Matthew Owen Regatta  
Annual Event in Support of Rare Cancers Australia  
31 March, 7 and 14 April 2019

Notice of Race

RULES
1. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 - 2020 except for changes indicated in relevant paragraphs in this Notice of Race and in the Sailing Instructions.
1.2 The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) will apply.
1.3 The event is Category 7.
1.4 Racing rule(s) 51 and 52 will be changed as follows:
   A competitor may request permission from the Race Committee to use moveable and/or variable ballast for the purpose of increasing stability subject to a boat having been allocated a National yardstick / handicap / rating. Stored power maybe used for this operation. RRS 51 and 52 are modified to the extent required by this paragraph.
1.5 Rules of each competing class and the policies and procedures of the Canberra Yacht Club (CYC) will apply.

ADVERTISING
2. Advertising is permitted.

ELIGIBILITY
3. It is open to all boat types recognised by the current Australian Sailing (AS) Australian Trailable Yacht & Sportsboat Rule, Trailable yachts and Trailable multihulls with a CBH allocated by the CYC Sailing Committee; Sportsboats with a valid Sportboat Measurement System (SMS) rating and dinghy, keelboat and multihull classes with yardsticks listed by Yachting Victoria (YV).

FEES
4. Entry fee is $50 for the three race series or $20 per race. All fees collected will be donated to Rare Cancers Australia.

ENTRY
5. Competitors shall register by completing an entry form, online or in person. The Registration and Sign-On shall be completed 30 minutes before the first warning signal of the scheduled starting sequence. Failure to Sign-On will result in a Did Not Compete for that race.

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SCHEDULE OF RACES AND DIVISIONS

6. Dates of racing and the time of the first warning single are:
   Race 1  31 March 2019  1400 hours
   Race 2  7 April 2019   1400 hours
   Race 3  14 April 2019  1400 hours.

6.1 There will be one race per day for the following Divisions:
   Division 1  Sportsboats
   Division 2  Trailable yachts / Trailable multihulls
   Division 3  Off the beach multihulls
   Division 4  Dinghies with YV yardstick below 132 and International Flying Fifteens
   Division 5  Small dinghies with YV yardstick of 132 and above (excluding Optimists and Hansa 2.3)
   Division 6  Optimists and Hansa 2.3.

7. The warning signal for the first Division shall be 1400 hours.

MEASUREMENTS

8. Each boat shall have a valid measurement / rating certificate which is to be produced on demand by any race official or protest committee member.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9. The Sailing Instructions will be available from 1100 hours on 31 March 2019 at CYC.

COURSES

10. The courses to be sailed will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

SCORING FOR DIVISIONAL PLACEMENTS

11. The Low Point System (Appendix A (RRS)) will apply. The calculation of results for Division 1 will be based on SMS ratings. The calculation of Championship results for Division 2 will be based on the current Class Based Handicap (CBH) issued under the ATYSBR or a CBH previously allocated by the Sailing Committee to a trailable yacht or multihull. The calculation of Championship results for Divisions 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be based on the AS yardsticks, except that all International Flying Fifteens will sail off 109.

11.1 A boat’s series score will be the total of all race scores, no scores to be excluded.

11.2 Boats whose skippers are rostered for race management duty will be given average points for that race as calculated by TopYacht Software. This changes RRS A.2. Only one such provision of an average score will be allowed for each competitor during the series.

SCORING FOR MATTHEW OWEN TROPHY

12. All divisions will be combined for the results of the Matthew Owen Trophy. The Low Point System (Appendix A (RRS)) will apply. The elapsed time of each boat will be divided by the number of laps required to be sailed by that boat’s division.
To allow comparison across different ratings, this average lap time will then be calculated against that boats rating as follows:

Divisions 1 & 2 will be based on the current Class Based Handicap (CBH) issued under the ATYSBR or a CBH previously allocated by the Sailing Committee to a trailable yacht or multihull. This CBH will then be converted to an Australian Sailing Yardstick using the Trailable Yacht Conversion Factor as published by Australian Sailing (AS Yardstick = K / CBH, where K = 80.25).

Divisions 3 will use their AS Yardstick calculated against a Mixed Class Correction factor of 0.844 (Calculated using method published by Australian Sailing)

Divisions 4,5 & 6 will have their average lap time calculated against their AS yardsticks, except that all International Flying Fifteens will sail off 109.

12.1 A boat’s series score for the Matthew Owen Trophy will be the total of all race scores, no scores to be excluded.

12.2 Boats whose skippers are rostered for race management duty will be given average points for that race as calculated by TopYacht Software. This changes RRS A.2. Only one such provision of an average score will be allowed for each competitor during the series.

RADIO COMMUNICATION
12. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio transmissions not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

PRIZES
13. Prizes and trophies will be awarded to the first three boats placed in each Division using the Low Point System. The Matthew Owen Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the series as calculated in (12.)

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY
14. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising 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.

INSURANCE
15. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of $5 million per event or the equivalent.

FURTHER INFORMATION
16. Contact Canberra Yacht Club telephone 6273 7177 or email at: admin@canberrayachtclub.com.au

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