

GOSFORD SAILING CLUB

2016-2017 Season

NOTICE OF RACE

**Club Championships & Pointscore Series
For**

**Senior and Junior Centerboard Classes, Etchells,
Offshore & Inshore Yacht Classes**



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- 1.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) and the Prescriptions of Australian Sailing. (AS).
- 1.2 The Special Regulations of A SParts 1&2.
- 1.3 The Boating (Safety Equipment) Regulations of NSW.
- 1.4 The Relevant Class Rules 2016/17 for classes entered
- 1.6 The Australian Measurement System (AMS)
- 1.5 The GSC sailing hand book and Fleet's sailing instructions
- 1.6 This Notice of Race, as amended by the Sailing Instructions
- 1.7 All GSC Events are subject to NSW Maritime Regulations and the GSC Aquatic License Issued by NSW Maritime.
- 1.8 For the purpose of these rules the Race Committee will consist of the Commodore, Sailing Manager, Class fleet delegates, or their nominated deputy.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 For the purpose of advertising, the classification of this event shall be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20,
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising material chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES

- 3.1 Centerboard Classes
Junior Class: Entry is open to boats of the following classes: Junior Sabot, Senior Sabot, Optimist and F11s.
Senior Classes: Entry is open to boats of the following classes: Laser 4.7, Laser Radial, Laser Standard, A Class Cats and a miscellaneous centerboard Class. Each boat shall comply with part 2 of the AS safety regs and hold a Class measurement certificate when appropriate
- 3.2 Keel Boat Classes
 Sports Boats and Yachts. Each keel boat shall hold and lodge with the Organising Authority a current valid Australian Sailing Special Regulations Compliance Certificate, minimum of Category 7 and or measurement certificate
- 3.3.1 International Etchells Class Association rules and regulations shall apply except as altered by these Sailing Instructions.
- 3.3.2 At the commencement of each season each Etchells shall present copies of:-
 - i) Current measurement certificate & sail card.
 - ii) Current Category 7 Safety Certificate. The crew shall ensure continuing compliance throughout the season.
 - iii) NSW RMS registration
 - iv) Racing insurance including \$10M public liability cover.

- 3.3.3 In any championship race, a change of helmsperson shall be permitted, provided the new helmsperson is a regular member of the crew. (The regular crew should be determined prior to the commencement of the season, with alterations restricted to say a week prior to the start of each series.)
- 3.3.4 In any non-championship race, a change of helmsperson shall be permitted provided the new helmsperson is a sailing member of Gosford Sailing Club.
- 3.3.5 A crew may elect to sail either 3 or 4 up. This crew configuration must then be maintained until the end of the series. A change in the crew configuration will be permitted during the season from series to series.
- 3.4 For boats with crew to be awarded points in Club Championship events, all members of the crew must be Financial Sailing Members of the Club.
- 3.5 For boats with crew to be awarded points in pointscore events, all members of the crew must be Financial Sailing Members of the Club, however a non-member may sail for a maximum of three (3) races.
- 3.6 A non-member shall be deemed to be a visitor up to and including three (3) races in any season. A visitor shall be counted as a starter, with all rights accorded to the vessel while racing, but will not be counted in the finishing positions. A visitor who subsequently joins Gosford Sailing Club or who has lodged an application for membership which is being processed, shall be considered to be a Financial Member for up to the three (3) races competed in as a visitor
- 3.7 Exemption to these rules may, in the event of extenuating circumstances, be granted by the Sailing Committee.
- 3.8 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form and, together with the required fee, to the Organising Authority prior to 1700hrs on Wednesday 26th October 2016
- 3.9 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority, Which if accepted may attract a late entry fee. Financial Sailing Members of the Gosford Sailing Club and visitors as defined in SI 3.6 shall be eligible to compete in races conducted by the Club, except that only Financial Sailing Members of the Gosford Sailing Club Limited may be eligible for Club Championship points.
- 3.10 Gosford Sailing Club reserves the right to refuse an entry

4 FEES

- 4.1 GSC Members race entry fees are as described in the fleet race entry form online
- 4.2 Visitors \$25.00 for seniors and \$10.00 for juniors per race.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 This Notice of race applies to all events organised and conducted by the GSC as listed in the GSC program of Races 2016/17 unless otherwise noted

5.2 Dates of racing: Racing will be conducted on the dates published in the GSC year book, and on the GSC Web site

5.3 It is the intention of the Race Committee to conduct the races as per the program, but the Race Committee may alter the Schedule of Races as required.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Sailing Instructions will be available after registration at the Gosford Sailing Club and are contained in the GSC year book and may be available online at the GSC website.

7 RACING AREA

7.1 The races will be conducted on Brisbane Waters off Gosford Sailing Club.

7.2 Offshore Races will be conducted of the East Coast Tasman Sea between Terrigal in the North and Sydney South Head in the South.

8 COURSES

8.1 Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

9 PENALTY SYSTEMS

9.1. The Two Turns Penalty, rule 44.2 shall apply or as described in the SIs

10 SCORING

10.1 The scoring system shall be the Low Point System, RRS Appendix A. and series scored as described in the Sailing Instructions

10.2 If a boat does not race because her crew is required to perform race committee duties, or because she is representing GSC at an official event in any class, she will be awarded points equal to the score for median place for that day's GSC Championship or Pointscore races (amends Appendix A).

11 PRIZES

11.1 Prizes will be awarded to 1st Place on Handicap in each Class or division

11.2 Annual Championship Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each Class or division

11.3 Annual Point Score Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each Class or division

11.4 Twilight Race Prizes will be awarded to 1st in each Division after each race

11.5 Other prizes may be awarded at the Race Committees discretion.

12 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 12.1 While racing, and except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications that are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & RISK WARNING

- 13.1 It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry in the Event competitors must indemnify the Organising Authority their officers, members, staff and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Event.
- 13.2 This RISK WARNING is issued jointly by Gosford Sailing Club and NSW Maritime, pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by Gosford 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:

- 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 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.

Gosford Sailing Club and NSW Maritime 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 Gosford Sailing Club.

Participants are also advised that although Gosford Sailing Club is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover DOES NOT extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer. Membership of a sailing club affiliated with Yachting NSW entitles you to personal accident insurance cover.

14 INSURANCE

- 14.1 Participants are advised that GSC's third party liability insurance cover does not extend to participants. Participants must make their own private arrangements with an insurer.
- 14.2 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000.

14.3 Attention is drawn to the Yachting NSW insurance program at www.ynswinsurance.com, through which a proportion of insurance premiums paid by members is rebated to GSC.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

To enjoy the facilities GSC has to offer, see the club website www.gossail.com.au
If you need to get berthing for the night before or after the race please contact our Sailing Manager Peter Walsh on peter@gossail.com.au , 4325 7216 or 0448257216.

SOCIAL EVENTS

You are invited to the Gosford Sailing Club afterwards for after race presentations which will be made as soon as possible after the last race of the day.

You are invited to the Gosford Sailing Club for annual fleet presentation nights which will be advertised in the fleet program or on the web.