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WA State Championships

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Introduction

The 2026-2027 Sabre Sailing Association of Western Australia (SSAWA) SQP Engineering WA State Championships will be held over the following dates:

- Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd November 2026 at the Perth Dinghy Sailing Club (2 races each day)
- Sunday 29th November 2026 at the Maylands Yacht Club (2 races)

The regatta will be conducted by the Perth Dinghy Sailing Club (PDSC) and the Maylands Yacht Club (MYC) on the Swan River, Perth, Western Australia. The organising authority for this regatta is the Sabre Sailing Association of Western Australia Inc.

Rules

1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2025 - 2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Class Rules of the Sabre Sailing Association of Australia Inc and the prescriptive sections (Sections 1 to 5) of the Australian Sailing "Special Regulations - Part 2 - For Off The Beach Boats" (2025 Edition).
2. The racing rules will be modified in accordance with Rule 86 as follows: Rule 41, Outside Help, will be altered by: "A boat may receive outside help as provided for in Rule 1 and, in addition, where the organising authority deems that the vessel and its crew require assistance in order to right a capsized vessel and/or return its crew to the vessel in order to continue racing."

Advertising and Sponsorship

3. Advertising will be as defined by World Sailing regulation 20.
4. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
5. The organising authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by a boat or competitor when it is in conflict with an event sponsor or the laws of the Western Australian or Australian Governments.

Eligibility and Entry

6. The regatta is open to boats of the Sabre class that comply with the class rules of the Sabre Sailing Association of Australia Inc.
7. The regatta is open to competitors who are:
   i. A current financial member of the Sabre Sailing Association Western Australia Inc or a Sabre Association of another state which is a member of the Sabre Sailing Association of Australia Inc; and
   ii. A current financial member of a club affiliated with a State or National Yachting Association.
8. Competitors shall ensure and confirm as part of registration for the event, that the boat sailed in the series has third party insurance cover of not less than $5,000,000 for the duration of the regatta. Competitors whose boats are not insured, race at their own risk and acknowledge that the owner/competitors are personally liable for any claim for damages caused by them or their boat. Competitors whose boats are found to not be insured, may be disqualified by the organising authority from all races of the regatta.
9. Eligible boats shall enter via the event registration page within the web-based portal of the SSAWA on the RevolutioniseSPORT platform at:

https://www.revolutionise.com.au/sabreswa/events/386701

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10. Entries will be accepted until 11:59pm on 20th November 2026. Late fees apply as per Clause 13.
11. A competitor is eligible for the Junior division if they are under 21 years of age on 21st November 2026, the first day of the regatta.

Fees

12. An entry fee of $30.00 is payable by all participants, except for those qualifying as a Junior, for whom the entry fee is $15.00, i.e., 50 per cent of the standard entry fee. Fees are payable to the Sabre Sailing Association of Western Australia Inc.
13. Boats registering after 11:59pm on 14th November 2026 will incur a $20.00 late fee or $10.00 in the case of a Junior entrant.

Schedule of Events:

Event	Date	Location
Session 1: Nominal Session time 14:00 to 17:00 Race 1: 14:00 Race 2: As soon as practical after completion of Race 1	Saturday 21st November 2026	PDSC, Matilda Bay, Crawley WA
Session 2: Nominal Session time 14:00 to 17:00 Race 3: 14:00 Race 4: As soon as practical after completion of Race 3	Sunday 22nd November 2026	PDSC, Matilda Bay, Crawley WA
Session 3: Nominal Session time 14:00 to 17:00 Race 5: 14:00 Race 6: As soon as practical after completion of Race 5	Sunday 29th November 2026	Maylands Yacht Club, Maylands WA

14. The stated time in the above schedule for the races indicates the earliest time of a warning signal for the commencement of a race. Races will be nominally targeted within the sessions as stated; however, racing may vary from this session allocation at the discretion of the Race Officer. Races 2, 4 and 6 will be sailed as soon as practical after completion of the previous race.

Measurement

15. Each competitor shall ensure and confirm as part of registration for the event, that the boat entered in the regatta holds an "A" class measurement certificate issued by the Sabre Sailing Association of Australia.
16. Except in the circumstances as prescribed by Clause 19, each competitor shall use only one or two sails, one centreboard and one rudder during the regatta.
17. Prior to the competitor's first race or as agreed with the State Measurer, each competitor must ensure that the sails, centreboard, and rudder to be used in the regatta have been measured and endorsed by the State Measurer. Any measuring of sails or foils undertaken during the regatta will incur a late fee of $10.00 per boat (unless undertaken as per Clause 18 below).
18. The class measurer, or appropriate delegate, may conduct random measurement checks on boats and equipment before, during and after the regatta at the discretion of the Race Committee or the Sabre Sailing Association of Western Australia Inc.
19. Damaged equipment may be replaced on written request to and approval by the Race Committee.

Sailing Instructions

20. Sailing Instructions will be issued by email to competitors before the 3rd November 2026.

Courses

21. The format of the courses to be sailed at Maylands Yacht Club shall be based on the Maylands Yacht Club river marks and/or inflatable marks which are aligned with standard Maylands Yacht Club Short courses (https://www.maylandsyachtclub.org.au/file/mhr9nabpkiagoyl2)
22. The format of the courses to be sailed at Perth Dinghy Sailing Club shall be a triangular (Olympic) course, which will be defined by inflatable marks.
23. Details of the courses to be sailed and marks will be set out in the Sailing Instructions.

Scoring and Penalty System

24. RRS 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply.
25. Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
26. The Low Points Scoring System specified in RRS Appendix A will apply as modified by the following:
    i. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
    ii. When 5 or 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

Safety and Support Boats

27. All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by a national authority affiliated to the International Sailing federation, or a standards organisation, or certification authority, recognised for the purpose by its respective government.
28. Attention is drawn to Rule 1.2 and Rule 4. Discretionary penalties will apply to Rule 41 – Outside Help. Actions of the Race Committee in retrieving crews from the water and returning them to their boats may not lead to any penalty to the assisted competitor/boat.
29. Support Boats, coaches and other support personnel shall not approach within 100 metres of any competitor that is racing without the prior approval of the Race Committee. A failure to comply may result in protest of boats associated with the infringing vessel.

Radio Communication

30. A boat shall not:
    i. make radio transmissions,
    ii. make or receive mobile phone calls,
    iii. nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. Mobile telephones may not be used at any time during racing or carried on board by competitors during the competition. The use of GPS devices will be subject to provisions outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

Prizes

31. Prizes will be awarded for
    1. Open: 1st to 3rd place. Prize winners will be presented with a trophy and a voucher relating to sailing gear provided by SQP Engineering.
    2. Women: 1st to 3rd place. Prize winners will be presented with a trophy and a voucher relating to sailing gear provided by SQP Engineering.
    3. Junior: 1st to 3rd place. Prize winners will be presented with a trophy and a voucher relating to sailing gear provided by SQP Engineering.
    4. Wooden Boat: The best-placed wooden boat will be presented with a trophy and a voucher relating to sailing gear provided by Rose Mining Geology.
32. In the Open, Women's, and Junior competitions, a minimum of 2 competitors are required to award 1st Place, 3 competitors to award 2nd Place and 4 competitors to award 3rd Place.
33. In the Wooden Boat competition, a minimum of 2 competitors are required to award a best place.
34. In the Open, Women's, Junior, and Wooden Boat competitions, the minimum number of competitors stated in the above clauses shall all be required to complete a series for the prize to be awarded.

Presentation

35. Presentation of prizes shall be made at a presentation event to be held after the final race of the series within the clubhouse of the Maylands Yacht Club.

Entry Disclaimer

36. It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority, and the host club, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in this Event or howsoever arising in connection with this Event.
37. In participating in the Regatta each competitor grants the organising authority, the host club and the sponsors of the Regatta the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television or other reproduction of him/her during the period of the competition for the Regatta and in all material related to the Regatta without compensation.

Further Information

38. Further information may be obtained from the SSAWA. Contact Steve Rose, SSAWA Secretary secretary@ssawa.com.au
39. Any amendment to this Notice of Race will be emailed to registered competitors and posted on the Maylands Yacht Club and Perth Dinghy Sailing Club Notice Boards (as applicable).

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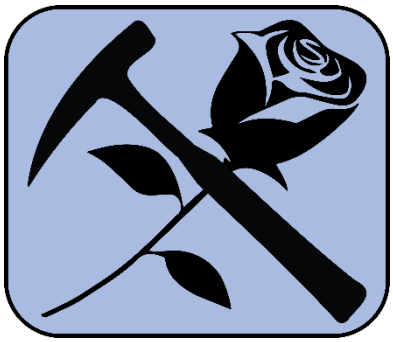
Wooden Boat Prize Sponsor



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