

SHARP Australian Youth Match Racing Championship
25 - 29 September 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA) in conjunction with Australian Match Racing Limited (AMRL).

2 VENUE

The venue will be held from the CYCA Youth Sailing Academy at 1 New Beach Road, Darling Point, 2027. Racing will be conducted on the waters of Sydney Harbour, NSW.

3 EVENT GRADING

The event is a World Sailing Grade 3. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

4.1 Schedule

- (a) Race office open from 0800 – 1730hrs on Monday 25 September 2017.
- (b) Registration from 0900 – 1400hrs on Monday 25 September 2017.
- (c) Crew weighing from 0900 – 1400hrs on Monday 25 September 2017.
- (d) Practice session from 1400 – 1700hrs on Monday 25 September 2017.
- (e) Breakfast from 0800 – 0900hrs on each race day.
- (f) Daily Briefings at 0830hrs on each race day.
- (g) First meeting with umpires will follow the first briefing.
- (h) Racing days are 26 to 29 September 2017.
- (i) Time of the first race each day will be 1000hrs.
- (j) Daily de-briefs approx. 30mins after docking on each race day.
- (k) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be approximately 1630hrs
- (l) Prize giving will be approx. 1730hrs on Friday 29 September 2017.

4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- (a) Registration & weigh in
- (b) Daily briefing for skippers.
- (c) Welcome Function
- (d) Umpire debriefs & boat draw
- (e) Prize giving

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 Ten (10) skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. A competitor wishing to be invited should register their intention with the OA by completing an online application for invitation [here](#). Applications will close on Friday 21 July 2017. Successful applicants will have their entry confirmed by Friday 28 July 2017.

- 5.2 All competitors shall not have reached their 23rd birthday on or before the 31 December 2017.
- 5.3 The selection process is as follows:
- (a) All applications shall be ranked by the skippers World Sailing Ranking
 - (b) The highest ranked skipper in each state that an application is received from shall be given an entry.
 - (c) If sufficient places still remain, the second highest ranked skipper from each State shall be given an entry
 - (d) This process will continue until a maximum of three places from each state are entered, following this, any places remaining will be awarded to the highest ranked skipper from applications received.
- 5.4 International competitors are eligible to complete, however, they will not be eligible for the Australian Championship title or perpetual trophies.
- 5.5 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 5.6 To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation by completing the entry packet to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- 5.7 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2.
- 5.8 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID on their application for invitation.

6 ENTRIES

6.1 Entering

- (a) The team shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card/invoice/wire transfer.

6.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of \$1,100.00 AUD shall be paid to the CYCA by 1700hrs on Friday 11 August 2017. Entries will not be accepted until payment has been received.

6.3 Withdrawal

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2)

6.4 Damage deposit

- (a) An initial damage deposit of \$600.00 AUD shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- (b) If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- (c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days after the event.

6.5 Insurance

All competitors are required to have adequate third party insurance.

7 RULES

- 7.1 (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.
- (b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- (c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.

7.2 Major Alterations to the RRS

- (a) Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- (b) RRS C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the sailing instructions.

7.3 The OA may place an observer on each boat to provide information to the umpires.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in Elliott 7 type boats.
- 8.2 Ten (10) boats will be provided.
- 8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, and Spinnaker.
- 8.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the race committee.

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four or five. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 9.2 **Crew Weighing**
- (a) The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 350kg, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.
- 9.3 Crew weight may be checked during the regatta. At any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 8 kg. Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit shall not be penalised, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased weight limit before racing again.
- 9.4 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 9.5 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10 EVENT FORMAT

- 10.1 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event.

10.2 The event will consist of the following stages:

Stage 1 – A double round robin

Stage 2 - Semi Finals

Stage 3 – Petit Finals & Finals

10.3 The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

11 COURSE

11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.

11.2 Leeward gates may be used.

11.3 The intended course area will be in the vicinity of Rushcutters Bay, Sydney Harbour, NSW.

12 ADVERTISING

12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, World Sailing regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.

12.2 As boats are supplied by the competitors the advertising category of the Class will apply.

12.3 The OA reserves the absolute right to require any competitor to remove any advertising displayed by competitors on clothing, boats or equipment (while racing or attending official functions), within the boundary of the regatta venue which may be in contravention of moral decency or government regulation.

12.4 Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.

12.5 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13 PRIZES

13.1 The principal prize for first place will be a perpetual trophy. The winner of the SHARP Australian Youth Match Racing Championship will receive an invitation to the MUSTO International Youth Match Racing Championship hosted by the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, 27 November to 1 December 2017.

13.2 There will be prizes for all podium places, subject to funding.

13.3 These prizes have been approved by the national authority.

13.4 World Sailing has been notified of these Prizes.

13.5 The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

14.1 If required by the OA:

- (a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
- (b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
- (c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.

14.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

14.3 The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

15 COACH BOATS

15.1 Coach boats shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.

15.2 The OA will provide berths for coach boats. Teams with coach boats must notify the OA by Friday 15 September 2017 requesting berthing during the event.

15.3 Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the PC to the associated skipper or team

16 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

16.1 Should competitors wish to avail themselves of the CYCA clubhouse, club dress regulations apply.

16.2 The OA will provide breakfast & lunches to all competitors on the days that they are racing.

16.3 The CYCA, through the generosity of members, will endeavour to provide accommodation on board members boats at the CYCA Marina, if requested by interstate and international competitors.

16.4 The OA will issue all competitors and officials of the SHARP Australian Youth Match Racing Championship 2017 temporary membership to the CYCA for the duration of the regatta. Temporary membership will be issued on the basis that competitors and officials respect the rules and regulations of temporary membership and can have this privilege revoked should such request be ignored.

16.5 All competitors are required to wear an approved Personal Floatation Device (PFD) which complies with Australian Sailing SR Part 2, R 5.01 whilst afloat (this amends RRS 40).

16.6 All single use water bottles are banned from the Youth Sailing Academy and this event. The OA will provide each competitor with a eco-friendly, reusable drink bottle.

17 DISCLAIMER

All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

18 INVITATIONS

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited please register your request for an invitation as soon as possible with the OA by completing the online application for invitation form which can be found [here](#).

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