



67th SKATE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

30 December 2025 – 08 January 2026

Hosted by

CEDUNA SAILING CLUB

1 O'Loughlin Terrace, Ceduna. South Australia.



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Ceduna Sailing Club Welcome

On behalf of the members of Ceduna Sailing Club, I am pleased to welcome competitors, families and friends to the 67th Skate National Championship.

The Ceduna Sailing Club is very proud to be given the opportunity to host the Skates for another national titles, this being the eighth time hosting since the initial series was hosted in 1982-1983.

We wish to thank Ceduna Foreshore Hotel-Motel who have once-again generously agreed to be the major sponsor for this event and we look forward to supporting them during the Championship.

Murat Bay provides excellent sailing conditions that are fair to all and we hope that you will enjoy your stay and our Club's hospitality.

I wish all competitors good luck, good sailing and most importantly, an enjoyable regatta.

Kylie Blackham

Secretary
Ceduna Sailing Club



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REGATTA OFFICIALS

CLASS DETAILS:

Class Association	Skate Sailing Association of Australia
Name of Regatta	67 th Skate National Championship
Host Club	Ceduna Sailing Club
Host Club Contact Details	Club Contact– Kylie Blackham M: 0427252385 E: cedunasailingclub@bigpond.com
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REGATTA PRINCIPAL PERSONNEL:

Race Committee Chair	Kylie Blackham M: 0427252385
Race Officer of the Day	Graeme Brewster
Race Committee Members	Chris Stockham Daryl Bubner

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Protest Committee Chair/Race Secretary	Kylie Blackham M: 0427252385
Protest Committee Members	Alan Spencer Sean Leonard



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The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Ceduna Sailing Club is the Organising Authority for the regatta in conjunction with the Skate Sailing Association of Australia (SSAA).

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by:

- The rules as defined in The 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Prescriptions of Australian Sailing ([Download a Copy](#))
- The Australian Sailing Special Regulations - Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats. ([Download a Copy](#))
- The Special Rules of the Skate Sailing Association of Australia (updated July 2025) ([Download a Copy](#))
- these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 If there is conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 1100 hours on the day it will take effect.

2.2 Any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices will be posted on the Online Notice Board located at <https://skatesailingaustralia.org/calendar.html> and on the whiteboard located near the club entrance.

3.2 [NP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.



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4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the organising authority in accordance with any relevant instructions.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore shall be made on the flag mast located on the north-western side of the Clubhouse.
- 5.2 When Flag AP (red with white bands) is displayed ashore “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in the Race Signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The Regatta Schedule is shown in Attachment 1.
- 6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for each race is defined in the Regatta Schedule.
- 6.3 No Warning Signal shall be made after 1530 hours on 8 January 2026.

7 CLASS FLAG

- 7.1 The Skate Class flag will be a green Skate emblem on a white background.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area will be on the waters of Murat Bay as depicted in Attachment 2.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Attachment 3 shows the approximate course layouts, the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which the marks are to be left.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be yellow inflatable cylinders.
- 10.2 The Start and Finish Mark will be a buoy displaying a black and yellow chequered flag.
- 10.3 A new mark, as provided in Instruction 13.1, will be a pink inflatable cylinder.
- 10.4 A Race Committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in Instruction 13.2.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 While racing, the area between any registered moorings and the adjacent shoreline shall be considered PROHIBITED WATER, and therefore an obstruction.



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12 THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 The Start Line will be between a flagstaff displaying a orange flag on the Committee Vessel at the starboard end of the line and a buoy displaying a black and yellow chequered flag at the port end.
- 12.3 A boat that does not start within ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 Boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 33.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The Finish Line will be between a flagstaff displaying a orange flag on the Committee Vessel at the starboard end of the line and a buoy displaying a black and yellow chequered flag at the port end.

15 TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the following table:

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
30 minutes	100 minutes	30 minutes

- 15.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of starters in the race. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16 PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 The Race Officer of the Day or their nominated representative shall represent the Race Committee for the purpose of protesting a boat, requesting redress or reporting to the protest committee. This changes RRS 60.2.



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- 16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area, and to requests for redress.
- 16.3 Protest Forms will be available from the Onshore Coordinator in the Bridge, upstairs in the clubhouse, and delivered back to them within the protest time limit.
- 16.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses, the order of hearings and the time of the first hearing.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 Seven heats are scheduled for the Championship, and five heats shall be completed to constitute the Championship.
- 17.2 When fewer than six heats have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 17.3 When six or seven heats have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.4 RRS A5.3 will apply.
- 17.5 The Invitation Race will be conducted in conjunction with the first heat of the Championship, with the winner being the Skipper of the first boat to the top mark on the second lap of the heat.
- 17.6 A Handicap Series will be conducted concurrently with the Championship (scratch) series. The Race Committee reserves the right to change a boat's handicap at any time and without notice.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 [NP] [DP] Skippers must sign on at the Committee Vessel before racing commences. Skippers must approach the starboard side of the Committee Vessel and hail its crew with their boat's Sail Number and ensure they receive a response from the Committee vessel confirming their boat's Sail Number. Boats failing to sign on before starting the race will be scored DNS without a hearing for the first race for which they should have signed on.
- 18.2 Each skipper completing the race shall sign off at the Committee Vessel by hailing its crew with their boat's Sail Number as they finish, and ensure they receive a response from the Committee vessel confirming their boat's Sail Number.
- 18.3 A boat that retires shall notify the Onshore Coordinator in the Bridge upstairs in the clubhouse as soon as practicable after returning to shore.



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18.4 It is the responsibility of all competitors to ensure that life jackets comply with a standard equivalent to those listed in the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing – Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made, in writing, to the Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19.3 When equipment is substituted during a series of races on the same day, the substitution request shall be made before the protest time limit expires on that day.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEAUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 Each boat and all equipment shall have been measured by an approved Skate class Measurer in its home state prior to being used in a heat of this Championship. The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect any boat or equipment at any time for compliance with the class rules.

21 SUPPORT TEAMS

21.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay a minimum of 50m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Preparatory Signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. This will apply at all times, except when a Support Boat is asked to assist by the Race Committee.

22 RUBBISH DISPOSAL

22.1 No rubbish is to be dumped into the water. All rubbish is to be handed to official boats or taken ashore.

23 PRIZES

23.1 Trophies and prizes to be awarded are listed in Attachment 4.

23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

23.1 Competitors participate in all races entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 3 of the RRS which states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone'.

23.2 The Organising Authority, its officers and servants, will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after racing, nor for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment or for damage which might result from competing in the Championship.



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- 23.3 The person who signs and lodges the boat's entry form acknowledges receipt of Rule 24 – RISK WARNING of these Sailing Instructions and releases the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered, by him/her or any person claiming through him/her in the Championship.
- 23.4 The person who signs and lodges the boat's Entry Form warrants the Club that he/she will draw the attention of any person onboard to Rule 24 – RISK WARNING of these Sailing Instructions.
- 23.5 The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse an entry.

24 RISK WARNING

- 24.1 This RISK WARNING is issued by the Organising Authority to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by the Organising Authority.
- 24.2 Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit, and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.
- 24.3 As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:
 - a) The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
 - b) The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
 - c) The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
 - d) The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
 - e) The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
 - f) Exposure to the elements for extended periods.
- 24.4 The Organising Authority also warns participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in the Championship.

25 INSURANCE

- 25.1 All competing boats shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

Attachments:

1. Regatta Event Schedule
2. Racing Area
3. Courses
4. Trophy and Prize List
5. Past Skate National Champions



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Attachment 1 – Regatta Event Schedule

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday 30 December 2025	1000 to 1130 hours	Entry registration
	1130 hours	Competitors Briefing
	1300 hours	Heat 1 / Invitation Race warning signal
	Later	Welcome Dinner/BBQ
Wednesday 31 December 2025	*1300 hours	Heat 2 warning signal
	Later	New Years Eve Ceduna Foreshore Hotel/Motel
Thursday 01 January 2026		Lay Day
	TBA	Skippers vs Crews Barefoot Bowls Ceduna Bowls Club
Friday 02 January 2026	*1300 hours	Heat 3 warning signal
	Later	Schnitzel & Fish Tea
Saturday 03 January 2026	*1300 hours	Heat 4 warning signal
	Later	Schnitzel & Fish Tea
Sunday 04 January 2026		Lay Day
	TBA	Social
Monday 05 January 2026	1000 hours	SSAA AGM
	*1300 hours	Heat 5 warning signal
	Later	Pasta Night
Tuesday 06 January 2026	*1300 hours	Heat 6 warning signal
	Later	Oyster Bar & Pizza Night
Wednesday 07 January 2026		Lay Day
	TBA	Social
Thursday 08 January 2026	*1200 hours	Heat 7 warning signal
	Later	Presentation Dinner Ceduna Foreshore Hotel/Motel

NOTE: * Subject to conditions on the day



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Attachment 2 - Racing Area

Races will be held on Murat Bay adjacent to Ceduna Sailing Club as depicted below.

A portable caged enclosure will be available adjacent to the club for boat and trailer storage. Use of this facility will be at the owner's risk.

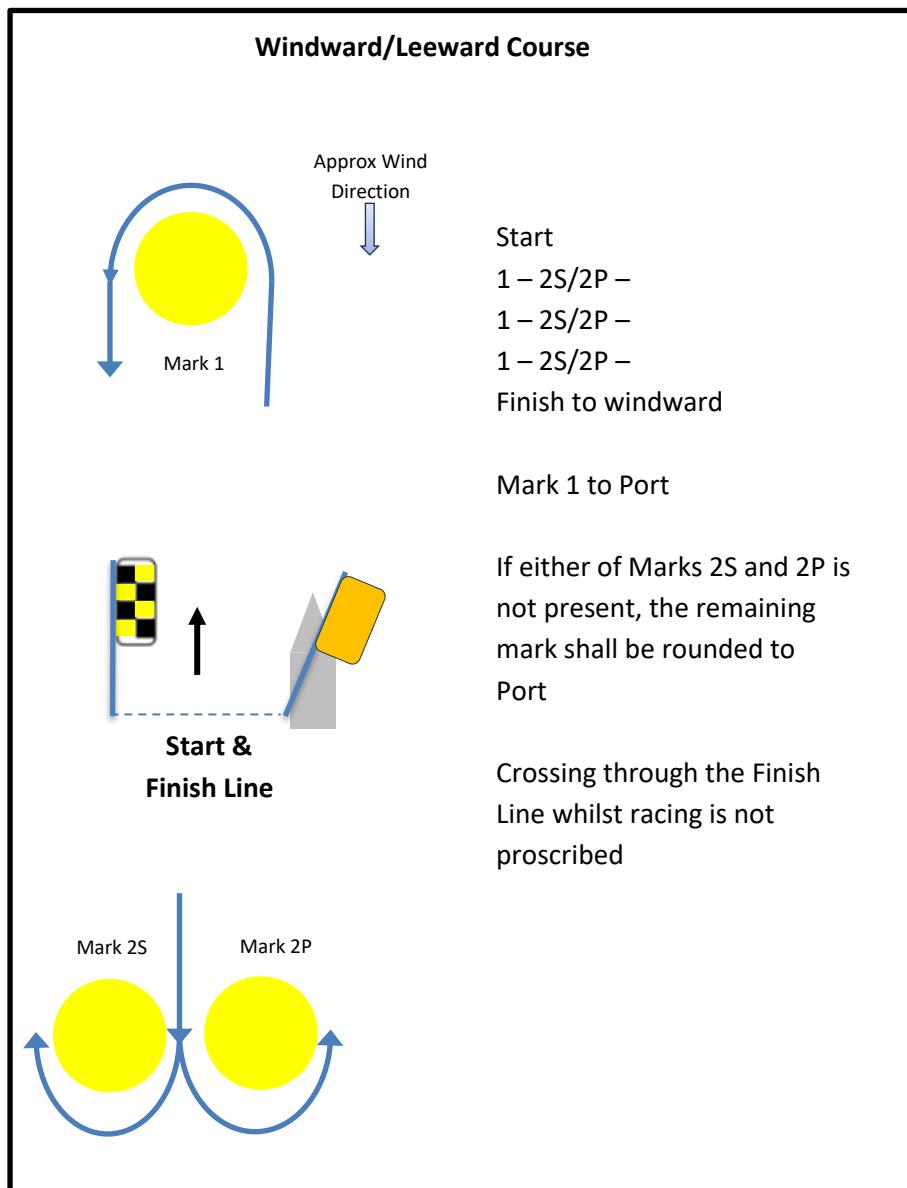




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Attachment 3 – Courses

Courses will be Windward/Leeward as illustrated below.





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Attachment 4 – Trophies and Prizes

Perpetual trophies will be awarded as follows:

- National Champion - Swan Brewery Perpetual Trophy
- Runner-up - Chris Oliver Perpetual Trophy
- Invitation Race Winner – E Elliot Perpetual Shield
- Junior National Champion – Doug Jeffkins Perpetual Trophy
- Veteran National Champion – Stewart Marine Design Perpetual Trophy
- Outstanding Crew – Donated by the Shiner Family
- Handicap National Champion – Lyons, Tate, Olde and Waddell Perpetual Trophy
- Worst Hard Luck - Barry Scott Perpetual Trophy.

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- Skipper and crew of the first four boats on scratch
- Skipper and crew of the first boat on handicap
- Veteran Champion skipper and crew
- Invitation race winning skipper and crew
- Skipper and crew of the first three placed boats on scratch and first on handicap for each heat
- Encouragement award for Crews under the age of 21 yrs on 1st January during the Series
- Novelty Awards



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Attachment 5 – Past Skate National Champions

Series	Season	Boat Name	State	Skipper	Crew	Venue
1	57-58	Classic	NSW	R .Young	J.Barter	St George
2	58-59	Classic	NSW	R .Young	J.Barter	St George
3	59-60	Venom	WA	L.Chivers	K.Court	Nedlands
4	60-61	Venom	WA	L.Chivers	K.Court	St George
5	61-62	O Lay	NSW	J.Gettens	K.Cole	Nedlands
6	62-63	O Lay	NSW	J.Gettens	K.Cole	Yarra Bay
7	63-64	Venom	WA	L.Chivers	K.Court	Nedlands
8	64-65	Valour	NSW	N.Head	K.Court	St George
9	65-66	Valour	NSW	N.Head	T.Bailey	Nedlands
10	66-67	Echo	NSW	W.Wood	B.Graves	Chelsea
11	67-68	Fury	NSW	D.Jeffkins	D.McEneaney	Speers Point
12	68-69	Bitsa	NSW	B.Piefke	F.McBeath	Nedlands
13	69-70	Peta	NSW	R.Lowndes	L.Donovan	Chelsea
14	70-71	Jo Blo	NSW	D.Jeffkins	P.Jeffkins	Yarra Bay
15	71-72	Jo Blo	NSW	D.Jeffkins	P.Jeffkins	Nedlands
16	72-73	Henny Penny	NSW	P.Reilly	D.McEneaney	Gosford
17	73-74	Vengeance	VIC	J.Manfield	P.Bainbridge	Chelsea
18	74-75	Traction	NSW	R.Simpson	W.Gosper	Bunbury
19	75-76	La Tache	VIC	J.Manfield	P.Bainbridge	Speers Point
20	76-77	Ratcatcher	VIC	K.Clarke	B.Clarke	Chelsea
21	77-78	Traction	NSW	R.Simpson	T.Green	Sth Perth
22	78-79	Get It Up	WA	G.Caporn	W.Whetters	Yarra Bay
23	79-80	Vickell	NSW	N.Ryan	J.Brooks	St Leonards
24	80-81	Lido	NSW	R.Longbottom	C.Menzies	Fremantle
25	81-82	Lido	NSW	R.Longbottom	C.Menzies	Teralba
26	82-83	Attraction	NSW	P.Winney	B.Hollis	Ceduna
27	83-84	Rawhideous	NSW	S.Leonard	B.Hollis	Albany
28	84-85	Hawkwind	NSW	R.Nattrass	D.Reid	Belmont
29	85-86	Guess Wot	NSW	G.Hughes	M.Patterson	Ceduna
30	86-87	Aussie One	NSW	A.Searl	N.Simpson	Sth Perth
31	87-88	Motivation	NSW	P.Winney	D.Reid	St George
32	88-89	Wot Next	NSW	G.Hughes	M.Patterson	Brighton
33	89-90	The Red Boat	NSW	D.Jacobson	S.Shaw	East Fremantle
34	90-91	Wot Next	NSW	G Paterson	J.Gilham	Teralba
35	91-92	Fornacape	WA	G.Caporn	M.Forbes	Brighton
36	92-93	Fornacape	WA	G.Caporn	M.Forbes	Geraldton
37	93-94	The Red Boat	NSW	D.Jacobson	G.Sheldon	St George
38	94-95	Fornacape	WA	G.Caporn	M.Forbes	Ceduna
39	95-96	Dipsomania	WA	M.Dunbar	P.Dunbar	South of Perth YC
40	96-97	Any Which Way	NSW	D.Luck	A.Sinton	Teralba
41	97-98	Boneyard	NSW	J.Howard	P.Howard	Ceduna
42	98-99	Atomic Rat	WA	D.O'Byrne	G.Swan	Bunbury
43	99-00	Any Which Way	NSW	D. Luck	G. Crichton	St George
44	00-01	Cho Kon It	WA	G.Caporn	M Forbes	Brighton
45	01-02	Tasty Fish	WA	B. Fannon	T. Fico	East Fremantle



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46	02-03	Take It Easy	NSW	M. Winney	C. Dunn	Belmont
47	03-04	Any Which Way	NSW	D Luck	G Crichton	Kangaroo Island
48	04-05	Pilbara Constructions	WA	G.Caporn	M Forbes	Busselton
49	05-06	Any Which Way	NSW	D Luck	G Crichton	Hervey Bay
50	06-07	Any Which Way	NSW	D Luck	G Crichton	Kangaroo Island
51	07-08	Pilbara Meta Maya	WA	G.Caporn	M Forbes	South of Perth YC
52	08-09	Any Which Way	NSW	D Luck	G Crichton	Toronto
53	09-10	Any Which Way	NSW	D Luck	G Crichton	Port Dalrymple
54	10-11	Drive It In Dry	WA	Gavin Caporn	J Elliot	East Fremantle
55	11-12	Any Which Way	NSW	D Luck	G Crichton	St George
56	12-13	Custom Constructions	WA	Gavin Caporn	J Elliot	South of Perth YC
57	13-14	Any Which Way	NSW	D Luck	A Sinton	Port Dalrymple
58	14-15	Tasty Fish	WA	B Fannon	C Fannon	Rockingham
59	15-16	Any Which Way	NSW	D Luck	D Vlotman	Toronto
60	16-17	Tasty Fish	WA	B Fannon	C Fannon	Ceduna
61	17-18	Gobstopper	WA	S Fico	M Minutello	Busselton
62	18-19	On the Road Again	WA	S Hudson	B De Freitas	Toronto
63	19-20	On the Road Again	WA	S Hudson	B De Freitas	Ceduna
64	22-23	What Now	NSW	G Paterson	Y Foufas	Ceduna
65	23-24	What Now	NSW	G Paterson	Y Foufas	East Fremantle
66	24-25	End of the Road	WA	S Hudson	B De Freitas	St George