



## SASC Winter Series 2024 – Notice of Race

An invitation is extended to owners of eligible boats to enter the Sydney Amateur Sailing Club Winter Series 2024. The organising authority is the Sydney Amateur Sailing Club (SASC)

### 1 RULES

The racing will be governed by:

- a) the current World Sailing (WS) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) (2021-2024)
- b) the Prescriptions and Safety Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) (2021-2024) applicable to Category 7
- c) the Maritime Safety (General) Regulation 2016
- d) these Sailing Instructions; and
- e) General Sailing Instructions for SASC events

In the event of conflict between the RRS and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

**2 ELIGIBILITY** The series is open to boats of self-righting mono hull construction with a minimum length of five metres.

### 3 ENTRY

3.1 Eligible boats are invited to enter the series or individual races as a casual entry.

3.2 For a valid entry, competitors shall:

- complete the online entry via the online entry system
- accept the declaration detailed in the online entry system
- include the entry fee
- lodge a valid Australian Sailing Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form (if not already held by SASC)
- lodge a current insurance Certificate of Currency.

3.3 Series entries are to be received no later than 1700hrs Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024.

3.4 Casual entries may enter via the online entry process. Casual entries to be received no later than 1500hrs on the Friday before the Saturday race.

**4 ENTRY FEE** Entry fees for 2024 are as follows.

- Full Series (6 races) - \$160
- Casual entry fee - \$ 45 per race

## **5 DIVISIONS AND HANDICAPS**

5.1 The SASC Winter Series will consist of four divisions:

- Mixed Spinnaker Division
- Classic Spinnaker Division
- Mixed Non-spinnaker Divisions
- Classic Non-Spinnaker Division

5.2 Divisions can be selected when entering and will be advised on the official list of entries available on the SASC website.

5.3 The handicap will be a Time Correction Factor (TCF) which is applied at the finish, except as amended by the Sailing Instructions. Handicaps may be adjusted after each race.

5.4 Boats in the Non-spinnaker divisions are not permitted to fly spinnakers. Headsails may be poled out but must be tacked to the foot of the forestay and fully hanked or attached to the forestay by a luff groove device. The forestay is as defined in the current World Sailing Equipment Rules of Sailing. Couta boats or similar craft are exempted from this provision where the forestay is integrated in the headsail luff.

## **6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

SASC Winter Series schedule;

Race 1 - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Race 2 - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Race 3 - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024

Race 4 - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Race 5 - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## Race 6 – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Scheduled time of the first warning signal will be 1125 hrs.

**7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** Will be available by Monday 29th April 2022. Race documents will be available on the SASC website and emailed to all competitors.

**8 RACING AREA** Racing shall be conducted on Sydney Harbour.

**9 COURSES** Courses will be around harbour marks and islands as described in the Sailing Instructions.

### **10 SCORING**

The Scoring System will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

### **11 CHANGES AFFECTING PERFORMANCE**

11.1 Any changes to hull, engine, propeller, trim, spars, sails including any modified, new, or replacement sails, shall be notified in writing to the Organising Authority no later than 1500 hours on the day prior to the race affected by the changes. This may result in a change of handicap.

### **12 RESPONSIBILITIES**

12.1 Risk Warning - The Organising Authority advises owners, skippers and anyone who participates in sailing events conducted by the Organising Authority that participation in the sport of sailing, whether racing or otherwise, can be dangerous and can result in harm, personal injury and property damage. The Organising Authority is not responsible for any harm or injury suffered by any person in any sailing event of whatever nature conducted by the Organising Authority.

12.2 Competitors' Declaration All participants acknowledge that competing in yachting events may be dangerous and may result in harm or personal injury and they participate in such events aware of such dangers and voluntarily accept any risk of harm: (a) and the person who enters the boat with the Organising Authority warranting to the Organising Authority that he or she will draw the attention of any person who competes on the boat the subject of the entry in any event conducted by the Organising Authority to the risk warning above; and (b) the person who enters the boat with the Organising Authority acknowledging receipt of the risk warning above and releasing the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him, or by any person claiming through him, in any event conducted by the Organising Authority.

#### 12.3 Disclaimer of Liability

(a) All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 3 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to

participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The organising authority, sponsors, respective class associations, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.

(b) The organising authority, sponsors, class associations, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

(c) All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the Australian Sailing Special Regulations clause 1.02 Owner's Responsibility of the Person in Charge.

### **13 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be covered by current Third-Party Property Liability insurance and Third-Party Personal Liability insurance of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million) for each separate incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing;

### **14 OTHER INSTRUCTIONS**

14.1 RRS 52 is amended so that it does not apply for the adjustment and operation of sails or the adjustment of movable appendages on any boat.

14.2 Boats shall not carry anchors protruding beyond the bow while racing.

### **15 PRIZES**

15.1 Series prizes shall be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each division. The following trophies will be awarded to the winners of each division:

- Spinnaker Division                      Currawong Cup
- Classic Spinnaker Division      Brothers Trophy
- Non-Spinnaker Division          Bryan Kirkwood Memorial Trophy
- Classic Non-Spinnaker Div      Gale Trophy

15.2 Prizes may be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each division after each race.

**16 FURTHER INFORMATION** For further information contact; [racing@sasc.com.au](mailto:racing@sasc.com.au) 02 9953 6597