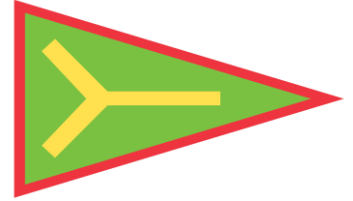




**63<sup>rd</sup> Heron National Championship 2023/24**  
**YMCA of Canberra Sailing Club**  
Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra, Australia, 6-12 January 2024



## NOTICE OF RACE

The YMCA of Canberra Sailing Club (YMCASC) in conjunction with the National Heron Sailing Association of Australia (NHSAA) as Organising Authority invites entries to the 63<sup>rd</sup> Heron National Championship 2023/24 to be sailed on the waters of Lake Burley Griffin from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2024.

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The championship will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The Australian Sailing (AS) *Prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 2 "Off the Beach Boats"* will apply.
- 1.3 The NHSAA class rules will apply.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix T Arbitration will apply.
- 1.5 RRS 40.1 will apply. All competitors shall wear an approved PFD while afloat each day.
- 1.6 RRS 35, 61.3, 62.2, 66, A4 & A5 will be changed as follows. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
  - (a) Rule 35 – "*Time Limit and Scores*" will be altered so that boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored DNF without a hearing.
  - (b) Rules 61.3 and 62.2 – "*Protest Time Limit*" and "*Redress*" will be altered so that the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee or protest committee and to requests for redress.
  - (c) Rule 66 – "*Reopening a Hearing*" will be altered so that on the last day of the championship a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
  - (d) Rules A4 & A5 will be altered so that a boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing; and boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available after 10.00am on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at YMCASC registration.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board will be located at the YMCASC Sailor's Room.
- 3.2 The championship website is located at [www.heronsailing.com.au](http://www.heronsailing.com.au).
- 3.3 While racing (from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day), 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. [DP]

### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The championship is open to all "A" class Heron boats registered with the NHSAA.
- 4.2 Competitors must be financial members of the NHSAA.
- 4.3 Competitors must be financial members of a yacht club affiliated with Australian Sailing (AS).
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the on-line entry on the NHSAA online entry and payment system by 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023.
- 4.5 Late entries will be accepted until 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024 with an additional late entry fee.

### 5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is AUD \$200 per eligible boat (includes two tickets to Welcome BBQ).
- 5.2 The late entry fee is an additional AUD \$50 per eligible boat for entries received after 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023.

## 6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 Substitution of crews will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. Requests for substitution of crews shall be made on Crew Substitution Forms available at the YMCASC Race Office.
- 6.2 The nominated skipper shall not be substituted (except Crews Race). Boats sailing with a substitute skipper shall constitute a new championship entry and will be scored DNS for all previous races.

## 7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. If this rule is broken World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 will apply. [DP]
- 7.2 The Organising Authority may provide bibs that competitors are required to wear as permitted by the World Sailing Advertising Code. [DP]

## 8. SCHEDULE

### 8.1 Registration:

Saturday 6 January 2024	1000hrs to 1600hrs
Sunday 7 January 2024	0900hrs to 1100hrs (if required)

### 8.2 Equipment inspection:

Saturday 6 January 2024	1000hrs to 1600hrs
Sunday 7 January 2024	0900hrs to 1100hrs (if required)

### 8.3 Competitors' meeting:

Sunday 7 January 2024	1200hrs
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### 8.4 Welcome Ceremony and BBQ:

Sunday 7 January 2024	1800hrs
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### 8.5 Dates and time of racing:

Sunday 7 January 2024	1355hrs	Race Session first warning signal Invitation race Crews race
Monday 8 January 2024	1355hrs	Race Session first warning signal
Tuesday 9 January 2024	1355hrs	Race Session first warning signal
Wednesday 10 January 2024	Reserve Day	Race Session if required
Thursday 11 January 2024	1355hrs	Race Session first warning signal
Friday 12 January 2024	1155hrs	Race Session first warning signal

### 8.6 Heron Idol:

Tuesday 9 January 2024	1900hrs
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### 8.7 Presentation:

Friday 12 January 2024	1800hrs
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### 8.8 Number of races:

Eight races are scheduled with two races scheduled per day up to maximum of three races per day. When two or more races are conducted in a day, they will be sailed back-to-back, with a short delay between them.

- 8.9 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1430hrs.

## 9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1 Boats shall be available for inspection at any time during the championship.
- 9.2 Boats may be inspected and weighed at equipment inspection.
- 9.3 One set of sails may be registered for the championship. Sails must be certified by an approved class measurer prior to registration.

## 10. EQUIPMENT SUBSTITUTION

- 10.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Technical Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity on Equipment Substitution Forms available at the YMCASC Race Office.

## **11. USE OF A GENOA**

- 11.1 Competitors may use a genoa subject to compliance with paragraph 16.7 (7) of the NHSAA By-laws (25 Sep 2019) as follows:
- (a) Skipper and crew eligible to enter the Heavy Weight Division with crew weight over 135kg, or
  - (b) Skipper and crew weight exceeds 125kg and the boat is fitted with corrector weights of at least the difference between the crew weight and 135kg, fixed under the front thwart of the boat, as additional ballast.
  - (c) Crews intending to use a genoa must be weighed at registration wearing sailing shorts and t-shirt and carrying their sailing gear including PDF, spray jacket, boots and gloves.
  - (d) Competitors may be reweighed at any time during the championship.
  - (e) Competitors using a genoa shall do so in all races.

## **12. VENUE**

12.1 The event venue is the YMCA of Canberra Sailing Club, 35 Alexandrina Dr, Yarralumla, ACT, 2600.

12.2 The racing area is West Lake, Lake Burley Griffin. Refer ADDENDUM A RACING AREA

## **13. COURSES**

13.1 The courses will be windward-leeward or triangle-windward-leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.

## **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns-Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn-Penalty.

## **15. SCORING**

15.1 Eight races are scheduled, of which five races shall be completed to constitute a series.

- 15.2 (a) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

16.1 Support person vessels shall comply with the prescriptions of the ACT National Land (Lakes) Ordinance 2022 and shall have a current category 1 permit issued by the NCA.

16.2 Support person vessels shall be registered with the Organising Authority at registration.

16.3 Support person vessels shall be marked with a white flag supplied by the Organising Authority.

16.4 Support person vessels shall keep at least 100m clear of the course area during racing, except in an emergency when asked to assist by the Race Committee. [DP]

## **17. DRONES**

17.1 Drone pilots shall be registered with the Organising Authority at registration.

17.2 Drones shall keep at least 25m clear of boats during racing. Competitors are advised that drones may be dangerous and shall not interfere with a drone. [DP]

## **18. RIGHT TO USE LIKENESS**

18.1 By participating in the championship, a competitor automatically grants to 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 or television or other reproductions of him/her without compensation.

## **19. RISK STATEMENT**

19.1 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 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.

## 20. INSURANCE

20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$5,000,000 per incident. Entering the championship confirms currency of this insurance.

## 21. PRIZES

21.1 Perpetual trophies and prizes will be awarded as follows:

- (a) First placed boat – Perpetual trophy, silver platter & first crew trophy
- (b) Second to sixth placed boats – skipper and crew trophies
- (c) First placed boat invitation race – Don Jamieson perpetual trophy, skipper and crew trophies
- (d) First placed boat crews race - skipper and crew trophies
- (e) Highest placed boat with a lady skipper – perpetual trophy, skipper and crew trophies
- (f) Highest placed boat with a junior skipper and crew – perpetual trophy, skipper and crew trophies (skipper and crew under 18 years of age on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024)
- (g) Highest placed boat with a veteran skipper - skipper and crew trophies (skipper over 55 years old on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024)
- (h) Highest placed boat with a family skipper and crew – skipper and crew trophies (skipper and crew from same immediate family: spouse-spouse, parent-child, grandparent-grandchild)
- (i) First three boats on handicap – skipper and crew trophies

21.2 The winners of prizes in categories 21.1 (a) and 21.1 (b) will not be eligible to win a prize in categories 21.1 (g), 21.1 (h) or 21.1 (i).

21.3 Other trophies and prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## 22. FURTHER INFORMATION

22.1 For further information contact Chris Sant, email: [sant.chris@icloud.com](mailto:sant.chris@icloud.com), mobile: 0417 413 690.

## ADDENDUM A RACING AREA

