

# Australian International A Class Catamaran Australian Championship 2018

11th to 15th November 2018, Hervey Bay, Australia

The Organising Authority will be the Hervey Bay Sailing Club and the Australian International A-Division Catamaran Assn (AIADCA) in conjunction with Sail Hervey Bay Inc. and hosted at 427 Charlton Esplanade, Torquay, Queensland 4655, Australia

## NOTICE OF RACE

*[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Jury. This changes RRS 64.1.*

*[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule shall not be grounds for protest by a boat, but may result in a protest by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Protest Committee This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

*[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, Appendix A4 and Appendix A5.*

### 1 RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

### 2. ADVERTISING [DP]

Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

### 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the International A Division Catamaran class, sailors of whom are current financial members of IACA either through their respective country Association membership, or individual members.

3.2 Boats may compete in the following categories:

- Open
- Classic Discipline

As per the IACA website [http://www.a-cat.org/sites/default/files/definition\\_of\\_classic\\_v5.pdf](http://www.a-cat.org/sites/default/files/definition_of_classic_v5.pdf), the competitor declares that "when racing in the classic discipline my boat whilst under my control will have at least one hull in the water at all times."

#### **Definition of Classic Boat**

1. The "classic discipline" A Class must fit all the current class rules.
2. Rules E3 & E4 are restricted to daggerboards having either a straight or constant curve axis.
- 3.3 Competitors shall register on the event website: [www.sailherveybay.com.au](http://www.sailherveybay.com.au).

- 3.4 Each sailor shall present the following at registration:
- 3.4.1. The current measurement certificate or form of the hull, mast and sail.
  - 3.4.2. Evidence of valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$AUD3million
  - 3.4.3. A parental authorisation for minors under 18 years old.

#### 4 ENTRY FEES [NP]

Entry Fee Australian Championships (Pre-Worlds) AUD \$150

#### 5 REGATTA SCHEDULE

##### 5.1 The Schedule of racing and events

Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2018	0800 -1600	Australian Champs Registration
		1700 -2000	Welcome Function
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2018	0800 - 0900	Australian Champs Registration
		0930	Skippers Briefing
		1200	Aus Champs Race Day 1
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2018	1100	Aus Champs Race Day 2
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2018	1100	Aus Champs Race Day 3
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2018	1100	Aus Champs Race Day 4

5.2 Up to 10 Races in total are scheduled with a maximum of 3 races to be sailed in any one day.

5.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

#### 6 MEASUREMENT and EQUIPMENT CHECKS [DP]

6.1 Measurement and equipment checks may be made at any time during the event.

6.2 Equipment inspection will be conducted in accordance with A Class Catamaran Equipment Inspection Regulations. Sails, boats, and equipment must be measured **before** arriving at the Championship. All competitors at registration must produce valid and current measurement certificates for the hull, mast and sail. Refer to <http://www.a-cat.org/?q=node/9>.

6.3 The Equipment Inspection Regulations for the championship will be published on the event website no later than 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018.

#### 7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration, from the Regatta Office, and posted on the official notice board.

## 8 VENUE

- 8.1 The event shall be raced on the waters of Hervey Bay to the north and west of the Hervey Bay Sailing Club. Lat, Long: -25.28453,152.8712.
- 8.2 Images of the venue and location are available on the event website. [www.sailherveybay.com.au](http://www.sailherveybay.com.au)

## 9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward course as detailed in the Sailing Instructions in accordance with IACA Championship Rules, Appendix 4. The distance from start to Mark 1 will be at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 9.2 Two race areas may be used concurrently depending on the number of entries. If two race areas are used then the Open fleet shall sail on Course A. The Classic discipline fleet shall sail on Course B.

## 10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 In addition to the rules designated [DP] - Discretionary Penalty, the Sailing Instructions may include standard penalties [SP] to be applied by the race committee without a hearing for specified rules. This will change RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 10.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 10.3 In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence:
- However, if Mark 1a is set, a boat may delay taking a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, until she has passed Mark 1a.
- 10.4 RRS 44.3(c) is deleted and replaced with:

The race score for a boat that takes a Scoring Penalty shall be the score she would have received without that penalty, made worse by adding the number of places equal to 30% of the difference between her finishing position score and the score for Did Not Finish rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded upward). The scores of other boats shall not be changed; therefore, two boats may receive the same score. However, the penalty shall not cause the boat's score to be worse than the score for Did Not Finish.

## 11 PROTESTS

An arbitration hearing may be conducted for protests lodged in accordance with RRS 60.1(a) which allege an infringement of a rule of RRS Part 2 or Part 4 or RRS 31. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to a protest hearing. Hearings will be conducted in accordance with RRS Appendix T.

## 12 SCORING

- 12.1 The Low Point System as in Appendix A of the RRS will be used.
- 12.2 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.4 When six (6) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.5 When nine (9) or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of its race scores excluding the two (2) worst scores.

## 13 SUPPORT BOATS [NP][DP]

- 13.1 All support boats shall be registered with the Organising Authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and the regatta support boat regulations as outlined in this NoR and the Sailing Instructions. Attention is drawn to RRS 3. The Organising Authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion.
- 13.2 All support boats shall clearly display the three-letter national code of their World Sailing National Authority at all times whilst afloat. The minimum height for the letters shall be 300 mm and visible from both sides of the boat.
- 13.3 Support boats with team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside the restricted areas as specified in the Sailing Instructions from the time of the starting sequence until all boats have finished, or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Support boats shall comply with all reasonable requests from a regatta official.
- 13.4 Support Boats shall carry an operating VHF radio capable of communications on channels 16, 67, 69, 70, 71, 72,73 and 77 and shall monitor the Race Control channel at all times while afloat.

## 14. BOAT STORAGE [NP][DP]

- 14.1 Boats will be stored in the designated boat park – Torquay Caravan Park, 450 Charlton Esplanade Torquay. This park has direct access to the beach and the waters of Hervey Bay.
- 14.2 Designated pens for individual boats will be established in the boat park and boats shall be kept in their assigned pens.

## 15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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. [DP]

## 16 PRIZES

- 16.1. Trophies or Prizes will be awarded to the Top 5 classified in both Open and Classic discipline fleets.
- 16.2. The top placed Australian in each fleet will be awarded the title 2018-19 Australian Champion.
- 16.3. The following prizes may also be awarded in each fleet (dependent on number of entries):
  - o Junior Champion (aged less than 25years)
  - o Master Champion (Aged 45-50)
  - o Grand Master Champion (Aged 51-55)
  - o Great Grand Master Champion (Aged 56 and over)
  - o Woman Champion

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

## 17 DISCLAIMERS OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

## 18 PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

By entering the Championship competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using the regatta facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, re-use, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

## 19 SAFETY and ENVIRONMENT [NP] [DP]

- 19.1. General: By signing the entry form, competitors shall comply with the following:
  - 19.1.1. Put safety of yourself and competitors above race results;
  - 19.1.2. Keep the boat park and sailing area clean of any debris;
  - 19.1.3. Do not leave the beach to sail without the necessary safety precautions.
- 19.2. All competitors are strongly advised to wear a safety helmet which complies with or is accredited to EN1385 at all times whilst racing.

## 20 BOAT TRAILERS, CONTAINERS, CARS AND SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 20.1. Competitors and their support crews are requested to comply with directions as given by the designated Beach and Boat Park Manager.
- 20.2. All competitors shall park their boats in the designated boat pens
- 20.2. An area has been designated for containers.

- 20.3 Except for the launching and retrieval of boat trailers, no cars shall be parked in the Boat Park
- 20.4 Some areas for trailers may be available but competitors are strongly encouraged to take trailers offsite.
- 20.5 Support Boats and their trailers may be stored at the Hervey Bay Sailing Club Carpark or at the Urangan Marina (Buccaneer Avenue Urangan).

## 21 ACCOMMODATION

Information about accommodation in Hervey Bay is located on the event website:

<http://sailherveybay.com.au>.