NOTICE OF RACE

2026-2027 A-CLASS AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday 9th January to Friday 15th January 2027

The Organising Authority will be the Australian International A Division Catamaran Association Inc (AIADCA) under the authority of Australian Sailing (AS) in conjunction with Kurnell Catamaran Club (KCC). Hosted by Kurnell Catamaran Club, located at 304 Prince Charles Parade, Kurnell, NSW 2231.

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[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. [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.

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and Australian Sailing (AS) prescriptions will apply.

1.2. Boats racing with a sail number other than that registered at the time of entry will be scored DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

2. ADVERTISING (DP)

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, or the IACA association in their home country.

3.2. Boats with current IACA measurement certificates may compete in the following disciplines:

- Open
- Classic

3.3. Eligible boats may enter online via Sailor App, or below link z
https://www.clubops.com.au/event/GHKBL

3.4. A discounted entry fee shall apply for all entries received prior to December 9th 2026

4. ENTRY FEES (NP)

4.1	Entry Fee	AUD $500
4.2	Discounted Entry Fee	AUD $400 (if received prior to December 9th 2026)

5. REGATTA SCHEDULE

5.1. Schedule

Saturday 9th January 2027

- Equipment Inspection 0900 – 1700hrs
- Registration 1400 – 1700hrs

Sunday 10th January 2027

- Inspection and Registration by arrangement
- Skipper Briefing 1100hrs
- Racing from 1400 hrs (Note: Heats 1 & 2. No practice races)
- Welcome Function

Monday 11th January 2027

- Racing from 1300hrs

Tuesday 12th January 2027

- AGM 0900.
- Ladies night from 1800hrs.
- Racing from 1300hrs

Wednesday 13th January 2027

- Racing from 1300hrs
- Mid week BBQ

Thursday 14th January 2027

- Racing from 1300hrs

Friday 15th January 2027

- Racing from 1200hrs
- Presentation Function

5.2. Twelve races in total are scheduled, normally 2 per day with a maximum of 3 races to be sailed in any one day.

5.3. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00hrs

6. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT CHECKS (DP)

6.1 All sails, boats, and equipment must be measured BEFORE arriving at the Championship.

6.2. Facilities will NOT be available at the venue to undertake Fundamental Measurement.

6.3 Competitors shall present current Measurement Certificates for sail, platform and mast

6.4 Competitors shall select a time for Inspection on a timetable available at the Regatta Notice Board.

6.5 Equipment inspection is MANDATORY, in accordance with Inspection timetable and in accordance with A Class Catamaran measurement guidelines.

6.6 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.

6.7 The Technical Committee may check boats and equipment at any time during the Regatta.

6.8 All boats are required to be stored in designated Boat Park for duration of the Regatta.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the KCC Regatta noticeboard and the Sailor App.

8. VENUE The racing area will be on the waters of Botany Bay, adjacent to the Kurnell Catamaran Club.

9. COURSE

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

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

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 1st to 3rd
- Classic 1st to 3rd
- Retro 1st to 3rd

12.2. Division trophies may also be awarded to the highest placed sailor in each division depending on entry numbers:

- Lady
- Retro
- 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 of January 2027

12.4. The Retro division is defined by Classics with straight boards, and no decksweeper sail.

12.5. Top 3 placings in either Discipline are ineligible to win any of the Masters, Grand Masters, Great Grand Masters and Retro category prizes

12.6. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the AIADCA and may be determined by the number of entries in each division.

12.7. The top placed Australian in Open Discipline will be awarded the title 2027 Australian Champion

12.8. The top placed Classic Discipline boat will receive the Australian Perpetual trophy for Classics

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

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)

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

15.1. Put safety of yourself and competitors above race results.

15.2. Keep the boat park and sailing area clean of any debris.

15.3. Do not leave the beach to sail without the necessary safety precautions.

15.4. RRS 40 is amended as follows: wearing a safety helmet which complies with or is accredited to EN1385 is mandatory for the Open Discipline and strongly recommended for the Classic Discipline

16. Club Facilities

Full use of club facilities, including separate male/female hot showers, toilets and a shaded veranda with tables and chairs overlooking the race course.

Club canteen available for lunch, snacks, tea, coffee soft drinks, beer and wine (subject to licensing restrictions).

Limited camping for tents, vans and caravans is available in the club grounds and the junior clubhouse. Power will be available. There will be $100 fee per site or person in the clubhouse payable directly to the club to cover their associated costs. Bookings to be made directly with KCC. Contact details below.

17. PHOTOGRAPHY

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.

18. BOAT STORAGE (NP) (DP)

Boat storage is available in the designated grass area adjacent to the club.

19. TRAILERS, CARS, AND SUPPORT BOATS (NP) (DP)

19.1. Competitors and their support crews are requested to comply with directions as given by the designated Shore Manager.

19.2. Trailers may be stored on the adjacent public carpark

19.3. Support Boats may be stored on the adjacent public carpark.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

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