

2021 International Moth Class NSW State Championships

St George Sailing Club

13th to 14th March 2021

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY
St George Sailing Club
www.stgeorgesailing.com.au

INTERNATIONAL MOTH CLASS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

COVID Condition

The Regatta shall ONLY be considered NSW State Championships if prior to the start of the regatta and a sufficient time prior to permit travel, there are no travel restrictions preventing movement within NSW as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic. If travel restrictions are in place, the event will be postponed or cancelled.

1. Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021 – 2024 Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Class and Championship Rules of the International Moth Class Association will apply except for those altered by the Notice of Race OR the Sailing Instructions
- 1.3 Rule 44.1 and Appendix P2.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a 270-degree penalty consisting of one gybe when sailing an upwind leg, or one tack when sailing a downwind leg.
- 1.4 Any other change to the racing rules will be documented in the sailing instructions.

2. Advertising, Media, Rights and Camera Equipment

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display any advertising stickers chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the International Moth Class that comply with the Moth Class Rules and carry a valid measurement certificate.
- 3.2 All competitors shall be fully paid-up members of the International Moth Class Association of Australia.
- 3.3 The helmsperson named on the boat entry form shall be the same for all races
- 3.4 Eligible boats wishing to enter must register via the St George Sailing Club website at www.stgeorgesailing.com.au/moth-states/
- 3.5 All boats must have a valid Measurement Certificate and Insurance Policy.
- 3.6 To be accepted, entry fees as set out below must accompany the on-line entry. Entries close on 12th March 2021.
- 3.7 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority until 1045hrs on the 13th March 2021, with associated payment of the late fee.

4. Fees

- 4.1 Entry fee is \$100AUD. Late entry fee, payable after 12th March 2021, is an additional \$50AUD.
- 4.2 The entry fee is not refundable, however special dispensation may be considered by the Organising Authority upon application, or if the event is cancelled due to Covid travel restrictions.

5. Format of Races

- 5.1 Four races shall constitute a valid championship
- 5.2 Number of races: It is intended to conduct between 6 and 8 races over the two days, with no more than 4 races to be sailed in any one day.
- 5.3 The first warning signal shall not be before 1155hrs on 13th March and 1055hrs on 14th March.
- 5.4 There will be no Warning Signal made after 1700hrs on the last day of the regatta.

6. Schedule of Events

6.1 The Full schedule is as per below

Date	Event	Time
Saturday 13 th March	Competitor Briefing	1045hrs
Saturday 13 th March	3-4 Races	From 1155hrs
Sunday 14 th March	3-4 Races	From 1055hrs
Sunday 14 th March	Presentation and Prize Giving	From 1730hrs at GRSC

6.2 The organising authority may reassess timing of the first warning signal for each following day's racing based on daily weather forecasts. Any changes to the race schedule will be posted on the online club noticeboard prior to 1800 hours on the day before it comes into effect.

7. Measurement

- 7.1 All boats equipment and sails must be pre-measured and passed before attending this regatta. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate for all equipment and sails for inspection at the registration.
- 7.2 Competitors shall not change rudders, dagger boards or T-foils while afloat. Any change of rig or foils shall be made ashore at the regatta venue.
- 7.3 Only 2 sails, 2 masts, 2 front foils (horizontal) and 2 rear foils (horizontal) shall be used.
- 7.4 Equipment can be replaced on gear breakage only with permission from the race committee. The race committee will reserve the right to withhold any broken equipment that has been replaced for the remainder of the regatta.
- 7.5 Boats found to exceed the equipment limitations will be scored a two (2) place penalty for any races completed using equipment in violation of the rule.
- 7.6 Boats may be subject to measurement inspection at any time before or after a race.

8. Sailing Instructions

8.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at Race Office on 13th March and may be published prior to that on the St George Sailing website and IMCA Australia website.

9.1 Penalty System

9.1 Rule 44.1 and Appendix P2.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a 270-degree penalty, consisting of one gybe when on an upwind leg, or one tack when on a downwind leg.

10. Venue

- 10.1 The racing area will be on waters of Botany Bay and Georges River NSW.
- 10.2 In the event of predicted strong wind conditions, on instruction from the organising authority all competitors are required to secure their boats using appropriate tie down straps.
- 10.3 Boats may be stored at St George Sailing Club carpark on trailers during the event. St George Sailing Club, regatta organising committee or any other regatta official shall not be responsible for any loss or damage that occurs to boats or property.
- 10.4 All competitors shall follow all club directions with regard to COVID safety protocols.

11. Courses

- 11.1 Courses will be windward/leeward races with details to be included in the sailing instructions.
- 11.2 Racing shall be conducted using Grand Prix style finishes.

12. Scoring

- 12.1 Four races are required to constitute a valid championship.
- 12.2 (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.3 The "Grand Prix" (Lapped Finish) finishing practice shall be used. This procedure will be described in full in the sailing instructions
- 12.4 Failure to sign on and off for a race may result in a penalty as defined in the sailing instructions.

13. Support boats

- 13.1 Private support boats and will be required to be registered with the organising authority and shall confirm to requirements defined by them. Drivers may be required to attend a briefing.

14. Prizes

- 14.1 The NSW Moth championship will be awarded ONLY if there are no local state travel restrictions that would prevent a competitor from attending. If restrictions are evident, the regatta shall be postponed or cancelled.

NSW State Championships;

- First placed getter – NSW Champion
 - 2nd and 3rd place getters.
 - First Female (TBA in the sailing instructions, based on entries)
 - First Junior (TBA in the sailing instructions, based on entries). (Eligible sailors to be 21 years of age or younger, based on your age as at the 13th March 2021).
- Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

15. Radio and Cellular Communications

- 15.1 A boat shall not be permitted to send or receive radio transmissions not available to all competitors whilst racing, this includes mobile phone communications
- 15.2 Data signals associated with tracking systems supplied by the organising authority, or camera equipment to support media coverage by official media representatives are exempt from this requirement.

16. Insurance

- 16.1 Each participating boat shall present a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage of at least \$10,000,000 AUD or equivalent.

17. Risk Statement

- 17.1 RRS 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".
- 17.2 Sailing is by its nature, an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
 - b) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission.
 - c) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
 - d) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organisers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

- e) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as it can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- f) It is the competitor's responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the event and to attend any safety briefings held for this event. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 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.

18. Sustainability

- 18.1 Competitors will be encouraged to limit the use of single use water bottles with refill facilities on and around the club grounds.
- 18.2 Support boats will be able to supply and retrieve water bottles, and general refuse from competitors between races.
- 18.3 Competitors caught deliberately disposing waste into the water may be subject to disqualification.
- 18.4 All competitors are expected to dispose of any refuse appropriately at the venue.

19. Further Information

Further Information shall be made available on the IMCA Australia website, the St George Sailing website www.stgeorgesailing.com.au/moth-states/ or contact

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