% of the transaction value applied to cover the online entry system.

4 PROPOSED SCHEDULE (NOTE: An updated version may be available at registration)

Date	Time	Event
Sat 7th March	0800	Charter boats available
	0900 - 0930	Registration
	0930	Race Management briefing
	1030	All fleets briefing
	1100	All fleets racing
	1800	Welcome BBQ. Free for competitors and kids under 5. \$12 per person for non-competitors (cash payable at registration).
Sun 8th March	0930	Adventure race and briefing
	1030	All fleets briefing
	1100	All fleets racing
Mon 9th March	1000	Resail or adventure sailing
	ASAP after sailing	Prize giving and presentation

- 4.1 No more than 4 scoring races will be sailed back to back on any one day.
- 4.2 No more than 4 scoring races will be sailed on any one day.
- 4.3 A number of non-scoring adventure type races may be sailed during the event when conditions are appropriate
- 4.4 No warning signal will be made after 1430 hours on Monday 9th March.

5 MEASUREMENT

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the rules as defined in the RRS.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

7 VENUE AND COURSE AREA

- 7.1 The regatta will be conducted on the waters of the Lower Murray River adjacent to the Goolwa Scout Hall, Daniel Street, Goolwa North, as shown in Attachment 1.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 Courses will be advised on the day at least 30 minutes before the first warning signal.
- 8.2 The target time for each race is 35 minutes.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 The Low Point Scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 9.2 A maximum of 6 races are scheduled and 3 races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.3 A boat may drop her worst score after 5 races have been completed.
- 9.4 A boat racing which does not cross the finish line within the time limit will be scored based on their on-water position.

10 SUPPORT BOATS

- 10.1 All support boats shall register with the OA and may be required to display an identifying flag which will be provided at registration.
- 10.2 Support boats shall be covered for a minimum \$10 million of third-party liability insurance. Proof of cover may be required at registration.
- 10.3 Support boats are requested to monitor the course VHF channel for safety information, provide assistance, if requested and follow any instructions given by the race officer.
- 10.4 Support boats shall remain at least 50m outside the course area unless providing safety assistance to a competitor.
- 10.5 Green fleet boats will be supported and coached by the official coach boat(s) and any such communication shall not be considered outside help. This changes rule 41.

11 MEDIA RIGHTS

In participating in this event, a competitor or their guardian automatically grants to the organising authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

12 PRIZES

Combined Gold/Silver Fleet

Overall: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Green Fleet - Prizes may be awarded for 'encouragement' and 'taking part' as well as placing for positions.

Other prizes may be awarded by the Organising Authority.

13 ADVENTURE RACING

An adventure 2-up race will be conducted during the regatta.

- Competitors will be put into teams of 2 by the race committee. This event is compulsory for all competitors
- Costumes are to be worn
- Senior sailors are encouraged to mentor younger or less experienced sailors
- Prizes will be awarded

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk (refer RRS 4 - Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the event.

The boat's decision to enter will be considered to be testament that:-

- the boat complies with the event entry eligibility requirements within this Notice of Race;
- the skipper fully understands the meaning and intent of the RRS PART 1 – FUNDAMENTAL RULES;
- the skipper has the necessary knowledge and skills to safely participate in and complete the event
- the participants indemnify the organizing authority, its agents and volunteers from any responsibility for any matter relating to the boat's participation in the event.

This consideration is made in relation to the application of the Civil Liability Act 2003 to dangerous recreational activities.

15 ACCOMMODATION

The event takes place at the Goolwa Scout Hall, Daniel Street, Goolwa North, and competitors and families are encouraged to stay on-site during the event. There is ample space available for camping at the cost of \$4 per person per night, payable as cash on arrival. There is floor space available for sleeping inside the Scout Hall if preferred. The Scout Hall includes toilets, showers, and kitchen available for use. Boats may be launched directly from the shore front at the Scout Hall.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

The Australian International O'pen Skiff Association, South Australian Representative

Ph. 0414 085476 or Email: sa@openskiff.org.au

17 LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Club location and sailing area

Attachment 2 - Green fleet Guidelines

Attachment 3 - Introductory Rules for Racing

Attachment 4 - Appendix U – Umpired Fleet Racing

Attachment 1:

Regatta Venue and Racing area

Map of Town:



Approximate location of the racing area:



Attachment 2:

Green Fleet Guidelines

1. In the Green Fleet emphasis is on fun. The objective of this regatta is to offer younger and less experienced sailors the opportunity to sail and participate at the O'pen Skiff events without feeling the need or burden to sail in the more competitive and arduous Gold and Silver Fleets.
2. Sailing will be a mixture of adventure sailing, racing, freestyle and any other form of sailing that the organisers deem fit.
3. Sailors will benefit from a high level of coaching throughout the event.
4. Sailors entering the Green Fleet should be of a level of sailing similar to or beyond Tackers 2.
5. Green Fleet racing is intended to be run dependent on weather forecasts and prevailing winds. Should the conditions be such that racing is an option this will be conducted on a separate course.
6. All Green Fleet participants shall comply with the 2017 International O'pen Skiff Class Rules.
7. The Green Fleet will consist of a variety of activities, led by appropriately qualified activity leaders/rules advisors (in an approximate ratio of 1:10 on the water). These activities may include both, shore and on-water based skills, coaching and on-water games.
8. Prizes may be awarded for 'encouragement' and 'taking part' as well as placing for positions. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
9. Parents, guardians and friends are encouraged to come and spectate but please refrain from coaching/communicating with sailors and allow the qualified coaches to deal with any issues/circumstances that arise.

Attachment 3:



Introductory Rules for Racing

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Some Explanations

Windward and Leeward: The *leeward* side of your boat is the side where your mainsail lies. The *windward* side is the other side.

Port and Starboard tack: You are on *port* or *starboard* tack according to your *windward* side.

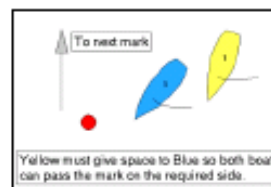
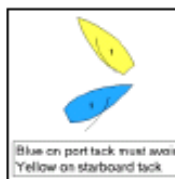
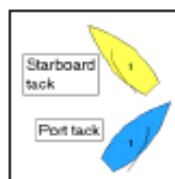
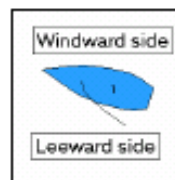
Advisor: A person appointed by the race organizers to assist competitors in understanding the rules and, when appropriate, to penalize a boat.

Basic Rules

1. You must comply with the principles of good sportsmanship.
2. You must try not to collide with another boat.

Rules When Boats Meet

3. When you and the other boat are on opposite *tacks*, if you are on *port* tack you must avoid the boat on *starboard* tack.
4. When you and the other boat are on the same *tack*, you must avoid the other boat
 - (a) if she is in front of you, or
 - (b) if she is on your *leeward* side.
5. After starting, when you and the other boat approach a mark or an object that both boats need to avoid, and the other boat is between you and the mark or other object, you must give her sufficient space to pass it safely on the same side. However, when the boats are on opposite *tacks* at a windward mark, this rule does not apply.
6. When the other boat is required to avoid you, if you change course, you must give the other boat an adequate opportunity to avoid you.



Other Rules

7. At the starting signal you must be behind the starting line.
8. After the starting signal, you must sail the course described by the race organizers.
9. You must not touch a mark of the course that is a committee vessel.
10. If you think you or another boat has broken a rule or if you are unclear about the rules at any time during the race, you must describe the incident to the *advisor* after the race. The *advisor* may then add two points to the score of any boat that has broken a rule. If the offence is serious, the *advisor* may add extra points to the boat's score.

Attachment 4:

APPENDIX U

O'PEN SKIFF UMPIRED FLEET RACING RULES

*The aim of this process is to have all boat-vs-boat **protests** decided at the time of the incident.*

Competitors need to accept that an umpire may not be in a position to adjudicate every incident.

This Appendix changes racing rules in Part, 4, 5, A5 and the definition of Finish.

O'pen Skiff class rule C1.1(a) is amended:

Replace "12 knots" with "8 knots"

Definition Finish is replaced with

"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."

Rule 31 is amended to read

"31 TOUCHING A MARK

While *racing*, a **boat's hull** shall not touch a starting *mark* before *starting*, a *mark* that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing *mark* after *finishing*."

Protests

A boat may protest another boat for a rule of part 2, by hailing "PROTEST", raising a hand in the air and identifying the other boat(s) involved at the first reasonable opportunity for each.

The protested boats are not entitled to a hearing unless there was damage or injury.

Protests for all other rules or requests for redress shall be advised to the Race Committee or umpires within 2 minutes of finishing. The Protest Committee may take evidence in any way it decides and may make any determination it believes is equitable which may be to award no penalty.

Penalties and Umpire Decisions

A boat may promptly acknowledge breaking a rule by taking a One-Turn Penalty or retiring.

Penalties signalled by an umpires shall be a Two-Turn Penalty.

If no boat takes a penalty, 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 penalised.'
- (c) a black flag with one long sound means 'The identified boat is disqualified.'

An umpire may exonerate a boat without a hearing or penalise a boat without a protest by another boat, or report the incident to the protest committee, or both, when the boat:

- (a) breaks a rule of Part 2 and there is physical contact, damage or injury;
- (b) breaks rule 31;
- (c) indicates that she will take a penalty turn, and then fails to do so;
- (d) breaks a rule and gains an advantage;
- (e) fails to take a penalty signalled by an umpire, or
- (f) commits a breach of sportsmanship.

If the umpires decide that a boat may have broken a *rule* other than Part 2 they shall inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3.

REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

A boat is not entitled to claim redress under rule 62.1(a). The umpires may request the protest committee to consider redress if they believe an improper action or omission may have occurred.

There shall be no request for redress or an appeal from a decision made under the rules of this appendix. In rule 66 the third sentence is changed to 'A *party* to the hearing may not ask for a reopening.'

No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by the umpires, except as provided above.

Competitors are encouraged to ask the Umpires after racing about a decision made on the water to assist with learning outcomes. This can be done between races or on shore. Attempt to identify the umpire that made the decision to speak with about the incident.