

44th INTERNATIONAL MIRROR CLASS SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA

28 December 2009 to 3 January 2010

Lake Cootharaba, Queensland

Organising Authority

Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club in conjunction with the Mirror Sailing Association of Queensland

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The prescriptions and special regulations of Yachting Australia, Part 2 *Off the Beach Yachts* will apply.
- 1.3 The rules of the International Mirror Class Association will apply.
- 1.4 Racing rules 35, 60.1(a), 61.3, 62.2, A2 and A4 will be changed as follows:
 - 1.4.1 Rule 35 – “Time Limit and Scores” will be altered so that a boat failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat finishing will be scored DNF.
 - 1.4.2 Rule 60.1(a) – “Right to Protest” will be altered so that breaches of clauses in this Notice of Race 6.4 16 and 17 will not be grounds for a request for redress or protest by a boat.
 - 1.4.3 Rules 61.3 and 62.2 – “Protest Time Limit” and “Redress” will be altered so that the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
 - 1.4.4 Appendix A2 – “Series Scores” will be altered to provide for variation in score exclusions based on the number of races sailed.
 - 1.4.5 Appendix A4 – “Scoring” will be altered so that any boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 The Regatta is classified as a Category C event in accordance with RRS 80.
- 2.2 Competitors may be required to display Series or Event sponsor’s name(s)/logo(s) and bow numbers. If required, the Organizing Authority will supply these items and they shall be affixed and/or worn as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 All crew members must be financial members of a club affiliated through to Yachting Australia Inc. and an association affiliated with the IMCAA.
- 3.2 Different forward hands are permitted but must be nominated for each race at the time of registration.
- 3.3 Entries, together with the entry fee shall be made to the Organising Authority on the official entry form. The fully completed entry form shall be received at the entry address or by email no later than 4/12/2009.
- 3.4 Entries may be accepted after the closing date at the discretion of the Organising Authority concerned, but will be subject to late entry supplements. Refer Fees.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee is **\$210** per boat for entries received prior to 4/12/2008. The fee for entries that arrive after 4/12/2009 will be **\$260** per boat.
- 4.2 The fee will include entry for competitors (helm & crew) to the Welcome and Presentation functions. Additional tickets may be purchased for these functions for other than competitors. Please refer to the Official Entry Form for details.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration and Sailing Instructions
 - 5.1.1 Unless by special arrangement all Brisbane based competitors shall complete registration & measurement at the Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club between 9am and 5pm on the 28th of December 2009. Interstate competitors shall complete registration & measurement at the Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club between 9am and 5pm on the 28th of December 2009 or between 9am and noon on the 29th of December 2009.
 - 5.1.2 Sailing Instructions will be issued to each competitor on completion of registration at the host venue.
- 5.2 Event Schedule

Date	Event	Time
28-29/12/2009	Registration & Measurement	
29/12/2009	Invitation Race	not before 13:00
29/12/2009	Welcome BBQ at Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club	From 17:30
30/12/2009	Race 1	not before 10:30
30/12/2009	Race 2	not before 13:00
30/12/2009	Race 3	as soon as practicable after Race 2
31/12/2009	Race 4	not before 10:30
31/12/2009	Race 5	not before 13:00
31/12/2009	Race 6	as soon as practicable after Race 2
1/1/2010	NEW YEARS DAY LAY DAY	
2/1/2010	Race 7	not before 10:30
2/1/2010	Race 8	not before 13:00
2/1/2010	Race 9	as soon as practicable after Race 2
3/1/2010	Race 10	not before 10:30
3/1/2010	Presentation Dinner – Spit Roast Dinner at Apollonian Hotel, Boreen Point	From 17:00

- 5.3 The race committee may at its sole discretion schedule additional races on a race day with a maximum of four per day.
- 5.4 The target duration of races is 60 minutes for the first finisher. (Failure to achieve this target shall not form grounds to seek redress). The time limit will be 90 minutes for the first boat.
- 5.5 The first warning signal will not be made before 10:30 on the first scheduled day of racing. No warning signal will be made after 14:00 on the last scheduled day of racing.

6 MEASUREMENTS

Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate. In addition the following measurements may be taken:

HULL Hull weight, mast step position, centreboard case position, centreboard projection

SPARS Gunter mast length from base to sheave, gaff dimension from top to band, gaff dimension from top to halyard attachment point, Bermuda mast dimensions, spinnaker pole length

SAILS State Measurer's endorsement, although the sails may be measured.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT To YA and IMCA recommendations.

Competing boats shall be available for inspection or measurement by the Official Measurer or his representative at any time during the Championships.

Each boat shall only use one set of sails and equipment for the Championships except in special circumstances where substitution is approved by the Race Committee.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Each boat will receive a set of sailing instructions at registration. Additional copies of the sailing instructions will be available after 9 am on 28 December 2009 at the Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club.

8 VENUE

Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club, 24 Boreen Parade, Boreen Point, Qld 4565.

9 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be detailed in the sailing instructions

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 The penalties are as follows:

10.1.1 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

11 SCORING

11.1 RRS Appendix A, Low Point Scoring System, will apply.

11.2 Ten races are scheduled. Five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.2.1 When fewer than six races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11.2.2 When from six to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11.2.3 When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

12 SUPPORT BOATS/COACHES

All support boats shall keep 100m clear of areas where boats are racing, except in response to a specific request by the Race Committee.

13 BUOYANCY

Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 1.2 and Yachting Australia Special Regulation R1 Personal Buoyancy PFDs shall be worn at all times whilst afloat.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15 PRIZES

Perpetual trophies and prizes may be awarded in the following categories. Any skipper and forward hand can only win one of the categories:

Open Championship

1st skipper (National Champion) and forward hand. Prizes - 2nd & 3rd skippers and forward hands.

Sub-Junior Championship

1st Sub-Junior skipper and forward hand (both skipper and crew under 16 years at 31 December 2009).

Junior Championship

1st Junior skipper and forward hand (both skipper and crew under 19 years at 31 December 2009).

Ladies Championship

1st Lady skipper and forward hand (forward hand need not be female).

Veteran's Championship

1st Veteran skipper and forward hand (skipper over 45 years at 31 December 2009 (forward hand need not be veteran).

Norm Deane Master's Trophy

1st Veteran skipper and forward hand (skipper over 55 years at 31 December 2009 (forward hand need not be veteran).

Frank Buxton Trophy

1st Family skipper and forward hand (crew of yacht to consist of parent and child of the same immediate family; child to be under 16 years at 31 December 2009).

Cruiserweight Championship

1st Cruiserweight skipper and forward hand (crew with combined weight over 130 kg measured at registration).

Cliff Scott Invitation Race

Other trophies and prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

16 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESSES

In participating in this Event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authorities and the sponsors of this Event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said Event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said Event without compensation.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1 It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry in the Event competitors shall indemnify the Organising Authorities, and the Host Club, their officers, members, servants and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Event.
- 17.2 The Organising Authorities, and the Host Sailing Club, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Event or howsoever arising in connection with the Event.

18 INSURANCE

- 18.1 All boats competing in the 2009 Mirror Australian Championships shall have third party insurance cover of not less than \$5,000,000.
- 18.2 All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.
- 18.3 Competitors may be required to produce evidence of such insurance and any competitor not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION/ENTRIES

For further information visit the website at www.nationals.qldmirror.com or contact
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Entries must be submitted on the Official Entry Form (Attached) and may be submitted **either**:

by mail addressed to:
2009 Mirror Australian Championships
Hon. Secretary MSAQ Inc
53/5 Duncan Street,
WEST END, QLD 4101

OR

by email to: mirrorqld@gmail.com

Payment can be made by cheque or direct deposit – for details refer to the Official Entry Form