AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL A-DIVISION CATAMARAN

ASSOCIATION Inc.

2024 A Class Catamaran Victorian Championships

Bendigo Yacht Club 45 Somerset Drive, Eppalock Saturday March 9th 2024 – Monday March 11th 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

Australian International A-Division Catamaran Association Inc. (AIADCA), in conjunction with Bendigo Yacht Club invite entries from A-Division Catamaran Sailors to compete in the 2024 A Class Catamaran Victorian Championships.

The Organising Authority is the Bendigo Yacht Club (BeYC) in conjunction with the Australian International A-Division Catamaran Association.

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, and
- 1.4. the class rules of the International A-Division Catamaran Association (IACA),

except as any of these are altered by the sailing instructions.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 The Regatta is classified as a category "C" event
- 2.2 The forward 25% of the hull is reserved by the Regatta Organising Authority for display of advertising by event sponsor(s). Boats intending to carry advertising should provide details of their sponsors on the entry form. Entrants will be advised if they are in conflict with the event sponsor(s). Tobacco advertising shall not be permitted.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1.1 The regatta is open to boats of the International A Division class and skippers who are financial members of AIADCA and Australian Sailing.
- 3.1.2 Boats with current IACA measurement certificates (sail, mast & platform) may compete in the following disciplines:
- Open
- Classic
- 3.1.3 Eligible boats may enter online via Sailor App Regatta tab or via https://www.clubops.com.au/event/GHJYJ
- 3.4 Entries are encouraged as early as possible to assist regatta organisers. Entries shall be made by close of Registration time on 9th March 2024.

4. FEES

- 4.1 An Entry Fee of \$130 shall be payable to the AIADCA via the Sailor App Regatta tab of via the above ClubOps link
- 4.2 Complimentary entry is available for AIADCA Life Members and interstate members who are financial for the current season.

5. SCHEDULE OF REGATA

Saturday 9h March 2024Registration1RacingFWelcome Function @yacht club1

1000 – 1130hrs From 1300hrs 1800 hrs

Sunday 10th March 2024

Monday 11th March 2024 Racing Presentation

6. MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 Competitors shall have current measurement certificates for sail, mast and platform used in the regatta
- 6.2 New sails, boats and equipment must be measured before arriving at championship.
 Facilities will not be available at the venue to undertake fundamental measurement
- 6.3 The Measurer may spot check boats at any time during the Regatta. A boat notified of inspection shall follow the instructions of the Measurers. Boats failing to measure in accordance with the rules will be scored DSQ from all races prior.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at BeYC at Registration

8. VENUE

The event will be conducted by BeYC. The Regatta will be sailed on the waters of Lake Eppalock.

9. COURSE

The Course and Course area will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. PENALTY

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

11. SCORING

- 11.1 Up to 9 races are scheduled of which 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 The Low Point Scoring as per RRS Appendix A4 will apply.
- 11.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.4 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1 The winners will receive the Perpetual Trophy Open and Classic disciplines.
- 12.2 Prizes will also be awarded for the first 3 places overall Open and Classic disciplines.
- 12.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the AIADCA. This may include trophies or prizes to the highest placed sailors in age divisions Junior (under 25), Masters (45-54), Grand Master (55-64), and Great Grand Masters (65+), and Women's division. Age shall be determined as at 1st January 2024.

13. SAFETY

Appropriate approved buoyancy aids shall be worn in accordance with Australian Sailing Special Regulation Part 2.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, 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 the regatta.

16. INSURANCE

All boats shall have third party insurance cover of not less than AU\$5,000.000 (AU\$10,000,000 recommended). All competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold valid Insurance.

17. BOAT & TRAILER STORAGE, CAR PARKING

Car and Boat storage is available adjacent to the club.

18. ACCOMMODATION & CATERING

- Camping is available at BeYC grounds for a fee \$15/night/site. Please pay at registration.
- Motel accommodation is available at Bendigo, 25 minutes drive.
- Breakfast, lunches and BBQ dinner packs may be ordered and paid via Sailor App.
 - Breakfast egg, 2 pieces bacon (cook yourself on club bbq), Toast, cereal and fruit juice. \$8 per breakfast (Sun, Mon)
 - Salad rolls with a choice of additional fillings Ham, Chicken or Avocado.
 \$6 (Sat, Sun, Mon)
 - Sat Evening Steak Pack + baked spud + salad + dessert. \$25
 - Sat Evening Sausage & Beef Patti Pack + baked spud + salad + dessert.
 \$18
 - Sat Evening Chicken Pack (Honey/Soy marinade) + baked spud + salad + dessert. \$18
 - Sun evening Meat Lasagna + salad \$18
- The club has a limited liquor license available for Sat and Sun 12.00pm to 10.00pm. BYO is allowed at your campsite.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

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