



**NOTICE OF RACE FOR THE  
53<sup>rd</sup> NS14 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

**At the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania**

**Sunday 2 to Friday 7 January 2022**

**Organising Authority:**



## **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS).
- 1.2. Appendix T Arbitration will apply to this regatta.
- 1.3. Under Rule 87 the NS14 Class Rules are amended as follows to allow registered MG14 Class Boats whose crew satisfies the eligibility criteria in Entries in the Notice of Race to participate.
  - 1.3.1. The MG14 must meet the NS14 Class Measurement Rules with the following allowances granted under the NS14 Constitution.
  - 1.3.2. A fixed bowsprit stub projecting less than 60mm beyond the normal measurement length is permitted. Any pointed or sharp protuberances must be safely capped accordingly.
  - 1.3.3. The mainsail shall be capable of being lowered from sailing position from within the boat afloat and upright.
  - 1.3.4. If the “MG” insignia is present on the mainsail, the NS14 Class insignis shall be affixed to the opposite side of the sail (i.e. port side uppermost). The sail number must be unique.

## **2. ADVERTISING**

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

## **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1. The Regatta is open to all boats of the NS14 Class, however, no boat may score points unless:
  - 3.1.1. The boat is sailed by a crew of two (2) or more persons, all people being financial members of a club affiliated with AS or any of its members for the 2021/2022 season.
  - 3.1.2. At least one member of the crew is a financial member, approved by the Management Committee of the NS14 Association of a State or Territory NS14 Association for the 2021/2022 season; and
  - 3.1.3. Crews, who must fulfil the requirements of 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 above, may only be substituted with the prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form along with the prescribed entry fee on or before Friday 24/12/2021.
- 3.3. Late entries will be accepted up until end of Registration on Friday 02/01/2022. No entries will be accepted after this time.
- 3.4. Association membership must be paid by the end of Registration on 02/01/2022 to enter this Australian Championship

## **4. ENTRY FEES**

- 4.1. NS14 Association Australian Championship  
Entry fee of \$300 includes welcome and presentation function for skipper and crew.
- 4.2. Late Entries – additional \$40
- 4.3. Online Entry is available [ENTER HERE](#)

## 5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1. Registration : From 9.30am till 11.00am at RYCT 02/01/2022.  
Briefing : At 1130am on 02/04/2021.
- 5.2. The Australian Championship series consists of a maximum of 8 Races over 4 days schedules as follows:

Day	Date	Session	Time of First Warning Signal
Sunday	02/01/2022	Registration	0930 to 1100
Sunday	02/01/2022	Competitor Briefing	1130
Sunday	02/01/2022	Practice Race	1330
Monday	03/01/2022	Championship Races	1330
Tuesday	04/01/2022	Championship Races	1330
Wednesday	05/01/2022	Championship Races	1330
Thursday	06/01/2022	Championship Races	1330
Friday	07/01/2022	Championship Races	1200

- 5.3. A minimum of four races to be completed to constitute a series.
- 5.4. A maximum of three races may be sailed in any one day.
- 5.5. Races will be sailed in a back-to-back format within each session with subsequent races starting soon after the completion of the previous race.
- 5.6. There will be no warning signal made after 1500 on Friday 07/01/2022.

## 6. MEASUREMENT & EQUIPMENT

- 6.1. Only one set of spars and foils can be declared for use in the regatta. Two Jibs and one Mainsail can be declared for use in the regatta. Measurement form for all declared sail and spars must be in the hands of the appropriate State or Territory Association Measurer by the close of Registration.
- 6.2. All boats must conform to the NS14 Class Rules to be eligible to score points in the Australian Championship.
- 6.3. Replacement of individual sails, spars and foils which are damaged may be permitted only with the written approval of the Event Measurer or his replacement.
- 6.4. Competing boats shall be available for inspection or measurement by the Event Measurer or his representative at any time during the Australian Championship. Boats may be weighed at the start of or during the Australian Championship. A safety check list will be provided either before or during Registration and needs to be completed and returned as soon as possible before briefing.

## 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available from 0930 on Sunday 02/01/2022 at Registration and may be published on the event website beforehand.

## 8. VENUE

- 8.1. The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania is located at Marieville Esplanade, Sandy Bay, Tasmania.

## 9. COURSES

- 9.1. The courses to be sailed will be triangle/windward/leeward as described in Sailing Instructions.
- 9.2. The regatta site and racing area will be at Sandy Bay, Tasmania and on the waters of the River Derwent.

### Race Area



## 10. SCORING

- 10.1. A maximum of ten races to be scheduled and four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2. If fewer than five races are completed, each boat's series score shall be the total of its races without a discard.
- 10.3. If five to eight races are completed, each boat's series score shall be the total of its race scores after discarding the worst race score.

- 10.4. If more than eight races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores after discarding her two worst race scores.
- 10.5. A handicap scoring system will be maintained for the Australian Championship an initial handicap estimate will be determined based on the first three completed races.

## **11. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 11.1. Team Leaders, Coaches and other support personnel shall not be within 50 metres of competitors from the time of the preparatory signal until each boat has finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will be discretionary and may be disqualification (after protest by the Race Committee only) of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel.

## **12. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 12.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **13. TROPHIES AND PRIZES**

### **13.1. Major Prizes**

Perpetual trophies and prizes will be awarded as listed below:

- a) Scratch prizes awarded to – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>
- b) Handicap prizes awarded to – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>
- c) Classic Division – First Aero 9 or Equivalent and prior based on Handicap
- d) Female Skipper – 1<sup>st</sup> Female Skipper on Scratch
- e) Junior Skipper – 1<sup>st</sup> Skipper Under 19 as at 31/12/2021 based on Scratch
- f) Family Champion -
- g) Veteran Skipper - Skipper 50 years +
- h) Heavy Weight - Combined Crew weight of 145+kg

### **13.2. DIVISION PRIZES**

Other Division Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee

13.3. Scratch Prize winners are not eligible for Handicap Prizes

13.4. Major Prize winners in 13.1 above are not eligible for Division Prizes (13.2 above)

13.5. Further prizes may be awarded at the organiser's discretion.

## **14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 14.1. It is the competitor's decision to enter or to start and continue in any race.
- 14.2. Competitors shall accept that their participation is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry competitors shall indemnify the Organising Authority, the host Club, their officers, members, servants 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.

- 14.3. The Organising Authority, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in an Event or howsoever arising in connection with an Event.
- 14.4. All competitors under the age of 18 years must have a parent or guardian sign an acceptance of risk document at registration. Without this signed documentation, entry to the event will be denied.

## **15. INSURANCE**

- 15.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance cover of not less than \$10 million per event or equivalent. All owners/entrants who sign the entry form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

## **16. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 16.1. Contact Details
- 16.2. Tas NS14 Association – Helen Eggins – [heleneggins@netspace.net.au](mailto:heleneggins@netspace.net.au)
- 16.3. RYCT Sailing Operations Manager – Peter Watson [sailing@ryct.org.au](mailto:sailing@ryct.org.au)