

Notice of Race

Drummoyne Sailing Club 2023-2024 Season

1. Invitation

1.1 The Drummoyne Sailing Club ("DSC"), as the Organizing Authority, invites owners of eligible boats to enter the 2023-2024 DSC Club sailing season and related series.

2. Rules

2.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024 ("RRS") of World Sailing (WS), including:

- a) The prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing ("SR").
- b) The rules and regulations of each class, when sailed as a division.
- c) Any rules as amended by the prescribed notice of race ("NoR") or the Sailing Instructions ("SI")

2.2 AS Special Regulations Part 1 for Racing Boats shall apply to all yachts and trailer yachts

2.3 AS Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats shall apply to all dinghy classes and Hartley TS16's

2.4 All competitors shall comply with the covid safe plan as prescribed by the organising authority.

3. Eligibility

3.1 Entry is open to all boats who comply with the relevant class rules and eligibility criteria of their division as outlined or amended within this NoR, including any additional criteria defined within appendices A to E.

3.2 It is the intention of the organizing authority to host the following classes and divisions:

- Yachts
- Hartley TS16's
- 16' Skiffs
- Juniors and Dinghies, including:
 - Cherubs
 - Ok Dinghies
 - Lasers
 - Flying 11's
 - Sabots

3.3 Final classes and divisions, including the provision of new classes or divisions, will be determined based on number of entries, or as otherwise prescribed at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

4. Safety

- 4.1 All boats shall comply with any safety requirements as noted by their class rules, this NoR, the SI's, or as otherwise prescribed by legislation, regulation, or public orders. Boats shall submit to inspection for compliance at the request of a safety representative of the organizing authority.
- 4.2 Failure of a boat to comply with safety requirements shall not be cause for protest or redress by another boat. This amends RRS 60.1 (a) and (b)
- 4.3 Unless otherwise required within this NoR, all yachts and trailer yachts shall comply with AS Special Regulations part 1 for race category 7 (SR1). Additionally, SR1 3.02.3 (a) (b) and (c) shall apply.
- 4.4 Unless otherwise required within this NoR, all off the beach classes shall comply with special regulations part 2 (SR2).

5. Insurance

- 5.1 Each participating boat shall maintain appropriate third-party liability Insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$10 million per insurable event. Insurance shall be current while racing. All competitors who complete the entry process are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

6. Determination of Eligibility

- 6.1 A decision by the organizing authority or the Race Committee to accept or reject an entry under NoR 3, NoR 4, NoR Appendix A to E, or otherwise apply any decision there in, is binding, and shall not be subject to protest or redress. This amends RRS 60.1 (a) and (b), and 63.1.

7. Entry

- 7.1 To participate in the season's events and be eligible for points, trophies and travel monies, a boat, the skipper and crew must be registered as financial members for the current season in the DSC Registration system and must be Registered Sailors (Adult or Junior).
- 7.2 Event, season, and casual registration, shall be made available via the DSC website:

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/drummoynesc/registration/>

- 7.3 Entry fees for each division or class shall be as prescribed by the registration portal at the time of entry. A prescribed schedule of fees can be made available from class and division representatives on request.
- 7.4 All boats must have completed registration, including payment of any fees, prior to the start of their first race. Late payment of fees may result in scoring Did Not Compete (DNC) until the first race in which payment is made.
- 7.5 Attention is drawn to AS prescription 46 which states:

"Australian Sailing prescribes that, from 1st January 2022, all persons on board a boat while racing shall be members of a Club affiliated to Australian Sailing and have an Australian

Sailing number, or hold a valid Sail Pass, or if an international competitor, be a member of club affiliated to a World Sailing recognised Member National Authority”

8. Sailing Instructions

8.1 Sailing instructions (SI's) shall be published for each division as early as possible prior to the commencement of the first race. SI's will be published electronically on the DSC website as per the official notices. Physical copies may be made available from the Sailing Office on request.

9. Official Notices

9.1 Official notices relating to this Notice of Race will be posted on the DSC website via the address below.

<https://www.dsc.org.au/sailing/sailing-documents/>

9.2 Notices may also be posted in vicinity of the downstairs bar area of the club either electronically on the downstairs screens, or physically on a nominated board to be determined. Notices may otherwise be available from the Sailing Office on request.

9.3 Amendments to this NoR will be published as per official notices above. Where possible, registrations have been completed or commenced will be contacted via the details so provided.

10. Compulsory Briefings

10.1 Each boat owner or owner's representative must attend compulsory safety and/or race briefings as directed by the race committee. Failure to do so may result in the boat being ineligible to race or continue racing as part of any series. Notice of such briefings shall be published at least 7 days prior to the briefing as per the official notices above.

10.2 Attempts will be made by the race committee to offer any briefings in both physical and digital forms.

11. Race Schedule

11.1 The sailing season shall nominally commence on the weekend of the 2nd of September 2023 and continue through to the weekend of the 23rd and 24th of March 2024. Additional races may be scheduled outside of these dates as otherwise published on the Official DSC Website Calendar at least two weeks prior to any additional race so scheduled.

11.2 The specific race series and schedule for each division shall be documented on the Official DSC Calendar located on the club website:

<https://www.dsc.org.au/calendar-new/>

11.3 The race series or schedule for each division may be amended or changed over the course of the season as provided for by the Sailing Instructions.

12. Course Area

12.1 The course area shall nominally be “off the Drummoyne Sailing Club”; within the confines of the Paramatta River bounded by the Gladesville Bridge, Iron Cove Bridge, and Sydney Harbour Bridge.

12.2 The course area may be further extended or confined by the Sailing Instructions as deemed necessary.

13. Prizes

13.1 Divisional prizes will be awarded as appropriate to the number of registered entries, or as prescribed within the relevant SI's for each division.

14. Disclaimer of Liability

14.1 Competitors participate in all Club races entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 3 of the RRS which states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone'.

The Club, its officers and servants, will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after racing, nor for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment or for damage which might result from competing in Club events.

Each competitor acknowledges receipt NoR 15.1 RISK WARNING and releases the Club from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered, by him/her or any person claiming through him/her in any event conducted by the Club.

15. Acknowledgment of Risk

15.1 This RISK WARNING is issued jointly by the Drummoyne Sailing Club and NSW Roads and Maritime Services, pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 (NSW) to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by Drummoyne Sailing Club.

Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.

As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- a) The extremes of weather and sea conditions
- b) The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
- c) The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
- d) The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- e) The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
- f) Exposure to the elements for extended periods.



The Club and NSW Roads and Maritime Services also warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with the Club.

Appendix A: Yachts

1. Eligibility

1.1 Yachts shall be of a monohull type

Appendix B: Hartley TS 16's

1. Eligibility

1.1 All boats shall have a current "A Class" Registration Certificate as issued by the Hartley TS16 Association of Australia.

1.2 Rule 9a of the Hartley TS16 Special Racing Rules is modified to apply only to each race. "B Class" boats may be admitted to compete in handicap events and point scores only.

Appendix C: 16 foot Skiff

No further requirements

Appendix D: Juniors and Dinghies

No further requirements

Appendix E: Sprint Series

1. Eligibility and Entry

1.1 Entry is open to the following classes:

- Yachts as described in Appendix A, except no yacht shall have a length overall (LOA) greater than 11m
- Hartley TS 16's
- 16 foot Skiffs
- Cherubs
- OK Dinghies

1.1 Fees

1.2 Entry is free to all boats currently registered within their class for the DSC sailing season

1.2 Registration

1.3 Registration is available via the DSC online registration portal

2. Race Schedule

2.1 Racing shall be held across one or more non-consecutive days as documented in the DSC Website Sailing Calendar.

3. Race Results and Prizes

3.1 Prices will be awarded, 1st, 2nd & 3rd place overall handicap in each Division on each race day. Competitors must be present to be eligible for a prize. Prizes will also be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd placing overall on handicap in each Division

Grand Prizes, where applicable, will be drawn from the “barrel” on the last day of racing in the series.