



2022/2023

**International Moth Class Australian
National Championships**

St George Sailing Club

21st to the 27th January 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

**Manly 16ft Skiff Sailing Club Ltd T/As St George Sailing Club
INTERNATIONAL MOTH CLASS ASSOCIATION OF
AUSTRALIA**

COVID Condition

The Regatta shall ONLY be considered the Australian National Championships if prior to the start of the regatta and a sufficient time prior to permit travel, there are no travel restrictions preventing movement between states as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic. If travel restrictions are in place, the event will continue, but be referred to as an Interstate Championship and a National Champion shall NOT be awarded. The event will however be branded a National Championships.

1. Language

- 1.1 The governing language of the regatta, and all communication shall be in English
- 1.2 Any dispute over the rules and class documentations shall be interpreted using the literal English meaning.
- 1.3 All disputes shall be heard and arbitrated over in English.
- 1.4 In any conflict between languages, the English language will take precedence.

2. Rules

- 2.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing rules of Sailing 2021-2024.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 A version of Appendix HS – High Speed rules will be used at the event. Other rules changes may be made to test their value for the class.
- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 Any other change to the racing rules will be documented in the sailing instructions.
- 2.6 The Australian National Authority Prescriptions will apply.

3. Advertising, Media, Rights and Camera Equipment

- 3.1 Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 The regatta is open to boats of the International Moth Class that comply with the Moth Class Rules and carry a valid measurement certificate.
- 4.2 All competitors shall be fully paid-up members of the International Moth Class Association of Australia.
- 4.4 The helmsperson named on the boat entry form shall be the same for all races
- 4.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing an on-line entry on the St George Sailing Club website which can be accessed at www.stgeorgesailing.com.au/2023mothnationals/.
- 4.6 Copies of your Measurement Certificate and Insurance Policy must be provided when requested on entry.
- 4.7 To be accepted, entry fees as set out below must accompany the on-line entry. Entries close on Sunday 8th January 2023.
- 4.6 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority until end of registration on 21st January 2023, with payment of the late fee.

5. Fees

- 5.1 Entry fee is \$300AUD. Late entry fee, payable after 8th January 2023, is an additional \$100AUD.
- 5.2 The entry fee is not refundable, however special dispensation may be considered by the Organising Authority upon application

6. Format of Races

- 6.1 Six races shall constitute a valid championship
- 6.2 Number of races: it is intended to conduct 15 races over the period. It is intended to conduct three races per day.
- 6.4 One additional race per day may be sailed provided the program does not get more than two races ahead of schedule.
- 6.5 There will be no Warning Signal made after 1600 on Friday 27th January.

7. Schedule of Events

- 7.1 The Full schedule is as per below

Date	Event	Time
Saturday 21 st January	Measuring and Registration, Mothgp Invitation Series Welcoming and Invitation Presentation	From 0900 From 1630 From 1900
Sunday 22 nd January	Nationals Race Day 1	From 1000
Monday 23 rd January	Nationals Race Day 2	From 1000
Tuesday 24 th January	Layday, Reserve Day	
Wednesday 25 ^h January	Nationals Race Day 3	From 1000
Thursday 26 th January	Nationals Race Day 4	From 1000
Friday 27 th January	Nationals Race Day 5 Presentation and Prize Giving	From 1000 From 1800

- 7.3 Indication of the approximate times of warning signals for the following days racing will be placed on the club noticeboard.
- 7.4 The organising authority will assess timing of the first warning signal in consideration of the weather forecast.

8. Measurement

- 8.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate for all equipment and sails for inspection at the registration.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 Only 2 sails, 2 masts, 2 front foils (horizontal) and 2 rear foils (horizontal) shall be used.
- 8.4 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.
- 8.5 Boats found to exceed the equipment limitations will be scored a Ten (10) place penalty for any races completed using equipment in violation of the rule.
- 8.6 Boats may be subject to measurement inspection at any time before or after a race.

9. Sailing Instructions

- 9.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration on the 21st January and may be published prior to that on the IMCA Australia website and/or St George Sailing website.

10.1 Penalty System

- 10.1 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.

11. Venue

- 11.1 The regatta venue will be St George Sailing Club located at 2 Riverside Drive Sans Souci, NSW 2219. The racing area will be on Botany Bay and the Georges River as per attachment "A"
- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park.
- 11.4 All competitors shall follow all club directions with regard to COVID safety protocols.

12. Courses

- 12.1 Courses will be windward/leeward races with exact details to be included in the sailing instructions.
- 12.2 Racing shall be conducted using Grand Prix style finishes.
- 12.3 If sufficient lowrider boats enter to constitute a separate fleet, the race committee can elect to run an alternate course in discussion with the lowrider fleet, however in this instance lowriders will not be eligible for the Australian Open Championship.

13. Scoring

- 13.1 Six races are required to constitute a valid championship.
- 13.2 (a) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from seven to ten races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When eleven or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 13.3 The "Grand Prix"(Lapped Finish) finishing practice shall be used. This procedure will be described in full in the sailing instructions
- 13.4 Failure to sign on and off for a race shall be assigned a penalty as defined in the sailing instructions.

14. Coach and Support boats

- 14.1 Private coach or support boats will be required to be registered with the organising authority and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the OA. Boats shall display identifying flags at all times while they are acting as a coach or support boat. Registration and flags will be available before the commencement of the regatta.
- 14.2 Drivers may be required to attend a briefing/s.
- 14.3 Drivers shall hold a powerboat license from an Australian State Authority.
- 14.4 All registered coach and support boats will carry on board and operate while on the water at least one VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF Channels and agree to assist the RC if directed to do so.
- 14.5 Competitors shall not be tied or raft to a support boat from the first warning signal (or any other time the OA considers appropriate) of the day until racing has been concluded for the day. Between races, coach and support boats shall not transfer equipment to or from their supported boats unless in a medical or emergency requirement threatening the health of the skipper or the flotation of the boat and only with the expressed permission of the RC. (This does not include food or refreshments).
- 14.6 Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the SIs.

15. Prizes

The Australian National championship will be awarded ONLY if there are no state restrictions on travel that would prevent a competitor from attending. If restrictions are evident, the regatta shall award a regatta champion but not the Len Morris Open National Champion.

The following prizes will be awarded;

Australian National Championships;

- First placed Australian – 2023 Australian Champion (subject to state border travel restrictions)
- 1st to 3rd places – Open Championship
- First Australian Female
- First Australian Junior Master (aged 40-45 years of age, based on your age as at the 31st December 2022).
- First Australian Master: (Member of IMCA Aust aged 45 - 55 years of age based on your age as at the 31st December 2022).
- First Australian Grand Master (aged 55 years of age or older, based on your age as at the 31st December 2022).
- First Australian Junior (aged 21 years of age or younger, based on your age as at the 31st December 2022).

Australian National Championships Lowrider;

- First placed Australian – 2023 Lowrider Handicap Champion (subject to state border travel restrictions)
- 1st to 3rd places – Lowrider Handicap Champion
- First placed Australian - Lowrider Scratch Champion
- First Australian Junior (aged 21 years of age or younger, based on your age as at the 31st December 2022)
- First Australian Master: (Member of IMCA Aust aged 40 - 55 years of age based on your age as at the 31st December 2022).
- First Australian Grand Master (aged 55 years of age or older, based on your age as at the 31st December 2022).

Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

16. Radio and Cellular Communications

- 16.1 A boat shall not be permitted to send or receive radio transmissions or phone calls whilst racing
- 16.2 A boat is permitted to receive data whilst racing from public freely available data sources.
- 16.3 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.

17. Insurance

- 17.1 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.

18. Risk Statement

- 18.1 RRS 3 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”.
- 18.2 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 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.

- 18.3 This RISK WARNING is issued jointly by the Organising Authority and Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) (Maritime), pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002, to all persons wishing to participate in the 2022/2023 International Moth Class Australian National Championship.

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:

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

The Organising Authority and RMS (Maritime) 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 the 2022/2023 International Moth Class Australian National Championship.

Participants are also advised that although the Organising Authority 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.

19. Sustainability

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

20. Further Information

Further Information shall be made available on the International Moth class Website or contact

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Attachment A

