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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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SABRE SAILING ASSOCIATION of WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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WA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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1. Introduction

1.1 The 2026-27 Sabre Sailing Association of Western Australia (SSAWA) SQP Engineering WA State Championships will be held over the following dates:

- Saturday 21st November 2026 at the Perth Dinghy Sailing Club (2 races)
- Sunday 22nd November 2026 at the Perth Dinghy Sailing Club (2 races)
- 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.

2. Rules

2.1 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).

2.2 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."

3. Notices to Competitors

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the MYC and PDSC's notice boards. MYC notice board is located in their boat shed near sign on area and PDSC notice board(s) located on the southern side of the clubhouse (on the balcony area, close to the club's shop).

4. Changes To Sailing Instructions

4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 6:00pm on the day before it will take effect.

5. Signals Made Ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from MYC Start Box flagstaff and PDSC balcony area flagstaff.

5.2 If a black flag is hoisted from MYC Start Box flagstaff or PDSC balcony area flagstaff due to severe weather conditions, no boat shall leave the beach (penalty may be disqualification/exclusion from future races as directed by the Race Committee).

5.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6. Schedule of Races:

6.1

Event	Date	Location
Session 1 Nominal session time 14.00 – 17.00 Race 1: 14.00 Race 2: As soon as practical after completion of Race 1	Saturday 21 November 2026	PDSC, Matilda Bay, Crawley
Session 2 Nominal session time 14.00 – 17.00 Race 3: 14.00 Race 4: As soon as practical after completion of Race 3	Sunday 22 November 2026	PDSC, Matilda Bay, Crawley
Session 3 Nominal session time 14.00 – 17.00 Race 5: 14.00 Race 6: As soon as practical after completion of Race 5	Sunday 29 November 2026	Maylands Yacht Club, Maylands

6.2 There will be a competitor briefing held each day prior to racing. Specific time and location will be advised on the day.

6.3 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.

7. Class Flags

7.1 The Class Flag will be a red Sabre class logo on a white background.

8. Racing Area

8.1 The racing area will be on the waters of Maylands Yacht Club and Matilda Bay at Perth Dinghy Sailing Club and will be defined by the Race Officer on the day of racing.

9. Courses

9.1 The courses to be sailed at Maylands Yacht Club will be one of Courses 1 to 4 shown in Attachment C, using the MYC river marks shown in Attachment B. Each mark shall be rounded on the side shown in Attachment C. All boats must go between the channel markers southeast of Maylands Jetty. At Maylands Yacht Club, the starting and finishing lines will be described at the competitor briefing.

9.2 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, as shown in Attachment A. All rounding marks on courses set at Perth Dinghy Sailing Club are to be rounded to port.

9.3 For races to be held at Perth Dinghy Sailing Club and Maylands Yacht Club, the Race Committee boat will indicate, no later than the Warning Signal, the course to be sailed by displaying the International Numeral Pennant corresponding to the course number in Attachment A (PDSC) or Attachment C (MYC) and may additionally display the compass bearing of the direction to the first mark.

10.Marks

10.1 Marks at Maylands Yacht Club will be the MYC river marks shown in Attachment B.

10.2 Perth Dinghy Sailing Club Marks A, B and C will be inflatable buoys.

10.3 The Perth Dinghy Sailing Club Starting Mark will be a buoy displaying an orange flag (At the port end of the starting line).

10.4 The Perth Dinghy Sailing Club Finish Mark will be a buoy displaying an orange flag (At the port end of the finish line).

11.The Start

11.1 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag shall be displayed on the Race Committee Vessel with a long sound signal at least four minutes before a Warning Signal is made.

11.2 The starting line will be an imaginary line between the flag mast on the Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and the Starting Mark (a buoy flying an orange flag).

11.3 A clearance buoy may be laid near the Race Committee Vessel and the buoy together with its mooring line shall be considered as a part of the Race Committee Vessel.

11.4 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.5 Races will be started with a modified RRS Rule 26 with the start sequence as follows:

For races held at PDSC Minutes before starting signal	*For races held at MYC Minutes before starting signal*	*Visual signal*	*Sound signal*	*Means*
3	*5*	*Class flag*	*One*	*Warning Signal*
2	*4*	*P, I, Z, Z with I, U, or black flag*	*One*	*Preparatory Signal*
1	*1*	*P, I, Z, Z with I, U, or black flag removed*	*One Long*	*One Minute*
0	*0*	*Class flag removed*	*One*	*Starting Signal*

11.6 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes Rule 26 Starting Races. When flag U is used as the preparatory signal, Rule 29.1 Individual recall does not apply. The scoring abbreviation for a flag U penalty is UFD. This changes Rule A11 Scoring Abbreviations.

11.7 Where starts are made within a sequence of classes starting, the warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.

11.8 If flag "First Substitute - General Recall Signal" is displayed on a Race Committee Vessel in multiple fleet starts this shall mean "The class is recalled for a new start following the start of the last class scheduled to start".

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

12.Change Of The Next Leg Of The Course

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee shall display Code Flag "S" Shortened Course at a rounding mark, and a Race Committee vessel shall give two audible signals as each boat rounds this mark. This shall mean: "course is shortened - after rounding this mark, proceed directly to the finishing line and finish in the prescribed direction." Maylands races if course shortened sail directly to St Annes (SA), leaving it to starboard, then to the finishing line.

13.The Finish

13.1 The details of the finishing will be defined at the briefing prior to the days racing.

13.2 After starting correctly, boats shall not pass through a Start or Finish line in use in either direction except when finishing. A line in use will be identified by a Race Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag (start line in use) or a blue flag (finish line in use).

14.Penalty System

14.1 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 apply.

14.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired according to Rule 44.1 shall inform the Race Committee at the first opportunity.

15.Time Limit and Target Times

15.1 The time limit for each race shall be 75 minutes.

15.2 The target time for each race is 45 minutes. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for protest or redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

15.3 If no boat has rounded the first mark within 30 minutes from the start of the race, the race may be abandoned.

15.4 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes Rule 35 and A4 and A5.

15.5 After more than 75% of the number of boats entered in the series have finished any race, and prior to the time limits indicated above, the Race Committee may, at its discretion, allocate score points for that race, to boats that have not yet finished, and direct those boats to go directly to the next start or return to the shore as the case may be.

15.6 Under Rule 32.1, the Race Committee may abandon a race in the event of unsafe or erratic weather conditions. A competitor may not request redress because of action or no action by the Race Committee under this instruction. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

16.Protests, Requests For Redress And Mediation

16.1 Protest forms will be available from the Host Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit will be 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee about incidents they see in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes Rules 61.3 and 62.2.

16.3 Notices will be posted within 60 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Maylands club house on that days racing and PDSC club house on respective race days beginning at the time posted.

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).

16.5 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 14.2, 19.2–19.5 and 21 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes Rule 60.1(a). Other than for breaches of 14.2, penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

16.6 Requests to reopen a hearing shall be in writing and lodged to the Race Officer no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision. This changes Rule 66.

16.7 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.

16.8 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.

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

16.9.1 The protest does not comply with Rule 61, and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
16.9.2 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.)
16.9.3 No rule was broken, and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
16.9.4 A rule was broken by one or more of the boats involved, in which case the infringing boat(s) may accept scoring points equal to its race score increased by 25% of the difference between the boat's finishing score and the score for the DSQ rounded up to the nearest whole number, and if so accepted the protestor shall withdraw the protest. This is a change to RRS 44.1. All other boat scores will remain the same.

16.10 A mediation hearing shall not be re-opened. No conclusion of a mediator shall be subject to appeal or be grounds for redress.
16.11 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.

17.Scoring

17.1 The Low Points Scoring System specified in RRS Appendix A will apply, as modified by the following:
17.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
17.3 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.
17.4 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

18.Advertising and Sponsorship

18.1 Advertising will be as defined by the World Sailing Advertising Code (Regulation 20).
18.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
18.3 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.

19.Safety Regulations

19.1 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 World Sailing, or a standards organisation, or certification authority, recognised for the purpose by its respective government.
19.2 All competitors must personally "sign on" prior to the scheduled warning signal of the first race of the relevant session, at a sign-on sheet situated near the sailing noticeboard
19.3 Competitors who do not intend to race in the first race of any session but do intend to race in any subsequent races in that session must advise the Start Boat that they wish to sign on for the subsequent race/s of that session only.
19.4 Failure to Sign on in accordance with this clause 19 will result in that boat being scored DSQ in the first race of the relevant race session without a hearing. This changes Rule 63.1, A4 and A5.
19.5 All competitors who fail to start or finish and return to the club, must personally "sign off" at a sign-off sheet situated where the sign on sheets were on the day. Competitors who complete all races in a session, do not need to sign-off once ashore.
19.6 Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from a Race Committee official.

20.Support Boats

20.1 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 will not lead to any penalty to the assisted competitor/boat.

20.2 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.

21.Radio Communication & GPS

21.1 A boat shall not: make radio transmissions, make or receive mobile phone calls, 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.

21.2 GPS units may be carried on board for purpose of storing tracks, however position or distance information derived from a GPS unit may not be accessed, nor be visually accessible, whilst racing.

22.Measurement

22.1 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.

22.2 Except in the circumstances as prescribed by Clause 22.5, each competitor shall use only one or two sails, one centreboard and one rudder during the regatta.

22.3 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 per boat (unless undertaken as per clause 22.4 below).

22.4 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.

22.5 Damaged equipment may be replaced on written request to and approval by the Race Committee.

23.Prizes

23.1 Prizes will be awarded for

- Open: 1st to 3rd place. Prize winners will be presented with a trophy and a voucher relating to sailing gear provided by SQP Engineering.
- Women: 1st to 3rd place. Prize winners will be presented with a trophy and a voucher relating to sailing gear provided by SQP Engineering.
- Junior (under 21): 1st to 3rd place. Prize winners will be presented with a trophy and a voucher relating to sailing gear provided by SQP Engineering.
- 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.

23.2 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.

23.3 In the Wooden Boat competition, a minimum of 2 competitors are required to award a best place.

23.4 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.

24.Presentation

24.1 Prizes will be presented at a presentation event to be held after the final race of the series in the Maylands Yacht Club clubhouse.

25.Disclaimer of Liability

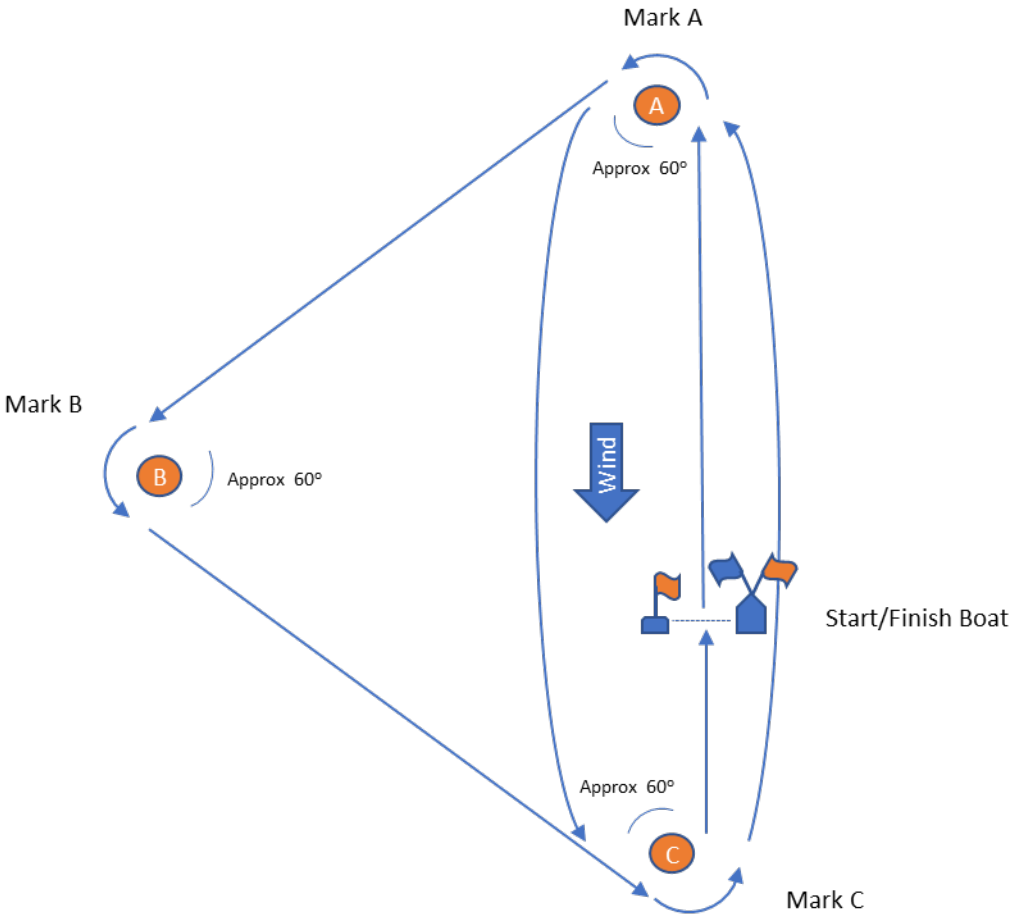
25.1 It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The SSAWA as organising authority, the host clubs, their officers, members, 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.

25.2 In participating in the Regatta each competitor grants the SSAWA as organising authority, the host clubs 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.

26. Insurance

26.1 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 $AUD5,000,000 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 SSAWA as organising authority from all races of the regatta.

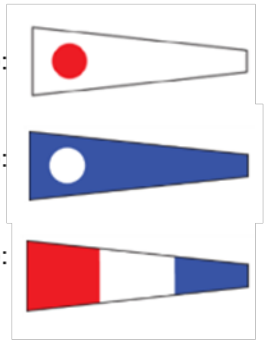
ATTACHMENT A
COURSE DIAGRAM PDSC



Course 1 (International Numeral Pennant #1):
Start - A - B – C – Finish

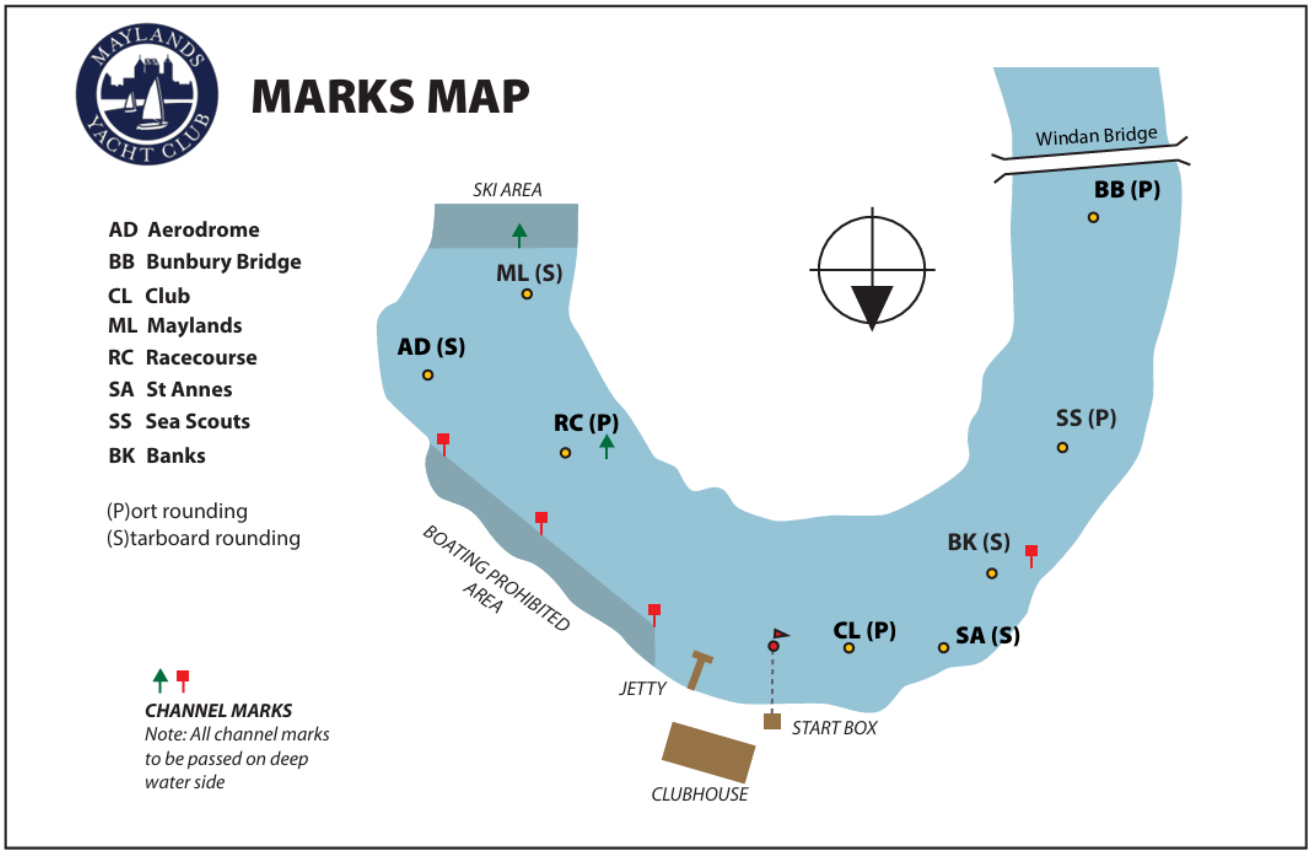
Course 2 (International Numeral Pennant #2):
Start - A - B – C – A - C – Finish

Course 3 (International Numeral Pennant #3):
Start - A - B – C – A - C - A – B – C – Finish



All marks to be rounded to Port.

ATTACHMENT B
MYC MARKS MAP



ATTACHMENT C
COURSES AT MYC

South West Course Long	South West Course Short	Easterly Course	West/North West Course
1	**2**	**3**	**4**
1 Start	1 Start	1 Start	1 Start
2 Bunbury Bridge (BB) Port	2 Bunbury Bridge (BB) Port	2 Aerodrome (AD) Starboard	2 Sea Scouts (SS) Port
3 St Annes (SA) Starboard	3 St Annes (SA) Starboard	3 Maylands (ML) Starboard	3 Aerodrome (AD) Starboard
4 Aerodrome (AD) Starboard	4 Race Course (RC) Port	4 St Annes (SA) Starboard	4 Maylands (ML) Starboard
5 Maylands (ML) Starboard	5 Club (CL) Port	5 Aerodrome (AD) Starboard	5 Sea Scouts (SS) Port
6 Club (CL) Port	6 Bunbury Bridge (BB) Port	6 Club (CL) Port	6 Race Course (RC) Port
7 Bunbury Bridge (BB) Port	7 St Annes (SA) Starboard	7 St Annes (SA) Starboard	7 St Annes (SA) Starboard
8 St Annes (SA) Starboard	8 Finish	8 Finish	8 Finish
9 Finish			