

HARKEN^{AU}



2023 Harken A-Class QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

7th – 9th April 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Date, Venue, and Organising Authority

- 1.1. The 2023 Queensland International A Division Catamaran Championships (The Regatta) will be held between Friday 7th April and Sunday 9th April 2023
- 1.2. The regatta will be held at the Hervey Bay Sailing Club (HBSC) situated at Torquay, Qld.
- 1.3. The Organising Authority for the Regatta is the Hervey Bay Sailing Club in conjunction with the Australian International A Divisions Catamaran Association (AIADCA).

2. Rules

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 2.2. The Sailing Prescriptions and Rules of Australian Sailing will apply.
- 2.3. Racing rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 2.4. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

3. Advertising

Refer World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. The regatta is open to boats of the International A Division Catamaran class, registered with the AIADCA and skippered by financial members of the AIADCA.
- 4.2. Boats may compete in the Open Fleet or the Classic Discipline fleet.
- 4.3. All skippers will supply their valid Australian Sailing Sailor Identification Number on Entry.
- 4.4. All boats shall have third party insurance cover of not less than AUD\$10,000,000, which shall be declared on Entry.
- 4.5. Eligible boats may enter online via the "SAILOR" app including the entry fee by the close of registration at 8.00pm Thursday 6th April 2023.

5. Entry Fees

- 5.1. The entry fee shall be \$150.
- 5.2. Interstate entrants, life members and QLD competitors travelling more than 800km shall be free.

6. Registration and Sailing Instructions

- 6.1. All competitors will complete entry online via the "Sailor" app.

6.2 Registration as per schedule including measurement certificates, evidence of insurance and AIADCA membership.

6.3 The sailing instructions will be available online via the "Sailor" app and on the official Regatta Noticeboard downstairs at HBSC.

7. Schedule

7.1 Day 1: Fri 7th April 2023

- Registration 0900 – 1100 hrs
- Information Session 1100 hrs
- Racing Warning signal not before 1230 hrs
- Prawn and Pizza feast 1800 hrs

7.2 Day 2: Sat 8th April

- Racing Warning signal not before 1030 hrs

7.3 Day 3: Sun 9th April

- Racing Warning signal not before 1030 hrs
- Presentation of Trophies After racing

- Races not sailed as scheduled may be rescheduled at the discretion of the Race Committee

8. Equipment and Inspection

8.1 All boats shall comply with A-Cat Class rules. Ref - <http://www.a-cat.org/?q=node/9>, and RRS 78.

8.2 Each boat shall produce valid measurement certificates for platform, mast and sail.

8.3 Boats may be inspected at any time during the Regatta by the Race Committee.

8.4 Any measurement should be done prior to the Regatta by an endorsed AIADCA measurer.

8.5 In the event of loss or damage beyond repair, replacement equipment may only be substituted with written permission of the Race Committee

9. Safety Requirements

All competitors shall wear approved buoyancy aids in accordance with Australian Sailing regulations.

10. Racing Area

The racing area will be on the waters of Hervey Bay.

11. Courses

The courses will be windward-leeward to be identified in the sailing instructions.

12. Scoring

12.1 The Low Point scoring system A4 will apply.

12.2 races are scheduled of which 2 are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.3 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her one worst score.

13. Radio Communications

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not

receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction does not apply to GPS tracking devices.

14. **Prizes** may be given as follows:

- Open 1st to 3rd
- Classic 1st to 3rd.

14.1 The top placed Australian will be awarded the title 2023 Queensland Champion. The top placed Classic Discipline boat will receive the Queensland Perpetual trophy for Classics. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the AIADCA.

14.2 Division trophies may also be awarded to the highest placed sailor in each division depending on entry numbers: Lady, Junior (under 25), Open (25-44), Masters (45-54), Grand Masters (55-64), Great Grand Masters (65+)

14.3 Ages will be determined as at 7th April 2023 and the awarding of prizes will depend on number of entries.

14.4 Top 3 placings in either Discipline are ineligible to win any of the senior age category prizes.

15. **Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4. The organizing 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.

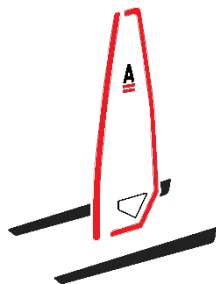
16. **Media Rights, Cameras and Electronic Equipment**

By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority, and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

17. **Further Information**

For further information, please contact:

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