# 68TH SKATE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

**29 December 2026 – 08 January 2027**

# NOTICE OF RACE

**Organising Authority**

## KOOMBANA BAY SAILING CLUB

**In conjunction with**

## Skate Sailing Association of W.A.



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# NOTICE OF RACE

## 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)

1.2 The Australian Sailing Special Regulations - Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats will apply. (Download a Copy)

1.3 The Special Rules of the Skate Sailing Association of Australia (updated September 2026) will apply. (Download a Copy)

## 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than the Competitors' Briefing.

## 3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The official series Notice Board will be located in the Koombana Bay Sailing Club, on the pin-up board on the verandah with notices also posted on the series page on the Skate class website at https://skatesailingaustralia.org/calendar.html

3.2 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.

## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Skate class registered for the current racing season.

4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the Entry Form available for download from the Skate Sailing Association website and submitting it with the required Entry Fee by Monday 30 November 2026.

4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.4 Late entries will be accepted after 30 November 2026 at the discretion of the Organising Authority and may incur the required Late Entry Fee.

## 5 FEES

5.1 Required Fees are as follows:

| Fee | Price |
|---|---|
| Entry Fee (until 30 November 2026) | $450 |
| Late Entry Fee (after 30 November 2026) | $100 |

## 6 ADVERTISING

6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

## 7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Registration: Tuesday 29th December 2026 from 10am.

7.2 Dates of Racing:

| Day/Date | Event |
|---|---|
| Tuesday 29 December 2026 | Competitors Briefing<br>Invitation Race |
| Wednesday 30 December 2026 | Heat 1 |
| Thursday 31 December 2026 | Heat 2 |
| Friday 01 January 2027 | Lay Day<br>Lawn Bowls at Eaton Bowling Club |
| Saturday 02 January 2027 | Heat 3 |
| Sunday 03January 2027 | Heat 4 |
| Monday 04 January 2027 | Lay Day |
| Tuesday 05 January 2027 | Heat 5 and AGM |
| Wednesday 06 January 2027 | Heat 6 |
| Thursday 07 January 2027 | Lay Day |
| Friday 08 January 2027 | Heat 7 |
| Friday 08 January 2027 | Presentation Night |

7.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for Heat 1 is 14:00.

7.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 16:00.

## 8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1 Each boat may be weighed and measured, and have any new sails measured, by approved measurers, in its Home State prior to the regatta.

8.2 Boats may be weighed and/or measured, and sails measured during the regatta at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## 9 VENUE

9.1 Refer to Attachment A for the location of Koombana Bay Sailing Club and the racing area.

## 10 COURSES

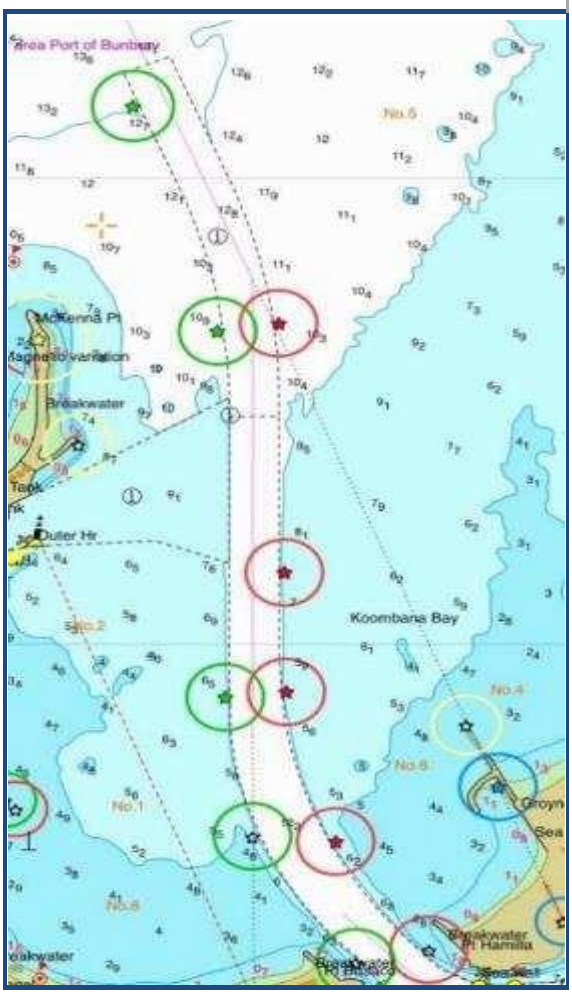
10.1 Just windward-leeward courses will be used.

## 11 SHIPPING AND TUGBOAT MOVEMENTS

The safety of our members is paramount and a good working relationship with Southern Ports Bunbury is crucial as we share the waterway.

For the purpose of this notice, a 'shipping movement' is classed as any vessel in excess of 49m with a pilot on board, and published in the Port's daily schedule: www.southernports.com.au/shipping/bunbury/current-list

The 'shipping channel' is defined as per the diagram. The northern entry to the channel is at Beacon 3.




Requirements of KBSC Members

Never pass in front of a ship which has entered the shipping channel, whether racing or sailing socially.
Always leave the shipping channel immediately if a ship's horn blows (regardless of whether you believe it to be in the channel or not). Do not continue sailing to your next mark unless that is indeed the quickest route to exit the channel.

Always leave a minimum *one* ship's length if passing through the shipping channel behind a ship.

Always follow instructions however communicated from a race management boat, pilot boat, a tug or any other Port Authority personnel.

Always report incidents to the Rear Commodore Sailing or Officer of the Day as soon as is practical.

Breach of the Requirements

Situations where members do not appear to have complied with these requirements will be referred to the Protest/Rules Committee and the competing yacht may be disqualified. Reports of possible breaches can be made by Race Management or competing yachts through a protest, or the Bunbury Port Authority.

## 12 SCORING

12.1 RRS Appendix A will be used

12.2 Five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.3 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

12.4 When six or seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 13 RISK STATEMENT

13.1 RRS 3 - DECISION TO RACE - states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

13.2 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The Organising 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 Competitors are required to have insurance with third party liability cover of up to $10M to cover risks arising while the competitor is participating in the regatta, whether ashore or afloat.

## 15 PRIZES

15.1 Perpetual trophies will be awarded as follows:

- National Champion - Swan Brewery Perpetual Trophy
- Runner-up - Chris Oliver Perpetual Trophy
- Invitation Race Winner – E Elliot Memorial Shield Perpetual Trophy
- 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.

15.2 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- Skipper and crew of the first three (3) boats on scratch (this is subject to the number of entries)
- 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.

## 16 FURTHER INFORMATION

For additional information please visit the Skate Sailing Association website
https://skatesailingaustralia.org/index.html

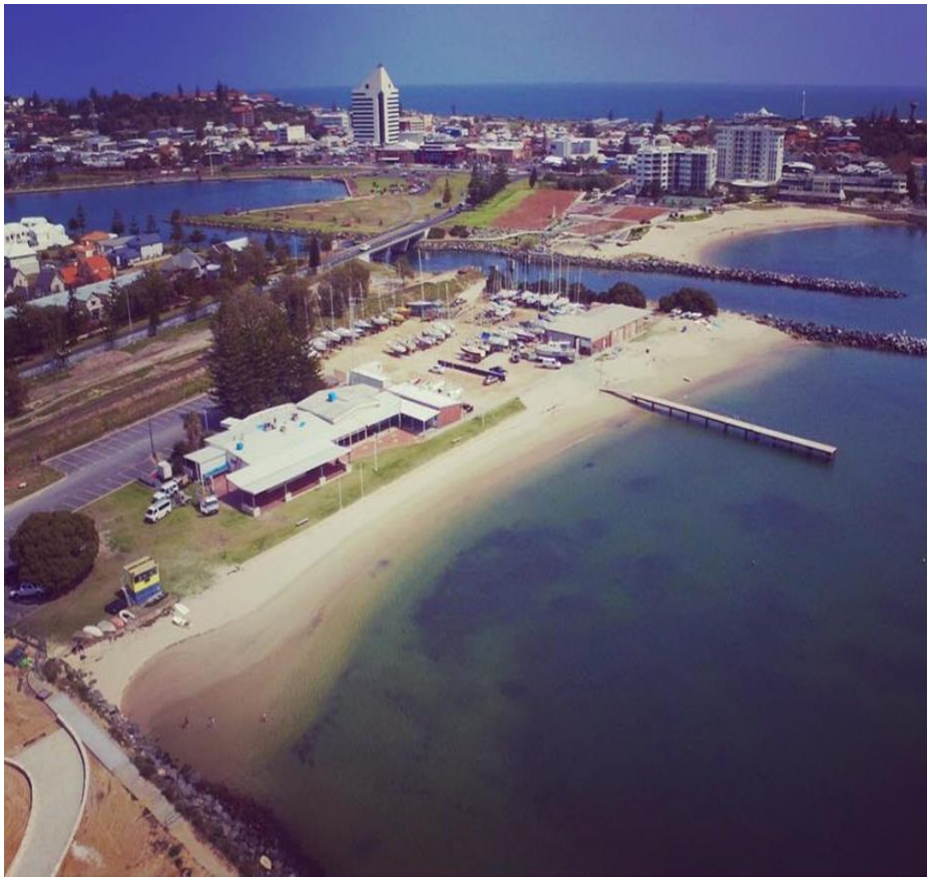
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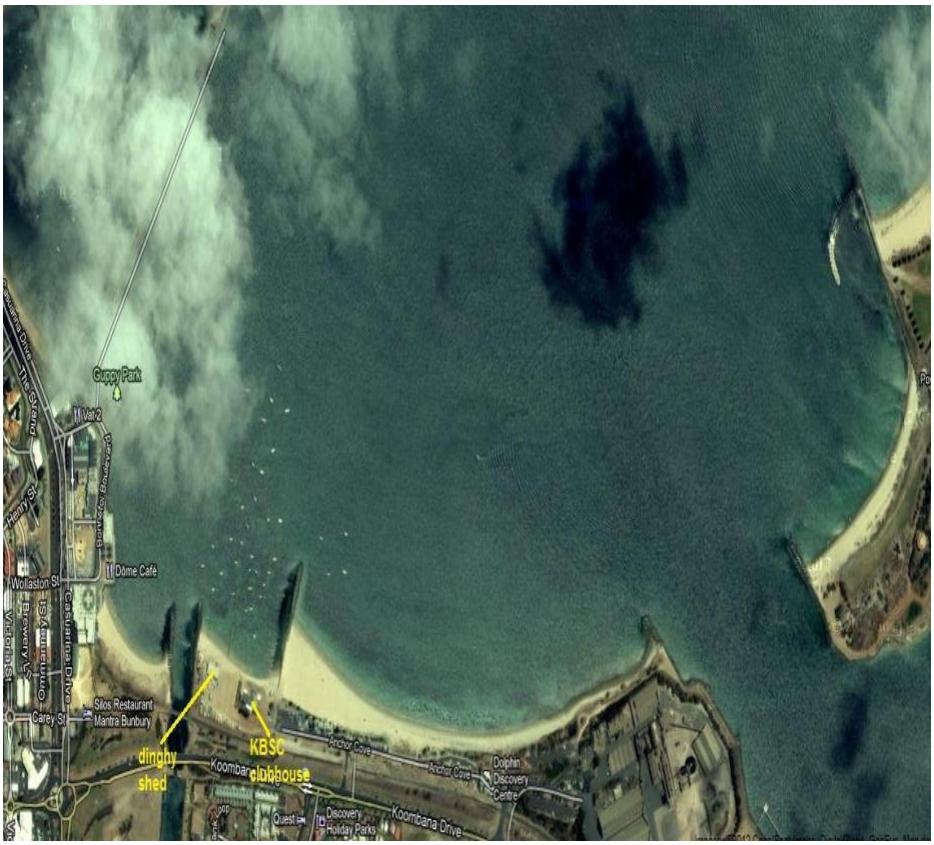
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# Attachment A – Regatta Venue

The address and contact details of Koombana Bay Sailing Club are as follows:
Anchorage Cove (PO Box 56 Bunbury WA 6231)
Phone: 0891 3914
Visit Koombana Bay Sailing Club Facebook page for additional information
Contact: Ian Anderson 0412 018 937



The racing area will be in the waters of Koombana Bay as depicted in this diagram.



# Attachment B – Additional Information

## SHIRTS

All competitors will receive a 68th Skate Nationals polo shirt, and the shirts will also be available for purchase. Intending competitors will be contacted early in November to confirm shirt sizes

## BOAT STORAGE AND TRAILER PARKING

Storage for boats, trailers and equipment will be available on lawns at the club.

Boats, equipment and trailers are left at the club at the competitor's own risk.

## SOCIAL CALENDAR

The proposed social events are as follows:

| Day/Date | Event |
|---|---|
| Tuesday 29 December 2026 | Welcome Dinner |
| Thursday 31 December | New Year's Eve Function<br>Koombana Bay Sailing Club |
| Friday 01 January 2025 | Skippers vs Crews<br>Lawn Bowls Eaton Bowling Club |
| Monday 04 January | Lay Day - TBA |
| Tuesday 05 January | AGM (am) |
| Thursday 07 January | Lay Day - TBA |
| Friday 08 January | Presentation Dinner |

## RACE DAY LUNCHES

Catering will be available from the Koombana Bay Sailing Club each day of the titles.