



Notice of Race

Southern Ports

48TH National 125

Australian Championships

27th December 2026 - 3rd January 2027

Esperance, Western Australia

Organising Authority



Esperance Bay Yacht Club (EBYC)

in conjunction with the

National 125 Association (WA Division) Inc.





1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS), including the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing and the Constitution and the Class Rules of The National 125 Association (Inc.).

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising will be restricted to ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

The National 125 Constitution does not permit advertising that is not available to all competitors on boat hulls or sails.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1. Open Fleet

Open Fleet entry is open to all skippers and crew who are current financial members of a yachting club affiliated with Australian Sailing (AS), are current financial members of the National 125 Association Inc. or a State branch and possess a current Australian Sailing Number.

The regatta is open to all boats of the 125 class that hold a valid measurement certificate or certified by the NEC measurer

Persons nominated on the entry form to sail the boat in the championship may not be substituted without the permission of the race committee

The helm and crew shall be nominated prior to regatta commencement, and both helm and crew shall be at least 8 years of age as of 27th December 2026.

Helm must be born on or prior to the 27st December 1986 to be eligible for the Masters Championship division.

Boats entering the Junior Championship division must have both helm and crew born after the 3st of January 2008 (under 18 years of age).

3.2. Jib and Main Fleet (JAM Fleet)

Entry to the JAM Fleet is open to all skippers and crew who are financial members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing (AS), are honorary members of the National 125 Association Inc., and possess a current AS membership card. Entry to the JAM Fleet is open to National 125s registered with the National 125 Association (Western Australia Division) Inc. and to Pacers. **Boats of both classes will be rigged with only a mainsail and jib.** National 125s crews will be permitted use of the trapeze.

The Jam Fleet will sail a shorter course than the open fleet at the discretion of the Race Officer to manage race times and cater for variation in boats

The helm and up to Three crew shall be nominated before the start of the regatta and both shall be at least 8 years of age as of 27st December 2026.

Each boat participating in the JAM Fleet will be identified by a coloured ribbon attached at the top of its mast. Ribbons will be supplied by the National 125 Association (Western Australia Division) Inc.

Participants hiring a Pacer from EBYC will be required to fill out a lease form during Registrations.

3.3 Registration

Eligible boats may enter by completing the relevant online Registration form, per the above weblinks. Registrations (other than late registrations) will close Monday 1st November 2026





3.4 Late Registration

Late registration will be accepted up until 1030 hours on Sunday 20th December 2026.

A late registration fee of \$50 (inclusive of the registration fee) will apply to these entries.

4. REGATTA FEES

4.1 Open Championship

Entry fee of \$350.00 per boat includes:

- Opening Night tickets for helm and crew;
- Presentation Night tickets for helm and crew.

Entry fees do not include lunches, regatta shirts, New Years Eve party tickets, Puffin Pacer hire fees and any additional Opening Night or Presentation Night tickets.

As per 3.4, late registrations will incur an additional fee of \$50.00.

4.2 Jib and Main Fleet (JAM Fleet)

Entry fee of \$300.00 per boat includes:

- Opening Night tickets for helm and crew;
- Presentation Night tickets for helm and crew.

As per 3.4, late registrations will incur an additional fee of \$50.00.

4.3 Opening Night - Sunday 27th December @ 5pm

Additional tickets to the Opening Night can be purchased at the following prices:

- Adults - \$20.00 per head;
- Children (U12) - \$10.00 per head

4.4 Presentation Dinner - Sunday 3rd January @ 6pm:

- Adults - \$85.00 per head;
- Children (U12) - \$40.00 per head.

4.5 Lunch Provision

Lunches will be available for pre-order during registration, at an additional cost to the Championship registration fee.

Lunches must be pre-ordered to be received on the day of sailing.

4.6 Puffin Pacer Hire

Puffin Pacers will be available for hire for use in the JAM Fleet for a fee of \$100.00 per boat. (this does not include Insurance)

4.7 Regatta Shirts

Regatta shirts will be available for order during registration; these can be purchased at \$45.00 per shirt. Please ensure that sizing for both crew and helm is carefully selected during pre-order to ensure receipt of a shirt of the right fit. Shirt designs will be available for inspection on the registration page.





4.8 New Years Eve Party Tickets

New Years Eve tickets will be available for purchase during registration.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1 Daily Programme

Date	Time	Day Schedule
Sunday 27 th December 2026	0900 – 1700 1800	Registration and Measurement Commodore's Welcome and Opening Night Dinner
Monday 28 th December 2026	0830 – 1100 1130 1230 1800	Registration and Measurement Volunteers' Briefing Competitors' Briefing Invitational (no start signal before 1330) Daily Presentations
Tuesday 29 th December 2026	1800	Heats 1 – 3 (no start signal before 0900) Daily Presentations
Wednesday 30 th December 2026	1800	Heats 4 & 5 (no start signal before 0900) Daily Presentations
Thursday 31 st December 2026	1800	Heats 6 & 7 (no start signal before 0900) Daily Presentations New Years Eve Party
Friday 1 st January 2027	All Day	Lay Day
Saturday 2 nd January 2027	1800	Heats 8 & 9 (no start signal before 0900) Daily Presentations
Sunday 3 rd January 2027	1800	Heat 10 (no start signal before 0900) Australian Championships Presentation Evening

5.2 *Racing on each day may be back to back or sailed in separate sessions*

5.3 *No warning signal will be made after 1330hrs on Sunday the 3rd January*

5.4 Briefings

A Competitors' Briefing will be held at 1230 on Monday 28th December.

Other briefings will be held at the discretion of the Race Committee. All Briefings will be held in the Ocean Room.





6. MEASUREMENT

- 6.1** Boats, spars, and sails shall pass measurement on measurement day. Boats shall produce upon request a valid measuring certificate prior to the regatta.
- 6.2** The Race Committee or the State Measurers may nominate any boat for remeasuring at any time during the regatta.
- 6.3** For Open Fleet boats, one set of sails only, comprising mainsail, jib and spinnaker shall be used for the regatta. Each sail with a legible Measurer's initials and date within 24 months of the commencement of the regatta will be deemed as measured. Otherwise, each sail shall be measured, initialled and dated by the appointed Measurers, prior to the start of the regatta.
- 6.4** For JAM Fleet boats, one set of sails only, comprising mainsail and jib to be used for the regatta.

6.5 Equipment Changes

A request for a change of sail and or equipment shall be made in writing to the race committee at least one hour before the start of the race in which it will take effect. Approval is at the discretion of the race committee and will be granted only in extenuating circumstances, such as irreparable damage, and will be given in writing. For the second race in a back-to-back race the request and approval may be given orally.

6.6 Measurement Compliance

The National 125 Association's representative State Measurers may conduct spot inspections of any boats during the regatta to ensure compliance to the Class Rules of Construction and Measurement.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the Rev Sports page and will be available at least a fortnight prior to the regatta.

8. REGATTA VENUE

The site is the Esperance Bay Yacht Club and grounds, located at the corner of The Esplanade and Williams Street, Esperance, 6450. Refer to Appendix A.





9. RACING AREA

Racing will be conducted in the Esperance Bay as shown on Appendix B.

Boat launching will take place at the beach immediately adjacent to the EBYC lawn.

10. COURSES

10.1 *Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.*

11. SCORING

11.1 The Low Point Scoring system will apply.

11.2 *Four races are required to constitute a series.*

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

11.4 *when five or more races have been completed, a boat's series will be the total of their race excluding the 2 worst scores.*

12. TROPHIES PRIZES

The trophies will be awarded to Helm and Crew as follows:

12.1 Open Fleet

- Overall Australian Championship placings in descending order
- Overall 1st Australian Championship Perpetual Shield and Trophy
- Overall 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Trophies

12.2 Junior Championship

- 1st Australian Junior Championship Perpetual Shield and Trophy

12.3 Masters Championship

- 1st Masters Perpetual shield and Trophy

12.4 CONSISTENCY CHAMPIONSHIP

- Overall 1st Perpetual Shield and Trophy
- 2nd and 3rd Handicap placings
- Boats placing 1st to 3rd in championship are ineligible to win consistency championship

12.5 JAM Fleet

- Overall first on the line
- Overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd on Consistency

12.6 Females Teams Trophy's

- 1st Female Team Trophy





12.6 Perpetual Trophies and Shields

The following Perpetual Trophies and Shields will be awarded to the highest-placing eligible Helm and Crew combination:

- Classic Boat Trophy (Boat Numbers 3099 And Under)

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors will participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, as per *Rule 4: Decision to Race*. The organising authority, the National 125 Association (Western Australia division) Inc., any sponsor and any other party involved in the organisation of the event 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

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 million for any one incident. By taking part in a race or event, owners are deemed to have declared that they have such cover.

15. GENERAL

Boats are permitted to be left on the rigging lawn in front of the main clubhouse overnight throughout the regatta.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing, nor receive any radio communication not available to all boats. Mobile phones are a radio communication device.

17. PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT

Parental / Guardian consent is a pre-requisite condition of registration for all entrants who are under 18 years of age as of the 24th December 2025. Completion and confirmation of the online registration form will be deemed Parental / Guardian consent.

18. PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RECORDING

EBYC may engage a professional videographer / photographer to film and photograph the regatta for competitor enjoyment and future advertising material. Competitors are advised to be aware of this and that recording may take place in the public domain, including drone footage of sailing heats.

19. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Throughout the regatta, EBYC will provide bar, canteen and restaurant facilities, with opening hours pinned on the Regatta Notice Board.
- Lunch will be provided for competitors who pre-ordered with their entry nomination. Additional lunches may be available for purchase at the discretion of EBYC volunteers.





- Competitors, volunteers and visitors with any special dietary requirements should advise the Regatta Secretary at least one week prior to the regatta to ensure any possible catering arrangements can be made.
- Drinks will be available for competitors and volunteers after each racing day.
- Provision will be made for competitors to leave their boats (on trailers) at EBYC before or after the regatta.
- Esperance is a highly sought-after tourist destination during the summer period, and accommodation providers are generally booked out for the entire season. Travellers are strongly encouraged to book accommodation well in advance to ensure availability; some providers are booked out by August.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

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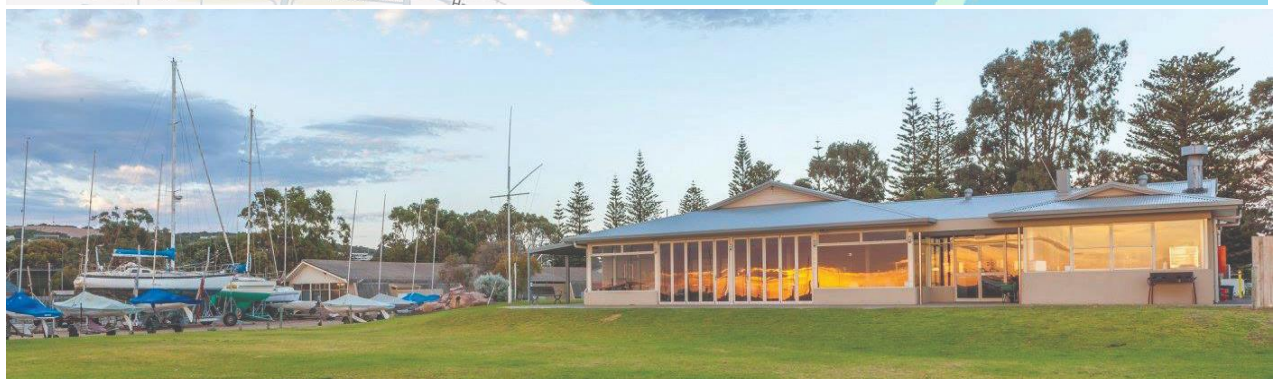
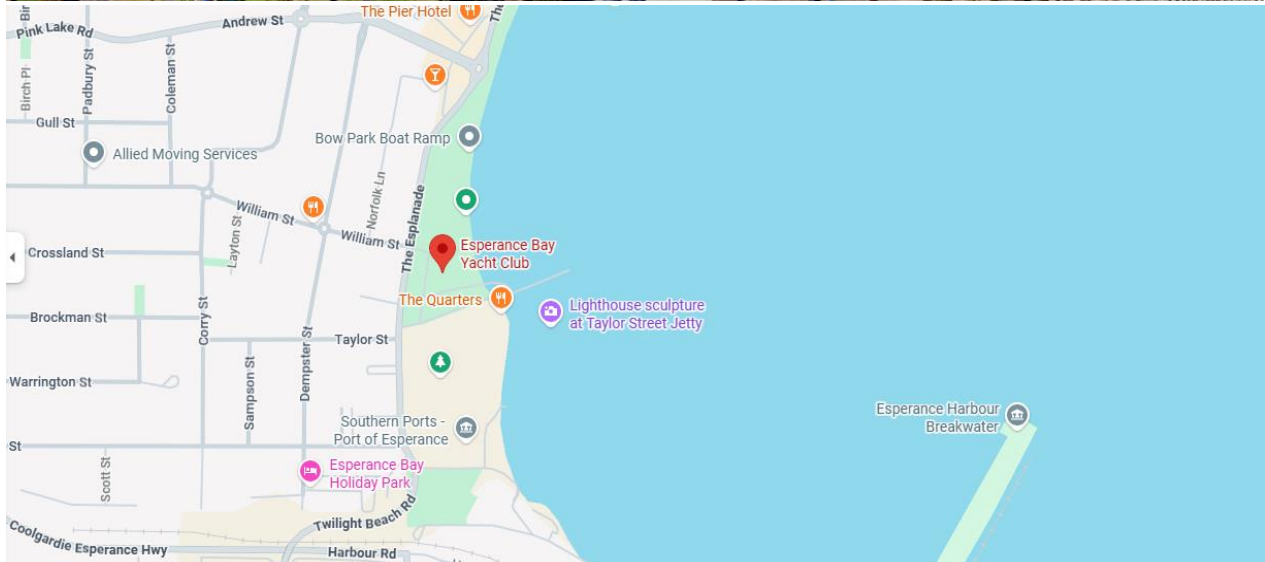


Appendix A – Venue

Esperance Bay Yacht Club

The Esplanade, Esperance WA 6450

PO Box 530 Esperance WA 6450



Appendix B – Course Area



Appendix C – Accommodation Options

Accommodation	Phone	Distance from EBYC	Notes
Esperance Chalet Village	9071 1861	8 km	Peaceful chalets in Bandy Creek owned by EBYC members Matt & Fiona Shillington. About a six-minute drive.
Esperance Bay Holiday Park	90712237	Under 500 meters	Two-minute Walk
Clearwater Motel and Apartments	9071 3587	Under 500 m	Two-minute walk down William Street.
Esperance Foreshore Apartments	9071 5111	Under 200 m	Directly opposite the road from EBYC.
Driftwood Apartments	9071 6677	Under 200 m	Directly across the road from EBYC.
Esperance Pink Lake Tourist Park	90712424	2.5km	Nearly refurbish cabins
RAC Esperance Bay Caravan Park	9071 1251	4 km	Recently renovated with options for powered camping sites and chalets. Three-minute drive.
Island View Apartments	9072 0044	1.5 km	Ten-minute walk
Bay of Isles Motel	9071 9000	Less than 1 km	Five-minute walk
The Jetty Resort	9071 3333	3 km	Directly opposite coffee vans at the Tanker Jetty