



Australian "A" Class Catamaran Association

2023 NSW State Titles

Saturday 18th to Sunday 19th March 2023

Notice of Race



Organising Authority



On Behalf of Australian A Class Catamaran Association

Notice of Race for 2023 NSW A Class Catamaran State Titles

The Speers Point Amateur Sailing Club (SPASC) Inc. as the Organising Authority, in conjunction with the Australian A Class Catamaran Association invite entries for the 2023 Australian "A" Class Catamaran NSW State Titles to be sailed on Lake Macquarie, NSW from Saturday 18th to Sunday 19th March 2023.

Dates of Regatta: Saturday 18th to Sunday 19th March 2023.

Location: Speers Point Amateur Sailing Club, Park Road, Speers Point (within grounds of Speers Point Park).

- 1. Rules.** The Regatta will be governed by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS), the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing, the rules of the individual classes (except as any of these are altered by the sailing instructions) and the sailing instructions.
Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rules [RRS 3 Decision to Race](#).
Attention is also drawn to changes to [RRS 46 Person in Charge](#) – from 1 January 2022 all persons on board a boat while racing shall be members of a Club affiliated to Australian Sailing and have an active Australian Sailing number. You can check your AS number here www.sailing.org.au/member-finder/.
- 2. Advertising.** This regatta is classified as a Category C event in accordance with Appendix G and the prescriptions of Australian Sailing.
- 3. Eligibility and Entry**
 - 3.1.** The regatta is open to boats of the International A Class Catamaran class sailors of whom are current members of AIADCA.
 - 3.2.** Competitors must be a current financial member of a Yacht Club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
 - 3.3.** Boats with current IACA measurement certificates may compete in the following disciplines:
 - Open
 - Classic
 - 3.4.** Eligible boats must submit online entries via SPASC's revolutioniseSPORT website.
- 4. Entry Fee**
 - 4.1.** A regatta entry fee of \$150 per boat is payable online via revSPORT system for entries received prior to Friday 3rd March 2023 (note, interstate entries will not be charged an entry fee).
 - 4.2.** A Late Entry Fee of \$200 per boat for entries received online after 3/3/2023 or received at SPASC clubhouse on the 18/3/2023.
- 5. Online Registration.** Eligible boats should enter via the Online Registration Form – refer link to the SPASC revolutioniseSPORT website, which now provides online registration for this SPASC regatta together with online payment by direct debit or credit card: [2023 NSW A Class Catamaran State Titles](#)
- 6. Schedule of Events**
 - 6.1. Registration:** Saturday 18th March 2023, 8:00am to 9:00am in the SPASC Clubhouse
 - 6.2. Competitor's Briefing:** Saturday 18th, 9:00am in the SPASC Clubhouse
 - 6.3. Dates of Racing:**

DATE	DAY	EVENT	WARNING SIGNAL
18/3/2023	SATURDAY	SESSION 1	Not Before 9:55am
19/3/2023	SUNDAY	SESSION 2	Not Before 8:55am
 - 6.4.** Maximum number of 5 races in a session.
 - 6.5.** On Sunday there would be no warning signal made after 1355 hours.

7. **Penalty System.** RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
8. **Scoring**
 - 8.1. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
 - 8.2. Ten (10) races are scheduled in this series of which five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - 8.3. When 5 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 8.4. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
9. **Sailing Instructions.** These will be available at registration, emailed to entrants and via the Australian Sailing website revSPORT and the SPASC website www.spasc.org.au.
10. **Sailing Area.** In the area known between Cockle Bay and Croudace Bay, Lake Macquarie (refer Attachment A).
11. **Course.** The courses to be sailed will be Windward/Leeward course as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
12. **Prizes.**
 - 12.1. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd placed boats within each of the Open & Classic Divisions.
 - 12.2. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the AIADCA.
13. **Rigging/Launching.** SPASC has a large area for rigging at the club as well as ramps for launching / retrieval of boats.
14. **Safety.**
 - 14.1. Approved Personal Flotation Devices (buoyancy vests) shall be worn by all competitors while racing.
 - 14.2. All competitors are strongly advised to wear a safety helmet which complies with or is accredited to EN 1385, at all times whilst racing.
15. **Presentation of Prizes.** Will held in the Clubhouse soon after the race.
16. **Disclaimer of Liability.** Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rules RRS 3 *Decision to Race*. 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 this regatta.
17. **Insurance.** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.
18. **Contact.** Steve Brewin on 0448 500844 or email brewinsails@westnet.com.au or SPASC Secretary, Bill Sharland on 0411 013 853 or email spascsailing@gmail.com for any enquiries.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Location. SPASC is located at the northern end of Lake Macquarie. It may be reached from the south and north by taking the Toronto turnoff from the M1 and continuing until Toronto. Turn left at Carey St lights and continue along till you reach The Esplanade (at large roundabout). Turn right here and then the next right into Park Rd. Turn left at the next small roundabout and follow road thru the carpark to SPASC.

Boat Storage. Boats may be stored adjacent to the SPASC Clubhouse overnight at your own risk.

Canteen. Food and drinks will be available before and after the race.

Accommodation/Camping. There are several accommodation options nearby, see link below. Food is also available at outlets at nearby Warners Bay, Boolaroo and Speers Point Park. Camping is available onsite on club grounds. 6 tent sites are available by prior appointment and the cost payable to SPASC is \$33 per night – contact Bill Sharland, email spascsailing@gmail.com. The club toilets and showers will be left open overnight for campers' use. A refrigerator is also available in the clubhouse for storage of food etc.

Other. SPASC is enclosed by Speers Point Park featuring plenty of activities for family members, such as an open-air pool complex, parklands, walking pathways, jetty and a large, enclosed children's playground.

USEFUL LINKS:

The link to Latest News with the revSPORT website for SPASC is <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/spasc/>

A copy of the Racing Rules of Sailing is available on www.sailing.org.au/sport-services/racing/rules

A copy of the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 is available on www.sailing.org.au/sport-services/safety/special-regulations/

SPASC website is www.spasc.org.au

A guide to accommodation in the Lake Macquarie region is on the Lake Macquarie City Council website www.visitlakemac.com.au/accommodation

ATTACHMENT A: The map below shows the location of the clubhouse and sailing area.

