



COMBINED CLUBS

LAKEMAC OPEN DIVISION 1 SERIES

2023-24

NOTICE OF RACE

Supported by:

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The Organising Authorities (OA) will be:

Lake Macquarie Yacht Club (LMYC), located at Ada Street Belmont NSW
Royal Motor Yacht Club Toronto (RMYCT), located at 6 Arnott St Toronto NSW
Under the authority of Australian Sailing (AS)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing 2021-24 and the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS).
- 1.2 Appendix T will apply.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix A5.3 applies.
- 1.4 Boats shall carry a VHF radio tuned on the Channel indicated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5 Boats intending to race in the Super 30 class must comply with Super 30 class rules and attached specifications/guidelines. (refer appendix A1)

2 ADVERTISING

Advertising is unrestricted as permitted by World Sailing Regulation 20.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Entry is open to 35ft plus monohull yachts of a Racing / Cruiser Racer design running spinnakers and intending to race a regatta style high level competitive race format; 25ft plus Grand Prix style modern high technology planning hull yachts capable of performing at similar levels to the 35 + ft. Cruiser Racer designs; Yachts that have performed typically above the 0.910 TCF in normal Pointscore races (along with one of the above 2 criteria);

Except for nominated boats from RMYCT, any other Yachts that nominates for this division outside of these parameters subject to approval and absolute discretion of the Combined Clubs Sailing Committee.

- 3.2 A yacht shall have a current Equipment Audit Form for Category 7 or above with a minimum crew of 2 persons.
- 3.3 A yacht shall have current Third Party insurance for not less than \$10 million.
- 3.4 If six or more entries are received from boats that qualify for Super 30 class, then a Super 30 class result will be recorded in addition to their result in the Open series.

4 ENTRY

- 4.1 Series entrants for the 2023-24 LMYC or RMYCT Saturday pointscore series are automatic entrants for this series at no cost.
- 4.2 Any other entry shall be lodged through the On-Line Entry System via LMYC.
<https://lmyc.com.au/online-race-entries/>
- 4.3 A boat shall nominate on the On-Line Entry Form if the boat intends to race in the Super 30 class in addition to the Open series.
- 4.4 The race entry fee shall be paid through the On-Line System for the amount determined by each club. Casual entries close at 2400 on Thursday before each race. Late casual entries for each race may be lodged after the close date (Thursday 2400), however will not be allocated a handicap and are not eligible for results or prizes.
- 4.5 Series entries close at 2400 hours Monday before each race.
Late series entries may be lodged after the close date. No late fees are payable, however, entrants may not be allocated a handicap or be eligible for results or prizes for the day's races.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

NOTE:

Heat No	Day	Date	Course	First Warning Signal at
1	Saturday	2 Sep 2023	LMYC	13:15
2	Saturday	16 Sep 2023	RMYCT	13:25
3	Saturday	14 Oct 2023	LMYC	13:15
4	Saturday	28 Oct 2023	RMYCT	13:25
5	Saturday	18 Nov 2023	LMYC	13:15
6	Saturday	2 Dec 2023	RMYCT	13:25
7	Saturday	13 Jan 2024	RMYCT	13:25
8	Saturday	20 Jan 2024	LMYC	13:15
9	Saturday	24 Feb 2024	RMYCT	13:25
10	Saturday	23 Mar 2024	LMYC	13:15

The Races in the Regatta will be run conjointly with the LMYC and RMYCT pointscore series.

6 COURSES

- 6.1 Racing will be conducted on courses utilizing LMYC and RMYCT permanent marks.
- 6.2 Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

7 SCORING

- 7.1 Racing shall be conducted with the results being determined by multiplying the yacht's elapsed time for the full course by its TCF handicap.
- 7.2 A pointscore based on the Low Point System (refer RRS Appendix A4) will be run on the results over the ten (10) races of the series. RRS Appendix A5.3 will apply
- 7.3 A minimum of six (6) completed races shall constitute a series.
- 7.4 When six (6) races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 7.5 When ten (10) races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

8 HANDICAPS

- 8.1 Arbitrary TCF handicaps will be allocated by the Race Committee for race 1.
- 8.2 A boat's TCF shall be adjusted after each race in accordance with the handicapping system determined by the Race Committee.
- 8.3 When a yacht, its equipment or sails are modified with a reasonable expectation of improving its performance, details of such modification shall be notified to the Race Committee (RC) 48 hours before the warning signal of Division 1. No modifications will be accepted after this time.
- 8.4 The RC, on advice from the Handicap Committee, may adjust the yacht's TCF without a hearing (changes RRS 63.1).

9 PRIZES

Prizes will be determined by the Combined Clubs Sailing Committee.

10 DISCLAIMER

Each competitor participates in the Combined Clubs LakeMac Open Series entirely at their own risk. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to or after the Regatta. Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3 which states: *"The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"*.

11 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the LMYC website.
[http://www.lmyc.com.au/site/sailing instructions and regattas](http://www.lmyc.com.au/site/sailing_instructions_and_regattas)
or links set up on RMYCT website by Monday 30th August 2023.
- 11.2 For further information contact LMYC sailing office at racing@lmyc.com.au or phone 0411 652 533 533 or RMYC Sailing Office at Sailing@RMYCToronto.com.au, 0419 483 834.

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Date 30 July 2023

APPENDIX A1

Super 30 Rules

LOA Maximum 10m

LOA Minimum 8.5m

STL Minimum 4.5m

Fixed, retracting or cantilevered centerline bowsprits

Asymmetrical spinnakers flown from bowsprits

We would race under the ORCC measuring rule

Original hull design post 1996

Self-Righting

These boats are generally stripped out racers with minimal comforts. The following have been already racing together under the Rule:

- Melges 32
- Thompson 980
- Thompson 920
- Thompson 870
- MC 31
- Flying Tiger 10
- Fareast 28
- Archambault 32