



# 2024 – 25 A Class Catamaran Australian Championship



The Organising Authority is the Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club (LCSC) in conjunction with the Australian International A-Division Catamaran Association (AIADCA).

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club**  
Esplanade Boreen Point QLD

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

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

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2, Off the Beach Boats, shall apply.
- 1.3 Appendix T, Arbitration, and the Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply, and
- 1.4 The class rules of the International A-Division Catamaran Association (IACA) will apply

### 2. ADVERTISING [DP]

- 2.1 The Regatta is classified as a category "C" event
- 2.2 The forward 25% of the hull is reserved by the Organising Authority for display of bow numbers and/or advertising by event sponsor(s). Boats intending to carry other advertising should provide details of their sponsors on the entry form. Entrants will be advised if they conflict with the event sponsor(s). Tobacco advertising shall not be permitted.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the International A Division Class and skippers who are financial members of AIADCA and Australian Sailing.
- 3.2 The regatta is also open to boats of the International A division Catamaran Class whose skippers who are current members of an overseas IACA Affiliated National Association.
- 3.2 Boats with current IACA measurement certificates (sail, mast & platform) may compete in the following disciplines:
  - Open
  - Classic
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter from 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024
  - 3.3.1 Online via <https://www.mysailingclub.com.au/event/GHJZM> , or
  - 3.3.2 Sailor App > Regatta tab > 2024-25 A Class Aus Championships

3.4 Entries will be accepted until 11:59 Friday 3rd January 2025

#### 4. FEES

4.1 Entry fee \$450

4.2 Discounted entry fee \$375 – if received prior to 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

4.3 Entry is complimentary for AIADCA Life Members.

#### 5. REGATTA SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Description
Saturday 4th January 2025	09:00 – 17:00	Equipment Inspection
	14:00 – 17:00	Registration
Sunday 5th January 2025	From 09:00	Inspection and Registration by arrangement
	12:00	Skipper Briefing
	Not before 14:00	Practice Race(s)
	Afternoon	Ladies Function - tba
Monday 6th January 2025	Not before 12:00	Racing
	18:00	Welcome Function.
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Not before 12:00	Racing
Wednesday 8th January 2025	09:00	Annual General Meeting
	Not before 12:00	Racing
Thursday 9th January 2025	Not before 12:00	Racing
	Not before 12:00	Racing
Friday 10th January 2025	Not before 12:00	Racing
	18:00	Presentation Function

5.1. 12 Races in total (excluding practice races) are scheduled, normally 3 per day with a maximum of 4 races to be sailed in any one day.

5.2. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

#### 6. MEASUREMENT, INSPECTION AND EQUIPMENT CHECKS [DP]

6.1 All sails, boats, and equipment must be *measured BEFORE* arriving at the Championship.

- 6.2. Facilities will not be available at the venue to undertake Fundamental Measurement.
- 6.3 Competitors shall present current measurement certificates for sail, platform and mast
- 6.4 Competitors will select a time for Inspection on a timetable available at the Regatta Notice Board.
- 6.5 Equipment inspection is mandatory, in accordance with Inspection timetable and in accordance with A Class Catamaran measurement guidelines.
- 6.6 The IACA weight restriction of 75kgs minimum all up boat weight shall apply. It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure their boat meets the weight restriction and is correctly weighed. Weighing facilities will be available at the event.
- 6.7 The Technical Committee may check boats and equipment at any time during the Regatta.
- 6.8 All boats are required to be stored in designated Boat Park for duration of the Regatta.

## **7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available at LCSC Official Notice Board and on the Sailor App.

## **8. VENUE**

The event will be conducted by LCSC, Esplanade Boreen Point QLD 4655. The Regatta will be sailed on the waters of Lake Cootharaba

## **9. COURSE**

The Course and Course area will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

## **10. PENALTY**

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

## **11. SCORING**

- 11.1 Up to 12 races are scheduled of which 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 The Low Point Scoring system as per RRS Appendix A4 will apply.
- 11.3 When 4 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.4 When 5-8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.5 When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## **12. PRIZES**

- 12.1 The top placed competitor in Open Discipline will be awarded the title 2024-25 Australian A Class Champion
- 12.2 The top placed competitor in Classic Discipline will be awarded the title 2024-25 Australian A Class Classic Discipline Champion.
- 12.2 Prizes will also be awarded for the first 3 places overall Open and Classic disciplines.

12.3 Prizes may also be awarded for the first 3 places in a Retro category (straight boarded, non-deck sweeper sail ) , at the discretion of the AIADCA.

12.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the AIADCA. This may include trophies or prizes to the highest placed sailors in age divisions - Junior (under 25), General (26-44), Masters (45-54), Grand Master (55-64), and Great Grand Masters (65+), and Women's division. Age shall be determined as at 1st January 2025.

### **13. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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.

### **14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3 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.

### **15. INSURANCE**

All boats shall have third party insurance cover of not less than AU\$5,000.000 (AU\$10,000,000 recommended). All competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold valid Insurance.

### **16. SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT [DP] [NP]**

16.1 By completing Entry, competitors shall comply with the following:

16.1.1 Put safety of yourself and competitors above race results;

16.1.2 Keep the boat park and sailing area clean of any debris;

16.1.3 Do not leave the beach to sail without the necessary safety precautions.

16.2 All competitors are strongly advised to wear a safety helmet which complies with or is accredited to EN 1385 at all times whilst racing.

### **17. PHOTOGRAPHY**

By entering the Regatta competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using the regatta facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, re-use, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof

### **18. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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