



# Bay Hotel Motel Australian 9er National Championships 2023

04/01/2023 – 10/01/2023

## NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

SOUTH LAKE MACQUARIE AMATEUR SAILING CLUB AND WANGI  
RSL AMATEUR SAILING CLUB LTD

ON BEHALF OF  
AUSTRALIAN 9ER ASSOCIATION INC.

### Lake Macquarie NSW

We acknowledge that Aboriginal people in this area, the Awabakal, were the first people of this land and are the proud survivors of more than two hundred years of continuing dispossession. We respect the rights of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to pursue their own values and culture. We pay respect to knowledge holders and community members of the land and waters and pay respect to Elders past, present and future.



The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the following rules:
  - 1.1 (a) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
  - 1.1 (b) Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats,
  - 1.1 (c) The Class Rules (except where any of these are altered by the Sl's),
- 1.2 Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
  - 1.2 (a) RRS 60.1(a) is changed so that NP denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat,
  - 1.2 (b) RRS 63.1(a), 64.1 & Appendix A5 will be amended in the Sl's to enable the Race Committee to apply a scoring penalty [SCP] without a hearing for some breaches of the rules.
  - 1.2 (c) RRS 44.1 and Appendix P2.1 are changed so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty.
  - 1.2 (d) For the 29er class only, Appendix P2.3 will not apply, and RRS Appendix P2.2 is changed to apply to any penalty after the first one.
- 1.3 The Organising Authority has applied to Australian Sailing for the appointment of a National Jury for the 9er National Championship 2022 in accordance with Australian Sailing Addendum A.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix P shall apply.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix. T Shall apply.
- 1.6 Competitors must follow all Club's COVID-19 Policies.

## 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 1700 hrs on 01 January 2023 on the online Official Notice Board.

## 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online Official Notice Board is located at <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/?ID=81405>
- 3.2 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.



#### **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the 29er, 49er FX and 49er classes.
- 4.2 Australian competitors shall be financial members of their respective state 29er/49er (9er) class association.
- 4.3 Australian competitors shall be financial members of AS and a club affiliated with AS.
- 4.4 Boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://sailingresults.net/entry/?ID=E9864293>
- 4.5 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6 Entries close at 1700 Tuesday 13th December 2022
- 4.7 Late entries may be accepted until 2nd January 2023 at the discretion of the Organising Authority and payment of the late entry fee.

#### **5. FEES**

- 5.1 Entry fees (including functions/regatta merchandise) are as follows:
- 5.2 Regatta entry \$525 boat
- 5.3 Late entry is an additional \$50/boat.
- 5.4 Refund of Entry Fees: if a team withdraws from the Australian 9er Nationals, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:
  - Up to 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022 - 85 % of the entry fee will be refunded.
  - Up to 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 - 75 % of the entry fee will be refunded.
  - After 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 - 50 % of the entry fee will be refunded.
- 5.5 Cancellation: If the Australian 9er National Championship is cancelled, each competitor or coach shall receive a refund of 85% of the entry fees paid.

#### **6. ADVERTISING**

- 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority and Australian 9er Association Inc.
- 6.2 The organising authority and the Australian 9er Association Inc. reserve the right to request competitors and other parties associated with the competitors to remove advertising from their boats or equipment if it conflicts with events or Australian 9er Association Inc. sponsors.

## 7. SCHEDULE

### 7.1 Schedule Timetable.

| Date                   | Event                      | Time            |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Wednesday, 04 Jan 2023 | Registration & Measurement | 1300 – 1600 hrs |
| Thursday, 05 Jan 2023  | Registration & Measurement | 1000 – 1600 hrs |
| Friday, 06 Jan 2023    | Competitors Briefing       | 1100 hrs        |
|                        | Racing Commencing          | 1300 hrs        |
| Saturday, 07 Jan 2023  | Racing Commencing          | 1300 hrs        |
| Sunday, 08 Jan 2023    | Racing Commencing          | 1300 hrs        |
| Monday, 09 Jan 2023    | Racing Commencing          | 1300 hrs        |
| Tuesday, 10 Jan 2023   | Racing Commencing          | 1200 hrs        |

7.2 On any scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1730 hrs; on the last day of racing (10/01/23), no warning signal shall be made after 1430 hrs.

7.3 The Regatta will consist of up to 15 races.

7.4 There shall be no more than four races per day.

7.5 The Organising Authority may decide, based on entry numbers, to split the 29er class into two fleets, in which case racing will be conducted along the following lines:

7.5 (a) The Organising Authority will allocate boats into two approximately equal fleets for day one of racing, after which they will be reallocated on subsequent days based on series results in an attempt to have a consistent standard between the two fleets.

7.5 (b) A list of boats in each fleet will be posted on the notice board no later than 2 hours before the scheduled start time.

7.5 (c) The first two race days will be used for qualifying races, with a minimum of 3 races required to constitute a series. Should three qualifying races not be completed at the end of day 2, then all races on day three will be used as qualifying races.

7.5 (d) After qualifying, the top half (rounded up) of the boats, based on their combined overall results, will be allocated to the Gold fleet, with the remained allocated to the Silver fleet for the duration of the finals.

7.5 (e) Finals races will commence on the day after the qualifying series concludes.



## 8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION / MEASUREMENT

- 8.1 The format for measurement will be as follows:
- 8.2 The 29er, 49er and 49erFX are closed class rules. Please read the class rules available on the respective class websites.
- 8.3 This will be a self-declaration measurement, i.e. the correct class measurement form is to be filled in and signed off by the skipper. See the attachments at the end of this NoR for 29er and 49er/49erFX. The required serial numbers for the foils, sails and mast sections, spreaders and 49er wing sections will be recorded on the measurement form. (Note Numbering on Sails may be checked against a class standard).
- 8.4 All boats may be weighed as part of the measurement process.
- 8.5 During the regatta, random boats may be selected to have the hulls weighed checked for compliance. It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure that their boat conforms to their class rules.
- 8.6 All forestays will be measured and sealed by a class sticker by the team of measurers.
- 8.7 For the 29ers, a single main, single spinnaker, two jibs and one forestay may be used throughout the duration of the Championship.
- 8.8 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Equipment Inspector (Technical Committee). Requests for substitution shall be made to the Technical Committee at the first reasonable opportunity, including retrospectively, provided that, in the case of a retrospective application, a Request for Substitution of Equipment Form is completed and submitted to the Technical Committee before the protest time limit of the day in which the substitution occurred.
- 8.9 Skipper and crew must carry a SOLAS-approved whistle whenever on the water.

## 9. VENUE

- 9.1 NoR Attachment A shows the location of the racing areas.

## 10. COURSES & RACE FORMAT

- 10.1 Courses will be windward-leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.2 The racing format may consist of the following:
  - 10.2 (a) 29er, 49er FX and 49er classes will race on the same course area.
  - 10.2 (b) The 49er FX and 49er may start together as one division and will be scored separately.
  - 10.2 (c) Races will include target times of 30mins and be held back to back.

## 11. SCORING

- 11.1 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 When five (5) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 11.3 When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her two worst scores.
- 11.4 Should the Organising Authority decide to run a Qualifying/Finals series for the 29er class it will be scored along the following lines:



- 11.4 (a) There shall be a minimum of 3 races & maximum of 6 races in the qualifying series, with competitors allowed to discard their worse qualifying race score if 5 or 6 races are completed.
- 11.4 (b) Races scores (after discards if applicable) from the qualifying series will carry over into the final series
- 11.4 (c) A maximum of 9 races are scheduled for finals, and if five or more races are completed, competitors will be allowed to delete their worst finals race score but not their points from qualifying.

## 12. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 12.1 All support and coach boats shall keep clear of the racing area while boats are racing (except when helping a boat in distress).
- 12.2 All support and coach boats shall remain at least 50 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment. The top of the racecourse is the furthest mark for the 49er. The 29er top mark isn't the top of the racecourse.
- 12.3 All support and coach boats must have a VHF radio and maintain a listening watch on VHF 72 or any other channel specified by the Race Committee.
- 12.4 When requested by the Race Management Team, support and coach boats shall render immediate assistance as and when directed.

## 13. RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in an increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

## 14. INSURANCE

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

## 15. MEDIA DISCLAIMER

- 15.1 Competitors agree to grant the Organising Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped, or film television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

## 16. PARENTAL / GUARDIAN CONSENT

- 16.1 For all competitors under 18 years of age at any time during the event, completing the online registration form will be deemed Parental/Guardian consent for entry to the Regatta.

## 17. PRIZES

- 17.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

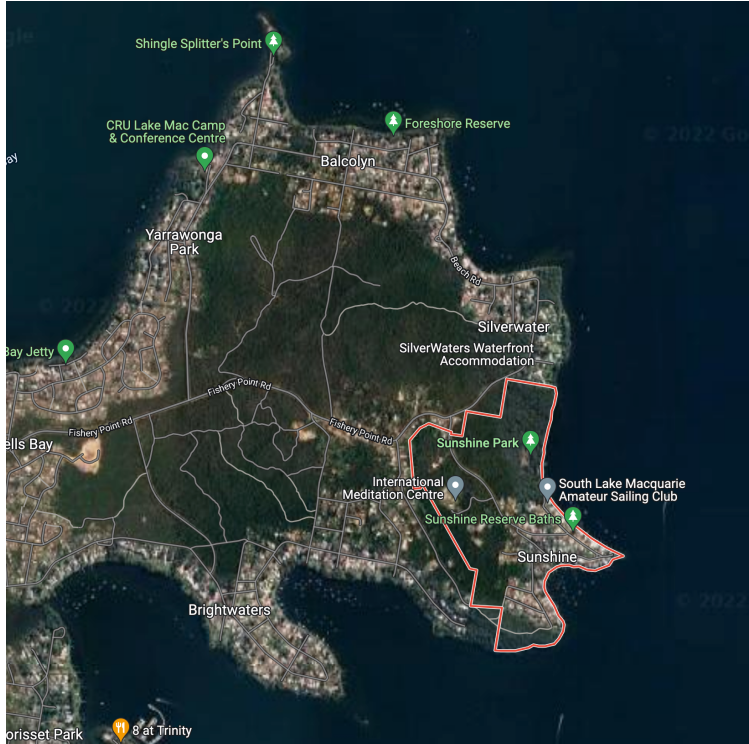
| 29er Class Prizes   |  |
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| Prizes  | Conditions   |
| <b>29er Australian National Championship Perpetual Trophy</b> | Awarded to the 1st placed Australian competitor.   |
| <b>1st, 2nd, 3rd overall (Open)</b>                           |  |
| <b>1st All Female Perpetual Trophy</b>                        | Awarded to the first Australian competitor.  |
| <b>1st Female Skipper Perpetual Trophy</b>                    | NB for mixed crew, awarded to the 1st placed Australian female skipper with male crew.                               |
| <b>1st Junior Skipper Perpetual Trophy</b>                    | Awarded to the 1st placed Australian skipper whose age is under 16 on 31 Dec 2022.                                   |
| <b>1st Junior Perpetual Trophy</b>                            | Awarded to the 1st placed skipper and crew whose age is under 16 on 31 Dec 2022. Team can be male, female, or mixed. |

| 49er FX Class Prizes  |  |
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| Prizes  | Conditions   |
| <b>49erFX Australian National Championship Perpetual Trophy</b> | Awarded to the 1st placed Australian competitor.   |
| <b>1st, 2nd, 3rd overall (Open)</b>                             |  |
| <b>1st All Female Perpetual Trophy</b>                          | Awarded to the first Australian competitor.  |
| <b>1st Non-Australian Sailing Squad Members</b>                 | Current Australian Sailing Squad Members including Australian Sailing performance path sailors are excluded from this prize. |

| 49er Class Prizes   |  |
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| Prizes  | Conditions   |
| <b>49er Australian National Championship Perpetual Trophy</b> | Awarded to the 1st placed Australian competitor.   |
| <b>1st, 2nd, 3rd overall (Open)</b>                           |  |
| <b>1st Non-Australian Sailing Squad Members</b>               | Current Australian Sailing Squad Members including Australian performance path sailors are excluded from this prize. |

## 18. LOCATION INFORMATION

The event will be held out of South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club (SLMASC) situated at 1A Sunshine Parade, Sunshine, NSW, 2264, Australia.





## ATTACHMENT A

Racing will be conducted on the waters of Lake Macquarie in the vicinity of SLMASC and between the clubhouse, Pulbah Island & Wangi.

