



MULTIHULL AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

Supported by:

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The Organising Authority (OA) will be:

Lake Macquarie Yacht Club (LMYC), located at Ada Street Belmont NSW

In conjunction with the Multihull Association of Australia

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 The EXTREME 40 Class Rules.
- 1.4 The AS Special Regulations Equipment requirements of Category 7 shall apply, except that lifejackets must be a minimum of Level 50 and branded as complying with AS4758 or an equivalent overseas standard.
- 1.5 It is recommended that boats shall carry a VHF radio tuned to Channel 71
- 1.6 The penalty for any infringement other than RRS Part 2 is at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1
- 1.7 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One-Turn penalty. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.
- 1.8 A minimum crew of 2 people per boat is required.

2 ADVERTISING

Advertising is unrestricted as permitted by World Sailing Regulation 20.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Entry is open to all Multihull EXTREME 40 class Yachts (No off the beach) and Multihull non-class boats with resistance to Capsize.
- 3.2 A yacht shall have a current Third Party insurance for not less than \$10 million.
- 3.3 Only boats with a current Offshore Measurement Rating (OMR) shall be eligible to win the Multihull Australian Championship. (expired OMR's not eligible)
- 3.4 All boats shall be included in the PHS Handicap Division.
- 3.5 All skippers and crew shall be a member of a club affiliated to an MNA and have a valid Australian Sailing number.
- 3.6 Boats will be split into the following divisions at the Organising Authorities discretion.
 1. Division 1 – Fast cats that easily fly hulls including EXTREME 40's and foiling cats
 2. Division 2 – Trailerable Trimarans and similar OMR Trailer Cats
 3. Division 3 – Bridgedeck CatamaransNote: Race committee have discretion to allocate boats based on entry numbers

4 ENTRY

- 4.1 An Entry shall be lodged through the LMYC On-Line Entry System
<https://lmyc.com.au/online-race-entries/>
- 4.2 A crew list containing details of skipper and crew including emergency contact details and a valid AS number shall be submitted through the above link.
- 4.3 The entry fee shall be paid through the online system for the amount shown below.

Category	Amount
Early bird entry fee closing 2400 23 rd March 2024	\$400
Entry fee after 23 rd March 2024	\$450

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Day/Date		
Sunday 7 th April	Welcome drinks	1700
Monday 8 th April	Registration	0900-1000
Monday 8 th April	Briefing	1100
Monday to Friday	Up to 7 races	
Monday	Bay course	First Warning Signal at 1315
Tuesday	2 x Windward Leeward	First Warning Signal at 1055
Wednesday	1 x Windward Leeward (plus possible makeup for previous abandoned race)	First Warning Signal at 1055
Thursday	2 x Windward Leeward	First Warning Signal at 1055
Friday	Bay course	First Warning Signal at 1215
Friday	Presentation dinner	1800

A maximum of three races on any given day

NOTE: There will be no warning signal after 1500 hrs on Friday 12th April

6 COURSES

- 6.1 Racing will be conducted on Lake Macquarie in the area bounded Fishing Point, Carey Bay, Cardiff Point and Marks Point.
- 6.2 Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

7 SCORING

- 7.1 The Multihill Australian Championship will be scored on OMR placing. The PHS series races will be conducted on a TCF method. The fastest corrected time shall be scored first, the next fastest second, and so on.
- 7.2 The low point scoring system (refer RRS Appendix A4) shall be used. Appendix A5.2 will apply.
- 7.3 A maximum of 7 races are scheduled with a minimum of 4 races to constitute a series.
- 7.4 When six (6) or more races are completed a boats series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

8 MEASUREMENT, COMPLIANCE, and CREW SUSTITUTION

- 8.1 The OMR organizing Authority or EXTREME 40 Association reserves the right to inspect any boat prior to or during the regatta to establish whether or not a boat complies with the OMR Rules or safety rules of the event.
- 8.2 Substitution of skipper or crew may be permitted in exceptional circumstances and only by prior written permission of the Race Committee. Crew lists shall be updated on line to reflect agreed changes. The RC, on advice from the Handicap Committee, may adjust the yachts TCF (PHS series) without a hearing (changes RRS 63.1).

9 MARINA BERTHING

- 9.1 Berthing for boats entered in the Multihull Australian Championship regatta may be available 7 days either side of the regatta at no fee. TBC
Boats requiring berthing are to contact the Marina Manager on
Phone: 0400205600 or email: boating@lmyc.com.au

10 PRIZES

- 10.1 Perpetual trophies will be presented at on Friday at the Presentation dinner.
11.2 First, second and third PHS trophies.
Other prizes will be at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

11 DISCLAIMER

Each competitor participates in the Multihull Championship 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"*.

12 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND FURTHER INFORMATION.

- 12.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the LMYC website.
http://www.lmyc.com.au/site/sailing_instructions_and_regattas
by Friday 29th March 2024.
- 12.2 For further information contact LMYC sailing office at
racing@lmyc.com.au or
phone 0411 652 533

Issued on behalf of the Organizing Authority
S. Ford (LMYC Rear Commodore)
14th February 2024