



2020 Western Australian Championships

4th-6th December 2020

Hosted by



and

Australian International O'pen Skiff Association



NOTICE OF RACE



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1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing(RRS).
- 1.2 The Australian Sailing Regulations Part 2 (for off the beach boats) shall apply.
- 1.3 Silver fleet boats will be required to tie a pink ribbon to the peak of their sail. This ribbon will be supplied by the Organizing Authority at registration.
- 1.4 **Avengers Challenge**
- 1.5 The rules for this event are set-out in Attachment 1. It is a fun event and does not count as part of the O'pen Skiff Championships.
- 1.6 **Rules Education**
- 1.7 The race committee may host session(s) on sailing rules prior to the racing with attendance by all sailors competing in the event. Sailors may ask questions of the judges and officials at any time prior to the race or after the racing.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The World Sailing Eligibility code will apply.
- 2.2 The regatta is open to boats of the O'pen Skiff Class. Sailors may use sails supplied by O'pen Skiff Inc. (Monofilm or Dacron, 4.5 or 3.8 m²) but only one sail may be used during the regatta. Equipment substitution is not permitted unless damaged and prior approval has been sought from the race committee. Gold Fleet competitors to compete with 4.5 m² sail (only).
- 2.3 All sailors must be financial members of a yacht club affiliated with Yachting Australia.
- 2.4 Gold Fleet - Entrants confident in racing at club level are encouraged to compete in the Gold Fleet.
- 2.5 Silver Fleet- The spirit of Silver fleet sailing is to encourage new or younger sailors to participate in racing. Entry is available for those competing in their first WA O'pen Skiff Championships and less experienced sailors. The organising authority may intervene to determine the sailors division.
- 2.6 Gold Fleet- Age Divisions:
 - U13 Division: (under 13 as at Dec 5th 2020)
 - Open Division: (under 17 as at Dec 5th 2020)
- 2.7 Enter only online at <https://www.registernow.com.au>
- 2.8 Entries close 4th December 2020.

3. Fees

Entry Fee - \$90

A small processing fee is charged registering on the website entry portal.



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4. SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event
Friday 4th December	16:00	Registration Open
	16:00 onward	Delivery of boats
	18:00	Avengers Slalom Event (Weather Permitting)
	18:30	Sausage Sizzle & Bar – Parents & Friends welcome
Saturday 5th December	08:00	Registrations Open
	08:30	Volunteers Briefing
	09:00 – 12.30	Welcome and Competitors Briefing Racing Session 1
	12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
	14:00 – 16:00 16:00 – 18:00	Racing Session 2 Freestyle Rally and Parents Race
	Evening	No plans
Sunday 6th December	09:00	Warning Signal Sailing Day 2. Racing Session 3
	12:30-13:30	Lunch
	14:00 – 16:00	Racing Session 4 (Optional)
	ASAP after sailing	Hamburgers / Bar Prize Giving

Notes:

1. It is intended to complete at least 8 races (weather permitting)
2. No warning signal will be made after 15:00 hrs on Sunday 9th December.
3. Other PDSC fleets and RPYC will be sharing the river on Sat 5th Dec. The races shall be coordinated to minimise disruption.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at PDSC at registration Friday 6th December 2019 and for download via the O'pen Skiff Australia Regatta website: <https://www.registernow.com.au>

6. VENUE

- 6.1 Swan River, in Matilda Bay adjacent to Perth Dinghy Sailing Club, Crawley.
- 6.2 The PDSC canteen will be open. Lunch orders are to be made in advance on registration. Drinks and snacks may be purchased at any time. The PDSC Bar in the main clubhouse will also be open in the afternoon and evenings. Competitors, parents and friends are encouraged to use the facilities.
- 6.3 The PDSC club operates with volunteers and welcomes assistance in the canteen and on the water. Volunteers are most welcome.



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7. THE COURSES

- 7.1 The courses to be sailed will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.2 The courses shall be either windward/leeward or Trapezoid configurations.

8. PROTEST ARBITRATION

- 8.1 Protests arising from participation in this regatta shall be subject to arbitration as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2 The race committee may provide on water judges for the purposes of identifying rule infringements and signalling the requirement for a penalty.

9. SCORING

- 9.1 The Low Point Scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 9.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - A. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of the race scores.
 - B. When five, six or seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her series scores excluding the worst score.
 - C. When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her series scores excluding the worst two scores.

10. SUPPORT BOATS

Once the Preparatory Signal is displayed, all private spectator and coach boats shall keep clear and 50 meters outside the course area and to leeward of all competitors when racing. The course area is defined as the area a boat is likely to sail in. Any official or race committee support boat providing assistance to a Silver Fleet competitor shall be registered, keep clear of other competitors and shall be considered part of the boat under rule 23 when assisting a boat capsized or not in control. Rule 41 will not apply to a Silver fleet competitor where they receive outside help from a race committee support boat and may continue to race without penalty.

11. AUDIO 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.

12. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows for the overall results:

- Gold Fleet:
 - Open: 1st, 2nd, 3rd
 - U13: 1st
- Silver Fleet:
 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- Best new skipper at State Titles
- Avengers Slalom Champion

In addition, other encouragement prizes will be awarded.



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13. **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.

14. **INSURANCE**

14.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$AUD10 million per event or the equivalent. All competitors that complete the entry process are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

14.2 Third Party and Boat insurance can be purchased for a modest fee at www.nautilusinsurance.com.au

15. **RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

In participating, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authorities, the Coordinating Authorities and the sponsors, 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 filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition in which the competitor participates and in, and all material related to the said event without compensation.

16. **AMENDMENTS**

Any amendments to this Notice of Race will be posted on line at:

<https://www.registernow.com.au>

17. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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Attachment: 1

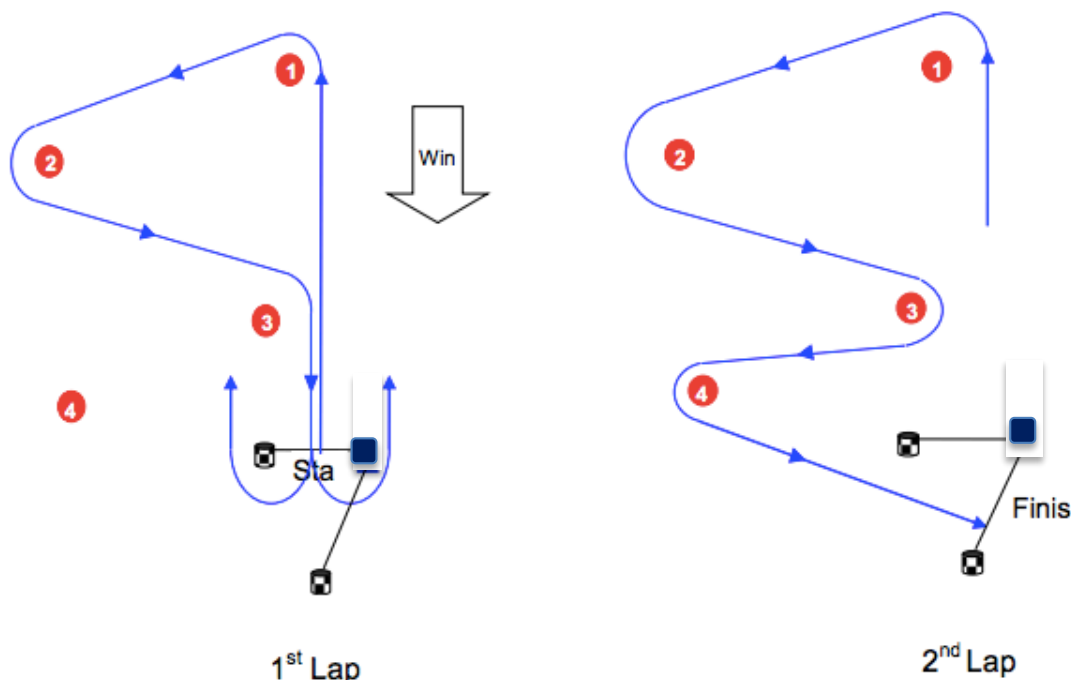


SLALOM CHALLENGE

Sailing Instructions: (Rules may be adapted at the event)

1. Enter and pick an Avenger you want to be (Thor, Hulk, Spiderman, Black Widow etc.)
2. 4 Boats to be used rigged on beach (shared boats).
3. Boats identified by a colour flag on mast
4. 4 boats in each heat. Boats allocated randomly by Race Committee.
5. Start / Finish close to beach. 2 laps as shown with the finish close to the clubhouse.
6. Marshall Boat moves from start, around the race and to the finish.
7. 2 min countdown air horn from beach 2min (**) / 1 min (*) / Go (long)
8. Commentary and crowd support with PA system, tunes and feedback from Marshall.
9. Extra points may be award for collecting crystals.
10. Top two places through to another round. (Races approx. 10 minutes)
11. Sailing rules apply – port & starboard / buoy room / on water Marshall in the field.
12. Marshall boat raises a flag with the boats colour for penalty 1 turn
13. Final race determines the result.

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Start (Gate) – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – Finish



Attachment: 2 – Racing Rules