



NOTICE OF RACE MAROOCHY REGULAR SAILING REGATTAS MAROOCHY SAILING CLUB 2023 – 2024 SEASON

THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY IS MAROOCHY SAILING CLUB INC (MSC)

THE VENUE IS THE MAROOCHY RIVER IN THE VICINITY OF CHAMBERS ISLAND

1) RULES

The regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing will apply and Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 (Off the Beach Boats) will apply;
 - 1.3.1 This Notice of Race (except as any of these are altered by the sailing instructions);
 - 1.3.2 The rules of the respective classes, subject to the qualification below;
 - 1.3.2.1 The use of non-class approved Laser sails (such as Intensity sails) is permitted provided they remain within class measurement rules
 - 1.3.2.2 No age limit on Laser 4.7
 - 1.3.2.3 Undersize sails will be allowed, while maintaining the class rating. The rating for Lasers will be that of the lowest Australian Sailing Rating (ASY) sail used in the series. The rating for other boats will be that of their (ASY).
- 1.4 Non-class compliant boats will only be allowed to compete for handicap prizes and will have a starting rating allocated by the race committee.
- 1.5 Child safety. MSC has a Child Safety Policy. All people working with children and youths are required to be familiar with the policy and hold a Blue Card. The Child Safety policy can be viewed on our website at

<https://www.maroochysailingclub.com/our-docs/>

Maroochy Sailing Club Operating Procedures, Section 6



2 ADVERTISING

2.1 There are no restrictions with regards to advertising.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1.1 The events are open to all off the beach classes.

3.1.2 To be eligible for race scores at any event, skippers and crew must be financial Racing members of Maroochy Sailing Club at the time of the event, (Assuming the act of paying racing membership is nominating for races).

3.1.3 Other persons, at the discretion of the Race Committee may enter events but subject to having a Sail Pass or financial membership of another Australian Sailing (AS) affiliated club.

3.1.4 It is expected that each competitor will be available to be rostered for Officer Of the Day (OOD) Duty during the series. The scoring of rostered competitors will not be disadvantaged by their performance of OOD duties and their attention is drawn to MSC Club Policy – **Requests for Redress – Relief from Penalty for Non-Performance of Officer Of the Day Duty**. Their points will be their average of points for the series excluding Did Not Compete (DNC) points. Unless special circumstances apply, only the rostered OOD will receive OOD placings. Where a competitor assists with OOD duties they will be accredited as Race Support Crew (RSC) and be awarded the same points as the OOD. There will be a maximum of two (2) days where a competitor will be awarded OOD or RSC for each of a Spring or Summer season. Subsequent days will be awarded Race Support Crew 2 (RSC2) with points equal to a DNF.

3.1.5 (DP) All competitors must sign on and sign off and ensure that boat identification, including any rig changes, are accurate. Failure to comply may result in protest and disqualification and /or no result being awarded where identification is difficult.

3.1.6 All boats must have a bow number at least 200mm high in a contrasting colour.



4 DIVISIONS

4.1 The ASY rating for the 2023 - 2024 seasons will be the rating current at 31 August 2022

4.1.1 Divisions are grouped as follows:

4.1.2 Division 1 – All boats with an ASY less than 126

4.1.3 Division 2 – All other boats not covered in Divisions 1, 3, Green Fleet, Introduction to Sailing and Interschool sailing.

4.1.4 Division 3 – All boats with an ASY Yardstick 145 and greater. Juniors under 16 years of age at the 1st September may decide to sail a boat with, an ASY rating less than 145, may elect to sail in Division 3 for club races.

4.1.5 Green fleet - Boats with an ASY rating of 145 or greater

4.1.6 Introduction to Sailing – Boats with ASY of less than 145.

4.1.7 Spare

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1 The program may consist of separate spring and summer series for Long Course, and Short Course events. Other events may be scheduled to provide variety to the sailing calendar. The number and date for scheduled races is as per the Season Program published on the MSC website which may be updates if circumstances change.

6 MEASUREMENT

6.1 Boats are required to conform to class measurements, except as listed in paragraph 1.3.2.1, 1.3.2.2, and 1.3.2.3.

6.2 Boats without a measurement certificate may be measured.

6.3 Boats that do not conform to class measurements will be allocated a rating at the discretion of the Sailing Committee, and can only compete for handicap races

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The Sailing Instructions are available on the MSC web site.



8 THE COURSES

8.1 The exact courses for each day will be announced at the prerace briefing, which will be held more than 20 minutes before the warning signal for first race of the day.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 For the Long Course series RRS 44.1 will apply,

9.2 For the Short Course and River Runner series designated races, RRS 44.1 will be changed to one Penalty Turn. This changes RRS 44.1.

10 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS.

10.1 Protest forms are available from the club near the white board, and when completed handed into the OOD or to a committee member if the OOD is unavailable.

10.2 The protest time limit is one hour after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

10.3 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit has expired to inform competitors of hearings in which they may be a parties or witnesses.

10.4 Arbitration as prescribed in Appendix T of the RRS will be available and scoring penalties may be applied as prescribed in RRS 41.3.



11 SCORING

11.1 RRS Appendix A, Standard Low Points Appendix A.4.1, with the following modifications to Appendix A9:-

A9 RACE SCORES IN A SERIES LONGER THAN A REGATTA

For a series that is held over a period of time longer than a regatta, a boat that came to the starting area but did not *start*, did not *finish*, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place five (5) more than the number of boats entered in the race.

The full list of modified points is:-

- DNC Points for the place of (the number of boats that came to the start area in the race) + 5
- DNF Points for the place of (the number of boats that came to the start area in the race) + 1
- DNS Points for the place of (the number of boats that came to the start area in the race) + 2
- OOD Average of (sum of point for non-discard races)
- RSC Average of (sum of point for non-discard races)
- RSC2 Points equal to a DNF
- Definition for RSC is Race Support Crew, which covers sailors who came to sail and for whatever reason did not sail but assisted in the race management in addition to the rostered OOD or their replacement.



12 PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR:-

- 12.1 Club Championship for each division. The Club Championship will be scored on the combination of Spring and Summer Long Course races using ASY corrected times.
- 12.2 Spring and Summer Long and Short courses series for each division on the basis of ASY and a progressive personal handicap using the RYA NHC system. More details can be found on the RYA web site.
- 12.3 The RYA NHC system is a personal handicapping system that adjusts each competitor's handicap after each race, this changes RRS 62.
- 12.4 Non ASY rated boats or boats sailed in a non-standard configuration, will be required to supply information relevant to the performance of the boat, to assist the sailing committee in allocating an arbitrary rating. They will **not** be eligible for Club Championship and Series Yardstick Prizes, excepting where ASY has a nominated rating adjustment (e.g... sailing without a spinnaker). Two variations will be treated as a non-rated boat.
- 12.5 No Series prizes will be awarded for River Runner events.

12.5.1 The criteria for awarding prizes will be:-

- 12.5.2 Entered more than 50% of races sailed, in a series.
- 12.5.3 Prizes will be awarded on the basis of 1st for 1 to 4 eligible competitors, 1st and 2nd for 5 to 8 eligible competitors, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd for more than 8 eligible competitors
- 12.5.4 The minimum number of races required to complete a series is 6 where all races count. If more than 6 races are sailed, up to 30% of race results may be discarded, providing that at least 6 results are counted!
- 12.5.5 For Division 1 and 2, where a prize has been given for a ASY result then that competitor is in-eligible for a handicap prize in the same race series,
- 12.5.6 For Division 3, prizes will be awarded for ASY results and for handicap results, provided they have fulfilled the qualification requirements in 10.6. A competitor will be excluded from receive a handicap prize when they have received a ASY or handicap prize in that or a previous series until all eligible competitors have received a prize, then prizes will be allocated as per 11.6.3 above.



13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1 Competitors participate in the regattas entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 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.

14 INSURANCE

14.1 It is highly recommended entrants review their insurance needs. It is recommended that each entrant hold a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per event or equivalent.

14.2 The following may help:-

- Your Sailing Membership of Maroochy Sailing Club provides some personal accident cover under an Australian Sailing policy while you are engaged in sailing activities, provided you have paid your membership or hold a current Sail Pass.
- MSC will not cover you for your public liability responsibilities. To help in your review, other clubs require a minimum of \$5,000,000 public liability before you can sail with them.
- A range of insurance covers is available for a reasonable price.