



**Port Stephens Sailing
and Aquatic Club**

NSW Heron State Championship

Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th November 2017

Organised and conducted by

Port Stephens Sailing and Aquatic Club

In conjunction with

The NSW Heron Sailing Association (NSWHSA)

Notice of Race

1. Rules.

The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS) and the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), Part 2 for Off the Beach boats.

2. Advertising.

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3. Eligibility and Entry.

3.1 (a) The Regatta is open to all financial "A Class" boats registered with the National Heron Sailing Association of Australia.

(b) This Regatta permits the use of a Genoa subject to meeting the following conditions:

- eligible to enter the Heavy Weight division (Crew weight exceeds 135kg)
OR
- Crew weight exceeds 125kg and the boat is carrying at least the difference between the crew weight (carrying sailing gear) and 135kg as additional ballast (Lead Weight Correctors fixed under the front thwart).
AND
- Crew intending to use the genoa must be weighed at the competitor briefing wearing shorts and T-shirt and carrying their sailing gear. "Sailing gear" is defined as; PFD, spray jacket, booties and gloves.
- Crew may be reweighed at any time during the series.
- Competitors using the genoa shall do so in all races.

3.2 Eligible boats entering must enter through the Association's online TryBooking registration system. The link to the booking system for the event can be found on the association website www.nsw.heronssailing.com.au or through the Facebook page www.facebook.com/NSWHeronSailingAssociation

3.3 The following conditions shall apply:-

(a) Competitors must be a current financial member of the NHSAA and financial members of a Yacht or Sailing Club affiliated with a State Yachting Authority and an Australia Sailing card holder. Refer rule 46.

(b) Youth Skipper and Crew – both Skipper and Crew must be under 18 years of age on the 4th November 2017.

(c) Veteran Helmsperson – The Skipper must be not less than 55 years of age on the 4th November 2017.

3.4 Entries close 1700hrs Monday 30th October 2017.

3.5 Late entries will be accepted up to 1100hrs Saturday 4th November 2017.

3.6 Rights to use name and likeness:

By submitting an entry in this event, a competitor grants to the organising authority and the sponsors of the event, 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 him/her during the period of the competition for the said event in

which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

4. Entry Fees

(a) Entry Fee - \$ 125.00

(b) Late Entry Fee - \$ 135.00

5. Schedule of Events

Races are scheduled over the 2-day period of the event. Racing will generally be in a back to back format, however a maximum of 3 races only can be held in any one day.

Date	Details	Time
Sat 4 Nov 2017	Competitor briefing	10:30 am
Sat 4 Nov 2017	Racing	Warning signal not before 11.25 am
Sun 5 Nov 2017	Racing	Warning signal not before 10.55 am

No warning signal can be made after 15.00 hours (3pm) on the last day of the event.

6. Measurement.

6.1 Boats shall have a valid Measurement Certificate.

6.2 Boats may be subject to a measurement check at any time.

6.3 Only one suit of sails may be used during the series. Only sails which comply with the measurement rules and have been approved by an official measurer will be accepted.

Sails shall not be altered or substituted without the written approval of the Race Committee.

7. Sailing Instructions.

The Sailing Instructions will be available at www.nsw.heronsailing.com.au and at the competitor briefing.

8. Venue.

The regatta will be conducted from the Port Stephens Sailing and Aquatic Club Seaview Crescent Soldiers Point NSW 2317 on the waters of Salamander Bay NSW

9. The Course.

The course to be sailed will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. Scoring.

10.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2 When three (3) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. This changes rule A2.

10.3 When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.4 There will be a maximum of five (5) races.

11. 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.

12. Prizes and Trophies.

(a) First Place Skipper and Crew and Perpetual Trophy.

(b) Second through to fifth place; Skipper and Crew Trophies.

(c) First Lady Skipper and Crew.

(d) First Youth Skipper and Crew.

(e) First Unplaced Veteran Skipper and Crew.

(f) First Skipper and Crew on Handicap. Perpetual Trophy and Skipper and Crew Trophies.

(g) Second and Third Skippers and Crew on Handicap.

13. Disclaimer of liability.

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. 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 \$10,000,000.

15. Further Information

For further information, please contact any of the following.

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