



LAKE MACQUARIE
YACHT CLUB



NOTICE OF RACE

Zhik J/70 NSW State Championship 2026 and
J/Cup Australia 2026 Event #3

Sat 10th – Mon 12th OCTOBER 2026



The Organising Authority (OA) is the Lake Macquarie Yacht Club (LMYC)

in conjunction with the

J/70 Australia Class Association Inc (J70ACA).



Under the authority of Australian Sailing

Hosted by LMYC Ada Street Belmont NSW 2280

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The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NOR and SI's means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This change RRS 60.5(c).

The notation '[NP]' denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by boat. This changes RRS 60.1

The notation '[SP]' denotes a rule for which a standard penalty will be applied by the race committee without a hearing as allowed by RRS 60.5b(3).

1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), as may be amended [DP],
- 1.3 World Sailing's Equipment Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (ERS) [DP]
- 1.4 The current International J70 Class Association (IJ70CA) Class Rules (J70CR) including Part III, Sections I.3 (Outside Assistance) and I.4 (Corinthian Division). [DP]
- 1.5 Bow numbers pursuant to IJ70CA J/70 Equipment Regulations (J70ER) Appendix A are required to be fitted for this regatta
- 1.6 In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the sailing instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.5(c).
- 1.7 The OA will include the Vakaros Atlas 2 RaceSense as required equipment for this event. Each boat shall provide a working Atlas 2 at check-in for configuration with RaceSense. A set of instructions about the use of the electronic device can be found here and will also be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.8 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements within the Zone, as defined in the RRS, the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1.
- 1.9 RRS Appendix T will apply
- 1.10 A National Jury will be appointed in accordance with the Australian Sailing prescriptions to RRS 70.5(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with World Sailing Advertising Code.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA from the close of check-in through to the end of the event.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The event is open to all boats of the J/70 Class holding a valid Manufacturer's Declaration.
- 3.2 All boats shall have a valid AS Special Regulations Category 7 Equipment Audit form and current 3rd Party Insurance cover to a minimum of \$10 million.
- 3.3 All skippers and crew shall be financial members of the J70 Australia Class Association.
- 3.4 All boats competing shall be registered with the J/70 Australia Class Association for the 2026-27 season.

- 3.5 Entries, payment of the applicable fees and lodging entry documentation shall be made online at <https://www.lmyc.com.au/regattas-2026j.70/>
- 3.6 The J/70 Australia Class Association have produced a Pre-Regatta Checklist, skippers are required to complete the checklist, including declaring the J/70 International Class Association royalty number for all sails to be used for the series, and submit as part of final registration.
- 3.7 A minimum of five entries are required for the regatta to proceed.

4. CATEGORISATION

- 4.1 In accordance with RRS 79 Categorization, the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code will apply (see J70CR C.3.1(b) and J70CR C.3.2).
- 4.2 Each crew member of a competing boat shall obtain a World Sailing, sailor classification code. Inability to provide a WS classification code for all members of the crew at registration will automatically categorize that boat as a non-Corinthian competitor.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$750.
- 5.2 The entry fee includes berthing and trailer storage for 7 days either side of the regatta, championship racing, awards and prizes. Extended storage outside the above period can be negotiated with the Marina Manager at LMYC.

6. EVENT FORMAT

- 6.1 A maximum of nine (9) championship races are scheduled, with up to four (4) heats sailed each day.

7. SCHEDULE

DATE 2026	TIME	EVENT
Friday 9 th October	1000-1600	Crane available to launch
	1500-1700	Registration
Saturday 10 th October	0800-0900	Registration
	0900	Close of check-in
		All boats to be launched
	0930	Competitors Briefing
	1100	First warning signal
	asap after last race	Daily Presentation Results
Sunday 11 th October	1100	First warning signal
	asap after last race	Daily Presentation Results
Monday 12 th October	1000	First warning signal
	asap after last race	Presentation of Awards

- 7.1 The Race Committee may make changes to the schedule in case of vagaries in the weather or as required.
- 7.2 On Saturday 10th October, LMYC will be hosting the Inter Club Combined Windward Leeward Series (2 races from 1320hrs) for Div.1 Yachts (approx. 40 yachts). A separate alternate Windward buoy will be used for fleet separation.
- 7.3 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs.

8. CHECK IN [DP]

- 8.1 No later than the close of check-in (see NOR 7), all skippers and crew members shall:
- be listed on the event's online entry list;
 - be members of the J70 Australia Class Association
- 8.2 No later than the close of check-in (see NoR 7), each boat shall:
- provide a copy of a valid and current J70 Class Manufacturer's Declaration-see J70CR A.10 and J70CR C.5.2(a)(10);
 - provide valid and current written evidence of insurance as required by NoR 3.2
 - provide a copy of current and valid AS Special Regulations Category 7 Equipment Audit Form.
 - provide completed and signed J/70 Regatta Check-in Form. This form is available on the event website.
 - complete all required equipment inspection items as directed by the OA and J70ACA pursuant to the J70ER.

9. INSPECTION (DP)

- 9.1 Boats, sails and equipment may be inspected at any time during the event by the J70 Technical Committee or the Race Committee.
- 9.2 Prior to the event, all boats must obtain (and have with the boat at all times) a valid and current Manufacturer's Declaration. Owners should contact the J70CA Class Office well prior to the event with any questions and/or to arrange for a Manufacturer's Declaration.
- 9.3 All sails to be used in the event may be inspected for compliance with the J70CR, the J70ER, and the ERS. J70CA issued sail royalty numbers shall be recorded on the J/70 Regatta Check-in Form.
- 9.4 Bow numbers and any sponsor stickers will be assigned and supplied by the OA and shall be affixed to each boat prior to the first warning signal; these shall be retained on both sides of the hull throughout the event. This rule shall not be ground for protest by a boat. See J70ER 6. This change is added to RRS 60.1. [NP]
- 9.5 RRS 78.1 is in effect from the close of registration until the end of the event. Sails and required equipment shall not be removed from a boat without the prior written consent of the event Race Committee.

10. REPLACEMENT OF CREW, SAILS OR EQUIPMENT

- 10.1 Substitution of crew or the replacement or repair of sails or required equipment will require the prior written consent of the Race Committee pursuant to J70ER 10.

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available online on the regatta page of the LMYC club's website <https://www.lmyc.com.au/regattas-2026j.70/> by Thursday 8th October 2026.

12. VENUE AND RACE AREAS

- 12.1 Racing shall be conducted on Lake Macquarie in the vicinity of Belmont Bay.

13. THE COURSES

- 13.1 The courses shall be windward/leeward courses as described in the Sailing Instructions.

14. SCORING

- 14.1 The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, applied including the provisions of RRS Appendix A5.2.
- 14.2 In addition to penalties at the time of the incident in accordance with rules 44.1 and 44.2, boats may also take a 30% Post Race Penalty in accordance with RRS Appendix T by notifying the OA.
- 14.3 Three (3) races are required to constitute a series
- 14.4 When five (5) races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 15.1 Visiting coach or support boats may be berthed at LMYC for the duration of the regatta by prior application with the Marina Manager and subject to availability. Additional fees may apply.
- 15.2 Coaches and support boats must remain well away from the start area, the course area and racing areas (at a minimum of 100m) from the time of the first warning signal each day until racing has concluded for the day.
- 15.3 Competitors shall have no communication with boats and boats shall not be tied to coach or support boats from the first warning signal each race day until racing has been concluded for the day.
- 15.4 Support boats shall make themselves available at all times while afloat to assist the Race Committee in the case of an emergency or rescue, as directed in person by the relevant race officer, or via VHF71 Radio or as signaled by the flying of code flag V on the start boat. Refer to RRS 37.
- 15.5 Coach and support boats shall not assist competitors' boats to arrive at or depart the race area except in case of an emergency. Shortage of fuel and/or battery charge level onboard a competitor's boat shall not constitute an emergency.

16. BERTHING AND TRAILER PARKING

- 16.1 The hardstand will be open and the crane available for use for boats arriving on Friday 9th October 2026.
- 16.2 For visitors, craning boats into the water will require assistance from the LMYC Sailing Office.
- 16.3 Underwater breathing apparatus, closed plastic pools or their equivalent, the use of dehumidifiers or electric fans of any type shall not be used around boats while they are afloat.

17. HAULING OUT

- 17.1 Competing boats shall not be hauled out and shall not remove their rudders or lift their keels from the time they are launched following their inspection until the end of the event except with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1 All boats shall carry a marine band VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting Marine VHF channels. The radio shall be switched on at all times and tuned to the correct race committee frequency. The race committee intends to monitor VHF channel 71 and communicate race information to competitors. [DP]
- 18.2 Boats are required to use the VHF radio to report retirement from racing to the race committee and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions are permitted by competing boats during each racing day from their warning signal until the completion of their race. The only exception to this rule is digital transmissions to and from Race Sense transponders.
- 18.3 [SP] A boat that fails to report retirement in accordance with NOR 18.2 will be scored DNC without a hearing.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1 A prizegiving ceremony will be held as soon as possible after completion of racing on Monday 12th October 2026. Trophies will be awarded in the Open, Corinthian and Youth Divisions. Prizes for first, second and third places will be awarded for each division where there are eight boats competing. Prizes for first and second places will be awarded for each division where there are between five and seven boats competing. A prize for first place will be awarded where there are between two and four boats competing.
- 19.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the J70 Australia Class Association.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race, which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." The organizing 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.
- 20.2 The OA, sponsors, class associations, the race committee and other race officials are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 20.3 All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the AS Special Regulations clause 1.02 Responsibility of the Person in Charge.

21. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 21.1 In participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the OA the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and which the competitor participates in and in all material related to the event without compensation.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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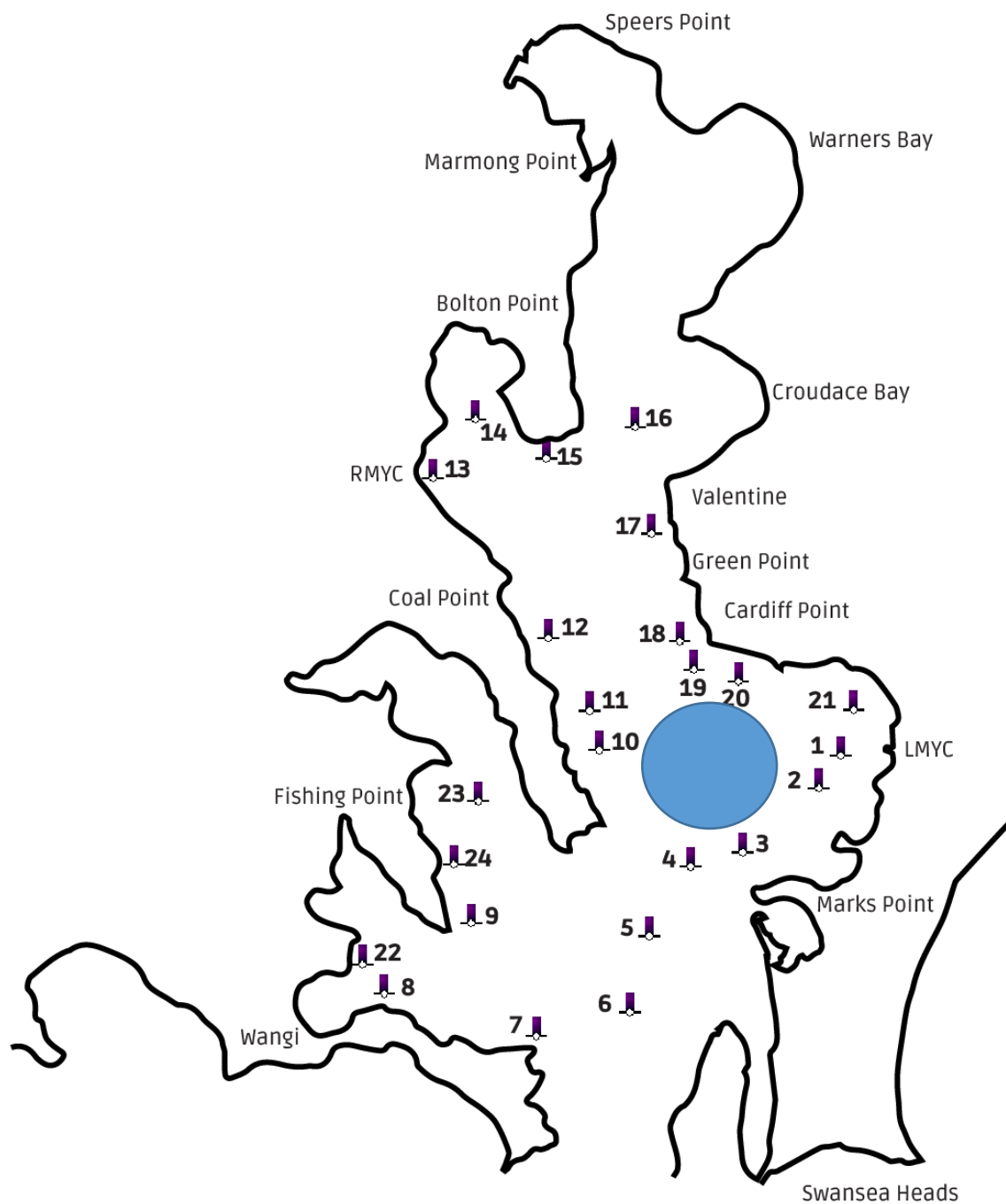
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ATTACHMENT A – RACING AREA



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