



RS Aero Class Western
Australian State
Championships 2022
Sunday 20th November 2022

NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority
Nedlands Yacht Club



1. RULES

- 1.1. The Championships will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 (Off the Beach Boats) will apply.
- 1.3. The class rules of the RS Aero shall apply.
- 1.4. The sailing instructions may change racing rules. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5. Appendix "T – Arbitration" of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.6. Rules 35 and appendix "A" of the Racing Rules of Sailing is changed to allow boats finishing outside the time limit to be awarded a position in the race in accordance with their observed position on the course.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. All competitors shall comply with the ISAF Advertising Code – Regulation 20.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1. The Championships is open to competitors who are current financial members of a Club affiliated with Australian Sailing, and the RS Aero Association.
- 3.2. Current Australian Sailing number must be provided at the time of registration.
- 3.3. All competing boats must have an Australian Sailing special regulations equipment audit form lodged with their host club. Copies of the equipment audit form must be submitted to the Organising Authority upon request.
- 3.4. Entries close at 1700 hours on Sunday 13th November 2022
- 3.5. Entries are to be submitted online at <https://www.nyc.org.au/sailing/regattas/>
- 3.6. A parent/guardian consent form must be completed and signed for any competitor aged 18 years or under on the 20th November 2022.
- 3.7. All sailing and social activities conducted as part of this Championships will be conducted in compliance with the current WA Government COVID-19 regulations.

4. ENTRY FEES

- 4.1. The entry fee per boat is \$75.00 (incl GST).
- 4.2. Entries submitted after 13 November 2022 will be considered late entries and may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority. Any late entry accepted will be subject to the payment of an additional late entry fee of \$25.00.
- 4.3. If any entry is cancelled by the competitor or due to COVID-19 restrictions, the entry fees will be refunded at the discretion of Nedlands Yacht Club.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sunday, 20 th November 2022	Registration	800 – 830 hours	Nedlands Yacht Club
Sunday, 20 th November 2022	Competitors' Briefing	830 hours	Nedlands Yacht Club
Sunday, 20 th November 2022	Race Session 1	925 hours first warning signal	Nedlands Yacht Club
Sunday, 20 th November 2022	Race Session 2	1325 hours first warning signal	Nedlands Yacht Club
Sunday, 20 th November 2022	Trophy Presentation	1715 hours	Nedlands Yacht Club

- 5.1. A maximum of 7 races are scheduled for the Championships. There will be between 3 and 4 races per session and each race will have a target time of around 30 minutes.
- 5.2. The Organising Authority may conduct separate class divisions for the RS Aero 5, RS Aero 6, RS Aero 7 or RS Aero 9 or combine divisions subject to the number of starters.
- 5.3. Warning Signals and start times for Race Session 2 will be coordinated amongst afternoon race fleet starts

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- for the Nedlands Yacht Club regatta schedule
- 5.4. On any schedule of racing no warning signal will be made after 1600 hours.
- 6. MEASUREMENT**
- 6.1 All boats and equipment shall comply with current class measurement rules and restrictions.
- 6.2 The Organising Authority reserves the right to inspect any boat, its measurement certificate if applicable and equipment at any time during the Championships.
- 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
- 7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Nedlands Yacht Club website at <https://www.nyc.org.au/sailing/regattas/> on or before Friday 18th November 2022.
- 8. VENUE**
- 8.1 The Championships will be held at Nedlands Yacht Club: The Esplanade, Nedlands WA, 6009. See Attachment A. The Championships Office will be located in the NYC Sailing Training Centre (under the Flag deck).
- 9 RACE AREA**
- 9.1 The race area will be on Melville Waters West, Swan River, adjacent to Nedlands Yacht Club. See Attachment B.
- 10 THE COURSES**
- 10.1 The courses to be sailed will be described in detail in the Sailing Instructions and will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 10.2 Courses may consist of a combination of triangle configuration, windward, leeward, and trapezoid.
- 10.3 Course diagrams, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which mark is to be left will be provided in the sailing instructions.
- 11 PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 11.1 RRS 41.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by the one turn penalty except for infringements within the zone, as defined by RRS, shall be a two-turn penalty. This changes RRS 41.1.
- 12. SCORING**
- 12.1 RRS Appendix A applies.
- 12.2 Three (3) races are required to constitute a series.
- 12.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of their race scores.
- 12.4 When five (5) or more races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of their scores excluding their worst score.
- 12.5 In the event the Organising Authority combines divisions as per 5.2, a competitor's corrected time for scoring purposes will be determined by applying the following Victorian Yardstick factors to a competitor's elapsed time:
- Aero 9 – 109.3;
 - Aero 7 – 112.5;
 - Aero 6 – 114.65 (absent so calculated);
 - Aero 5 – 116.8.
- 13. SAFETY**
- 13.1 All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by a national authority or standards organization and branded in the country of origin or manufacture.
- 13.2 Actions of the Race Committee in retrieving crews from the water and returning them to their boats may not be penalised. This changes RRS 41 – Outside Help.

14. SUPPORT BOATS & OFFICIAL BOATS

- 14.1 Coach / Support boats will be required to register with Nedlands Yacht Club race office at registration.
- 14.2 All Official and Support boats shall be marked with a Nedlands Yacht Club burgee.
- 14.3 Each coach/support boat is required to have the appropriate current insurance for their vessel, the Support boat driver must have a current boat driver's license. The boat shall carry all safety equipment required to comply with local maritime regulations and be equipped with a working VHF equipment.
- 14.4 Coach / Support boats will be available to assist the Race Committee when requested.

15. DIVISIONS (Rig sizes)

- 15.1 Three boats will be required to constitute a division. The Race Committee will decide, based on conditions and fleet size, whether to start divisions together or separately.

16. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 16.1 In participating in the event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event (if any), 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 other reproductions of them 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. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1 While on the water, a boat shall not carry equipment capable of making radio transmissions or receiving radio transmissions except for equipment provided by the Organising Authority. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1 Overall Champion 1st placed skipper - Perpetual trophy.
- 18.2 Trophies will be award to competitors finishing:
 - 1st on Championship;
 - 2nd on Championship; and
 - 3rd on Championship.
- 18.3 1st on Consistency.
- 18.4 Additional prizes may be awarded depending on fleet size and categories at the discretion of the Race Committee.

19. INSURANCE

- 19.1 It is a condition of entry that each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 million. A currency certificate for insurance must be provided at the time of registration.

20. RISK WARNING

- 20.1 This RISK WARNING is issued by Nedlands Yacht Club (herein referred to NYC), pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by NYC.
- 20.2 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.
- 20.3 As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:
 - 20.3.1 The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
 - 20.3.2 The potential for the loss of control of vessels, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
 - 20.3.3 The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
 - 20.3.4 The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
 - 20.3.5 The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
 - 20.3.6 Exposure to the elements for extended periods.

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- 20.4 NYC 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 NYC.
- 20.5 Participants are also advised that although NYC 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. Membership of a sailing club affiliated with Australian Sailing entitles you to personal accident insurance cover.

21 DISCLAIMER

- 21.1 It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated on the entry form complies with the 'rules' as defined in the RRS.
- 21.2 All competitors who sign the entry form, in doing so, have made a declaration to the Organising Authority that the nominated boat will, at all times while racing, comply with the requirements of Australian Sailing, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, including:
- a) RRS 46 and it is the responsibility of the person in charge of the boat to ensure that the crew complies with RRS 56;
 - b) The Australian Sailing Special Regulations;
 - c) Adequate current Third-Party Property Liability Insurance and Third-Party Personal Liability cover of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars) for any one incident. All insurance shall be maintained during the period of racing.
 - d) The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
 - e) The person who signs and lodges the entry form with the Organising Authority, warranting to the Organising Authority that he or she will draw to the attention of any person who competes on the yacht, the subject of the entry form in any event conducted by the Organising Authority of the risk warning above; and
 - f) The person who signs and lodges this entry form with the Organising Authority, acknowledges receipt of the risk warning above and releasing the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him, or by any person claiming through him, in any event conducted by the Organising Authority.
 - g) All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is theirs alone". NYC, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury, either afloat or ashore prior to, during or after the event.

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

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Attachment A:



Attachment B:

