



## **2023-24 A-Class Australian Championships**

6<sup>th</sup> January to 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

The Organising Authority will be the Australian International A Division Catamaran Association Inc (AIADCA) under the authority of Australian Sailing (AS) in conjunction with South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club (SLMASC)

[www.slmasc.org](http://www.slmasc.org)

Hosted by South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club (SLMASC)  
at 1A Sunshine Parade, Sunshine, NSW 2264

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

(DP denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 64.1.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule shall not be grounds for protest by a boat, but may result in a protest by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Protest Committee This changes RRS 60.1(a).

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2, Off the Beach Boats, shall apply.
- 1.3. Appendix T, Arbitration, and the Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.4. The class rules of the International A-Division Catamaran Association (IACA) will apply.

### **2. ADVERTISING (DP)**

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1. The regatta is open to boats of the International A Division Catamaran class sailors of whom are current members of AIADCA and AS.
  - 3.1.1. The regatta is also open to boats of the International A division Catamaran class sailors who are current members of an IACA Affiliated National Association.
- 3.2. Boats with current IACA measurement certificates may compete in the following disciplines:
  - Open
  - Classic
- 3.3. Eligible boats may enter online from 1<sup>st</sup> August via <https://www.mysailingclub.com.au/event/GHJVS>
- 3.4. A discounted entry fee shall apply for all entries received prior to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

#### 4. ENTRY FEES (NP)

Entry Fee	AUD \$450
Discounted Entry Fee	AUD \$375 (if received prior to 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2023)

#### 5. REGATTA SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Description
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	09:00 – 17:00	Equipment Inspection
	14:00 – 17:00	Registration
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	From 09:00	Inspection and Registration by arrangement
	12:00	Skipper Briefing
	Not before 14:00	Practice Race(s)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Not before 14:00	Racing
	18:00	Welcome Function
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Not before 11:00	Racing
	18:00	Ladies Night Out
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	10:00	Annual General Meeting
	Not before 14:00	Racing
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Not before 11:00	Racing
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Not before 11:00	Racing
	18:00	Presentation Function

- 5.1. 12 Races in total (excluding practice races) are scheduled, normally 3 per day with a maximum of 4 races to be sailed in any one day.
- 5.2. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

#### 6. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT CHECKS (DP)

- 6.1. Competitors shall present current measurement certificates for sail, platform and mast
- 6.2. Equipment inspection will be mandatory as per timetable above and conducted in accordance with A Class Catamaran measurement guidelines. New sails, boats, and equipment must be measured before arriving at the Championship.
- 6.3. Facilities will not be available at the venue to undertake Fundamental Measurement.
- 6.4. The IACA weight restriction of 75kgs minimum all up boat weight shall apply. It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure their boat meets the weight restriction and is correctly weighed. Weighing facilities will be available at the event.
- 6.5. The Technical Committee may spot check boats at any time during the Regatta.
- 6.6. All boats are required to be stored in designated Boat Park for duration of the Regatta.

#### 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Regatta noticeboard.
- 7.2. 7.2. The Sailing Instructions will also be posted at <https://slmasc.org/> from 2 days prior to the event.

## **8. VENUE**

- 8.1. The racing area will be on the waters of Lake Macquarie off SLMASC.  
Map of area is shown here: <https://goo.gl/maps/FsaQYRmWrzWyx3ny6>

## **9. COURSE**

- 9.1. The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward course as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

## **10. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 10.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## **11. SCORING**

- 11.1. Twelve (12) races are scheduled in this series of which four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2. When 4 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.3. When 5-8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.4. When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 11.5. For the purpose of results in the aged division for Great Grand Masters only, when 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 3 worst scores.

## **12. PRIZES**

- 12.1. Prizes will be given as follows:
- Open 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Classic 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 12.2. 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+)
- 12.3. Ages will be determined as at 1st January 2024 and the awarding of prizes will depend on number of entries.
- 12.4. Top 3 placings in either Discipline are ineligible to win any of the senior age category prizes
- 12.5. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the AIADCA
- 12.6. The top placed competitor in Open Discipline will be awarded the title 2023-24 Australian A Class Champion (as amended NOR Update 4 : 6/12/23)
- 12.7. The top placed competitor in Classic Discipline will be awarded the title 2023-24 Australian A Class Classic Discipline Champion.(as amended NOR Update 4 : 6/12/23)

## **13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 13.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. 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.

## 14. INSURANCE

14.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. (AUD \$10,000,000 is recommended).

## 15. SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT (DP) (NP)

15.1. General: By completing Entry, competitors shall comply with the following:

- Put safety of yourself and competitors above race results;
- Keep the boat park and sailing area clean of any debris;
- Do not leave the beach to sail without the necessary safety precautions.
- All competitors are strongly advised to wear a safety helmet which complies with or is accredited to EN 1385 at all times whilst racing.

## 16. PHOTOGRAPHY

16.1. By entering the Regatta competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using the regatta facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, re-use, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

## 17. CATERING

The Club Canteen and Licensed Bar will operate throughout the Regatta.

The Bay Hotel is located within the Bay Shopping Village within a few minutes of the club and has full Bar, Restaurant and Bottle Shop services available across the weekend. Numerous take away food outlets and a Coles supermarket are also located within the Bay Shopping Village.

## 18. FURTHER INFORMATION

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