



59th National Heron Championship

13 January – 20 January 2018

Notice of Race

Organized & Hosted By
Port Stephens Sailing and Aquatic Club

On Behalf of
NSW Heron Sailing Association
National Heron Sailing Association of Australia

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is the Port Stephens Sailing and Aquatic Club in conjunction with the NSW Heron Sailing Association and the National Heron Sailing Association of Australia (NHSAA).

2. RULES

2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2.2. Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 Off the Beach Boats will apply.

2.3. The Class rules of the National Heron Sailing Association of Australia (NHSAA).

3. ADVERTISING

3.1. The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by any boat, if it is considered offensive to public taste or if it contravenes the laws of the governments of New South Wales or Australia.

3.2. Boats may be required to display event advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies (DP).

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

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

4.2. 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).
 - Crew intending to use the genoa must be weighed at the competitor briefing wearing underwear, shorts and a 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.
 - Eligible boats must submit entries and payment via the NSW Heron Sailing Association's (NSWWSA) online Try Booking registration system. The link to the booking system for the event can be found on the NSWWSA website www.nsw.heronsailing.com.au or through the Facebook page www.facebook.com/NSWHeronSailingAssociation
 - Late entries will be accepted up until 14/1/2018 only with payment of the late entry fee (refer fees 5.2).

- Competitors must be a current financial member of the NHSAA and a financial member of a Yacht Club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- Junior Skipper and Crew – both Skipper and Crew must be under 18 years of age at 14 January 2018.
- Veteran Helmsperson – the Skipper must be not less than 55 years of age at 14 January 2018.

5. FEES

5.1. The entry fee which includes the 2x tickets to the Welcome BBQ is \$250.00 if received by 3/12/2017.

5.2. A late entry fee of \$60.00 will apply for all entries received after 3/12/2017.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1. Up to eight Races are scheduled.

6.2. Two races are scheduled on race day's 1, 2, 3 and 1 race on race day 4, 5. Additional races may be sailed on any day at the Race Committee's discretion.

6.3. The Race Committee may elect to change the start time of the following day's racing based on weather forecasts and the various fleet requirements. A notice advising of any such change will be posted no later than 1800 hours on the preceding race day.

6.4. No warning signal will be made after 15:00 on the last scheduled day of racing.

Day	Date	Time	Event	Social
Saturday	13 January 2018	a.m.	Registration and measurement (Open 10:00am)	
		p.m.	Registration and measurement (Close 14:00)	
Sunday	14 January 2018	a.m.	Registration and measurement (Open 8:00 Close 12:00)	
		p.m.	Invitation Race	
Monday	15 January 2018	a.m.	Opening Ceremony and Briefing	Opening Barbecue
		p.m.	Racing Day 1	
Tuesday	16 January 2018	As Per SIs	Racing Day 2	
Wednesday	17 January 2018		Lay Day	
Thursday	18 January 2018	As Per SIs	Racing Day 3	Heron Idol
Friday	19 January 2018	As Per SIs	Racing Day 4	
Saturday	20 January 2018	As Per SIs	Racing Day 5	Presentation Night

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. All boats shall be weighed and inspected at measurement.
- 7.2. All boats shall be subject to a measurement check at any time.
- 7.3. Only one suit of sails may be used during the series. Only sails which comply with the measurement rules and have been approved and initialled by an office class measurer will be accepted.
- 7.4. Applications may be made to the race committee to replace damaged sails.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available when registering at the regatta office at Port Stephens Sailing and Aquatic Club and may be available earlier on the Association website.

9. SUBSTITUTION OF CREWS AND EQUIPMENT

Substitution of crews or equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Requests for replacement of crew or equipment must be submitted in writing to the race committee with reasonable notice. Submissions will be individually assessed and advised in writing on the official notice board.

The nominated helm shall not be substituted. Boats sailing with a replacement helm will constitute a new entry and will be scored as DNS for the previous races in the regatta.

10. VENUE

The regatta site will be Port Stephens Sailing and Aquatic Club (PSSAC) and the racing area shall be the waters of Salamander Bay NSW.

11. THE COURSES

The courses will be sailed as described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. The low point scoring system of Appendix A shall apply.
- 12.2. Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 12.4. When five to eight races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1. Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel ("Support Boats") shall not be in the racing area, which is defined as within 100 meters of a competitor or a mark of the course. This will apply from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished that race, or the Race Committee signals a postponement,

general recall or abandonment, except in the case of an emergency. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be disqualification of all boats associated with the Support Boat who infringes.

- 13.2. Operators of Support Boats shall hold a current Power Boat Licence (or equivalent) at the time of the event and have a working VHF Radio on board their vessel and other applicable Safety Gear. It is also a requirement for all personnel on a Support Boat to wear an appropriate PFD at all times while afloat.
- 13.3. Support Boats shall make themselves available at all times while afloat to assist the Organising Authority in the case of an emergency or rescue, as directed in person by the relevant race officer or via VHF Radio.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 14.1. 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. PRIZES

- 15.1. Prizes shall be awarded as follows:

- First Place: Perpetual Trophy and First Placed Skipper and Crew Trophies.
- Second to Sixth Place: Skipper and Crew Trophies.
- First Lady Skipper and Crew: Perpetual Trophy and Skipper and Crew Trophies.
- First Junior Skipper and Crew: Perpetual Trophy and Skipper and Crew Trophies.
- First Unplaced Veteran: Skipper and Crew Trophies
- First Unplaced Family Combination: Skipper and Crew Trophies
- First to Third Unplaced Handicap: Skipper and Crew Trophies

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race 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.

17. RISK WARNING

- 17.1. This risk warning is issued jointly by the NSW Heron Sailing Association, PSSAC and NSW Maritime, pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002, to all persons wishing to participate in the 59th National Heron Championship. 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 an inherent risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death. As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- The extremes of weather and sea conditions

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

18. INSURANCE

Each competitor shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of AUD\$10,000,000 per incident or equivalent. Entering this event confirms currency of this insurance.

19. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In participating in the regatta, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the regatta, 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 regatta in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said regatta without compensation.

20. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

Any changes to this Notice of Race will be published on the Heron Website www.heronssailing.com.au

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact

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