



2018 Australian RL24 Championship Illawarra Yacht Club 45th National Championship

NOTICE OF RACE

Illawarra Yacht Club as Organising Authority on behalf of and in conjunction with the RL24 Owners Association of Australia Inc (RL24 OAofA) invite entries for this regatta to be held on Lake Illawarra from Sunday 7th January 2018 to Thursday 11th January 2018 according to the program herein.

1. Rules.

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing of the World Sailing Federation (RRS), the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing 2017-2020 Part 2, the RL Constitution and Class Rules and by the Sailing Instructions. In the event of any discrepancy the provisions of the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.
- 1.2 All Competitors may be required to display Series or Event sponsor's name(s)/logo(s) and bow numbers. If required they shall be affixed and/or worn as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions.

2. Eligibility and Entry.

- 2.1 The regatta is open to boats of the RL24 class whose owners are financial members of the RL24 Owner's Association of Australia Inc.
- 2.2 Eligible boats shall enter for the Swing Keel, Drop Keel or Cruising Division by completing and returning the attached entry form via email or mail.
- 2.3 Entries will be accepted until the close of Registration at 1200 hours on Sunday 7th January 2018.
- 2.4 Boats or skippers shall be required to carry a minimum of \$5 million indemnity insurance for the duration of the series.

3. Fee.

- 3.1 The Entry Fee for the RL24 National Championship is \$150-00 which is payable *DIRECTLY* into the RL24 account (see Entry Form for details).

4. Measurements and Safety.

- 4.1 Entrants will be expected to meet the measurement requirements as specified by the RL24 Owner's Association of Australia.

5. Sailing Instructions.

- 5.1 The Sailing Instructions for the Championship will be available from race headquarters at Registration.

6. Schedule of Events.

The sailing Programme is as follows:

Saturday 6th January 2018

Arrival and setting up at Illawarra Yacht Club.

Sunday 7th January 2018:

0900 hrs: Regatta Registration.

1200 hrs: Briefing session.

1330 hrs: 1st Warning Signal.

Invitation Races 1, 2 & 3 (back to back).

Monday 8th January 2018:

1330 hrs. 1st Warning Signal.

Championship Heats 1 and 2 (back-to-back)

Tuesday 9th January 2018:

1100 hrs Re-sail Opportunity

1330 hrs. 1st Warning Signal.

Championship Heats 3 and 4 (back-to-back)

Wednesday 10th: January 2018:

1100 hrs Re-sail Opportunity

1330 hrs. 1st Warning Signal.

Championship Heats 5 and 6 (back-to-back)

1800 hrs. AGM

Thursday 11th January 2018:

1100 hrs. 1st Warning Signal.

Championship Heat 7.

(Resail opportunity if required, after end of Heat 7)

1830 hrs – Presentation Dinner at IYC.

7. Racing Area and Courses.

7.1 Races will be conducted on Lake Illawarra on courses as described in pre race briefings, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8. Scoring.

8.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A 4.1 will apply except that except that first place in each race will score 0.75 point. Seven (7) races constitute the RL24 National Championship Titles series. A minimum of 4 races is required to make up the RL24 National Championship event. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores. Where five or six races are completed, a boat's worst single score may be excluded. Where seven races are completed, a boat's two worst single scores may be excluded.

If there are insufficient entries to form a Swing Keel Division (3 boats) and insufficient entries to form a Drop Keel Divisions (3 boats), all RL24s will sail together and elapsed times will be corrected using Australia Sailing's ATYSB's Class Based Handicaps (i.e. DK = 0.760; SK = 0.725).

9. Personal Bouyancy.

9.1 All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times whilst afloat.

10. Safety.

10.1 The Safety Category applicable to this series is YA Special Regulations Section 2.01.7 Category 7. In addition, the following will apply:

3.24.3(b) Outboard motors shall be mounted in the normal operating position but may be retracted while sailing.

3.24.6 A minimum of 9 litres of fuel must be carried at the start of each race.

11. Radio Communication.

11.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This includes Mobile phone communications.

12. Decisions of Protest Committee.

12.1 A protest committee will be appointed for the 2018 Australian RL Championship in accordance with RRS 91.

13. Prizes.

- Drop Keel Champion (Rob Legg Perpetual Trophy).
- Swing Keel Champion (Rob Legg Perpetual Trophy).
- Handicap Trophy (Perpetual trophy)
- Cruising Division Champion- depending on numbers of entries.
- Coolibah Trophy
- Oldest Skipper Flag
- Toad Trophy
- Other prizes may be awarded as determined by the RL24 OAofA.

14. Disclaimer of Liability.

14.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 2017-2010 Part 1 Rule 4, "Decision to Race". It is the Competitor's decision to enter the Regatta or to start or continue in any race. Neither RL24 OAofA nor the Illawarra Yacht Club will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

15. Insurance.

15.1 All boats shall include details of current third party insurance to the cover value of AUD\$5,000,000.00 (recommended AUD\$10,000,000) on the entry form. The completion, by a competitor, and acceptance, by the organising authority, of an entry form shall constitute acknowledgment by the competitor that such cover is valid and in place for the period of the Regatta. Each boat shall provide evidence of currency of Insurance Cover with the Entry Form.

16. Measurement.

16.1 The RL24 OAofA reserves the right to inspect, measure or check hull, spars, sails and safety equipment of any yacht at any time before or after any heat during the series. Each boat will have a valid measurement certificate and maybe required to produce it.

17. Mandatory Sign on / sign off.

- 17.1** For each race or race session each competitor intending to race shall personally “sign-on”, by completing the appropriate details on the “sign-on/off” sheet located on the bench in the Lakeview Room prior to the warning signal of the race session. Failure to comply with this Sailing Instruction will result in a boat scoring DNC for the races of the session without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.
- 17.2** All boats shall “sign-off” upon returning to shore by completing the appropriate details on the “sign-on/off” sheet located on the bench in the Lakeview Room no later than the end of protest time for that day. Failure to comply with this Sailing Instruction will result in a boat scoring DNF for the races of the session without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 17.3** Sign on / Sign off ashore is automatically accepted for one or more races of each “on water” session.

18. Presentation Dinner.

- 18.1** Presentation Dinner will be held at IYC on Thursday 11th January 2018 at 1830 hrs.

19. Further Information.

- 19.1** For further information, please contact the following:

President: Wayne Hill its.wayne@hotmail.com Mob: 0418 508167
Secretary: Paul Corben corben.paul.q@edumail.vic.gov.au Mob: 0409 075482
IYC Contact: Colin Boylan Boylan.colin@gmail.com Mob 0427 273084

20. Address.

ILLAWARRA YACHT CLUB. 1 Northcliffe Drive, WARRAWONG. 2502

RISK WARNING.

This RISK WARNING is issued jointly by the Illawarra Yacht Club and the NSW Maritime Authority, pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by Illawarra Yacht Club.

Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.

As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
- The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
- The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
- The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
- Exposure to the elements for extended periods.

Illawarra Yacht Club and the NSW Maritime Authority also warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with Illawarra Yacht Club.

Participants are also advised that although Illawarra Yacht Club Inc. is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover DOES NOT extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer. A personal accident insurance policy is available with subscription to membership of Yachting NSW.

Facilities.

Illawarra Yacht Club welcomes entrants and their supporters to use their facilities.

Lunch (11.30 – 2.00) and dinner (5.30 – 8.00) are available daily from the club's **CIBO** restaurant.

Coffee and Cake/Snacks are available from 11.00am daily.

Dining at CIBO. BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, especially for the evening dinner sessions. Book through the Front Desk at the IYC.

Boats are discouraged from mooring on the club pontoons during launching times. The adjacent jetty and sea walls are available for that purpose. Club dress regulations apply in parts of the club.

Children are not permitted in the poker machine areas of the club.

There is a **childrens' play area** within the clubhouse for children age 0-7, and 8-12 years of age.

Launching ramps are available at Illawarra Yacht Club and at Port Kembla Sailing Club (Berkeley).



RL24 OWNER'S ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC.

45th NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SUNDAY 7TH January – THURSDAY 11TH January 2018

ILLAWARRA YACHT CLUB

ENTRY^[L]_[SEP]FORM

Owner's Name:.....
 Owner's Address.....
 Post Code
 Owner's Phone (H)..... (Mobile)
 E-Mail (if available).....
 Skipper's Name:.....
 Boat Name:..... Sail Number:

Division Entered (Circle one):

SWING KEEL DROP KEEL CRUISING

Aust Sailing National Membership No.

Insurance Provider and policy number:.....
 Please attach photocopy of policy showing amount covered for. (Valid third-party liability min. \$5 million)

Entry Fee: \$150 .00 which includes 12 months association membership or \$120 if 2017 membership has been paid. Due on or before 2nd January 2018

How to pay: Cheque - payable to the RL24 Owner's Association of Australia Inc. & forwarded to *The Secretary* of the RL24 Owner's Assn. of Australia, 2 Ross Street, Bairnsdale 3875 Victoria.

Or: **Direct Deposit** - RL24 Owners Assn. of Australia BSB 063-510
 Acc#1013-5552. *Please use your boat name and sail number as a reference.*

I agree to compete in compliance with recognized principles of sportsmanship and fair play (RRS Part 1 and 2). I accept that competitors participate in this Regatta entirely at their own risk. Further, I understand that neither the Illawarra Yacht Club nor the RL24 Owners Association of Australia Inc. will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the Regatta.

My RL24 complies with the Class Association's rules and specifications. **YES / NO** (circle one).
 My RL24 complies with the AS Special Regulations valid to June 30, 2017 Part 1; Category 7. **YES / NO** (circle one).

.....(Owner)(Skipper - if not owner)

Notice of Race IYC INDEMNITY Declaration.

Indemnity Declaration for Regatta Competitors at Illawarra Yacht Club for Boat/Number: _____

I, in my capacity as the Adult entrant, Parent, Legal Guardian or Custodian of the Skipper/Crew of the boat referred to in the Entry Form:

1. acknowledge that this entry is made subject to the conditions set out in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions as may be amended by the Organising Authority.
2. acknowledge that all racing conducted by the Organising Authority will be governed by the rules and regulations specified in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, as they may be amended.
3. warrant to the Organising Authority that:
 - a. I have read and understand the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions and that, if they are amended by the Organising Authority, I will read any amendment.
 - b. I have provided a copy of and brought the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions to the attention of the crew of the boat (if any) and have satisfied myself that the crew of the boat (if any) understand the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.
 - c. I will provide a copy of and bring any amendment to the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions to the attention of the crew of the boat (if any) and will satisfy myself that the crew of the boat (if any) understand any amendment.
 - d. the boat referred to in the Entry Form:
 - (i) is and has been properly maintained; and
 - (ii) is structurally sound and seaworthy (including hull, spars, rigging sails and all gear);
 - (iii) is suitable for the event or events referred to in the Entry Form;
 - (iv) carries all necessary and required equipment (including emergency equipment).
 - e. I and the crew of the boat (if any) will, while participating in the event or events referred to in the Entry Form, comply with the rules of this declaration.
 - f. I and the crew of the boat (if any) are aware of ISAF Fundamental Rule 4 “Decision to Race” which states “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.
 - g. I and the crew of the boat (if any) are all individually aware of and conversant with the risks involved in the sport of sail boat racing.
 - h. I and the crew of the boat (if any) are all individually aware that the participation in a race is entirely at our own exclusive risk and that the Organising Authority excludes all liability in the manner referred to in the Notice of Race.
 - i. I and the crew of the boat (if any) acknowledge and accept the risks associated with participating in the event or events referred to in the Entry Form including:
 - (i) any risks referred to the Notice of Race; and
 - (ii) the seaworthiness or otherwise of any boat participating in the event or events
 - (iii) the participation, including negligent participation, by persons in the event or
 - (iv) the defaults, acts and omissions of persons, including negligent defaults, acts referred to in the Entry Form; events referred to in the Entry Form; and omissions of the Organising Authority and its officers, employees and agents and the crews of other participating boats.
 - j. I and the crew of the boat (if any) acknowledge and accept that the Organising Authority:
 - (i) does not and cannot control, diminish or affect the perils of the sea;
 - (ii) is not in a position to take precautions against the risk of harm to persons
 - (iii) may not be in a position to provide advice, assistance or support to boats and
 - k. I and the crew of the boat (if any) release, hold harmless and indemnify the Organising Authority and its officers, employees and agents from all liability any of those persons has to the owner/skipper or any crew member on the boat, or to any person claiming through or under any such person, arising from the loss of life or injury to persons, or loss of or damage to property, howsoever caused, including by negligent act omission, arising out of or relating to:
 - (i) participation by the boat or any other boat in the event or events referred to in
 - (ii) the conduct or courses of races in any respect including any act or omission arising from the perils of the sea; and crews during the course of the event or events referred to in the Entry Form; and/or (whether reasonably foreseeable or not) causing or relating to loss of or damage to any boat or the death of or injury to any person.
 - l. I and the crew of the boat (if any) indemnify the Organising Authority and any officer, employee or agent in respect of any costs in respect of any assistance that may have to be rendered to the boat or crew (if any) in respect of any rescue including if the boat becomes disabled or any person is overboard or for any other reason.
 - m. I and the crew of the boat (if any) acknowledge and agree that the contract formed by the acceptance of the Entry Form by the Organising Authority is governed by the law of New South Wales.;
4. declare that the information in the Entry Form is correct .

(PRINT NAME) _____ / _____ (SIGN) _____ / _____ Date: _____

NOTE: Parent, Legal Guardian or Custodian to also sign for all entrants under the age of 18.

I, _____ Of (ADDRESS) _____
being the parent, legal guardian or custodian of (Entrant under 18) _____
Consent to him/her/them participating in this regatta and indemnify the Organising Authority.

Signed: _____ (Parent, Legal Guardian or Custodian) Date: _____.