



31st MG14 Australian Championships

St George Sailing Club
and
MG14 Association of Australia Inc.

Sunday 1 to Friday 6 January 2023
Sans Souci, Australia

Notice of Race



St George Sailing Club, as the Organising Authority, in conjunction with the MG Association of Australia Inc, invites entries for the 2022-23 Australian Championships to be held at the St George Sailing Club 1-6 January 2023.



The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), available at this [link](#).
- 1.2 *The MG14 Class Rules*, available at this [link](#), apply.
- 1.3 *The Prescriptions and Special Regulations (Part 2) of Australian Sailing* will apply, available at this [link](#).

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available after 20 December, 2022 on
 - MG14 Association of Australia website at www.mg14.com/australian-championships and;
 - St George Sailing Club website at stgeorgesailing.com.au/mg14-nationals-2023/.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://www.mg14.com/australian-championships>.
- 3.2 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication freely available to all competitors.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Entry is open to all MG14/MG14B dinghies registered with the MG14 Association of NSW Inc for the 2022/2023 sailing season, and for which at least one Full Membership and one Associate Membership for the 2022/2023 season has been paid to the Association. The nominated helmsperson shall be a member of the MG14 Association of Australia Inc and the forward hand must be nominated at the time of entry. Online membership and boat registration can be found on the MG website at www.mg14.com/online-registration-form.
- 4.2 Handicaps will be determined by the Race Secretary based on historic records.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form on the event website and paying the required fee at <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/mg14ca/events/152519/>.



4.4 All competitors under 16 years of age as at 1 January 2023 are required to lodge a fully completed MG14 Association Junior Indemnity Form, attached to the online entry, which must be signed by a parent or guardian. This form can be downloaded when completing the online entry and submitted to MG14 Association prior to registration or submitted at St George Sailing Club at time of registration on Sunday 1 January 2023 or Monday 2 January (until 11:00am).

4.5 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.6 Late entries will be accepted until 11:00am Monday 2 January 2022.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

- Early bird entry fee: **\$300** submitted before or at 3pm on 9 December 2022.
- Entry fee: **\$350** submitted after 3pm 9 December 2022.

Entry fee includes two (2) tickets to the Presentation evening on 6 January 2023 and two (2) regatta shirts.

5.2 Other fees:

Additional shirts can be purchased for \$35 with registration.

Additional tickets to the Presentation will be available for \$50 with registration.

6 ADVERTISING

6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Registration:

Date	From	To
Sunday 1 January 2023	12:00pm	4:00pm
Monday 2 January 2023	9:00am	11:00am

7.2 **Equipment inspection and event measurement:**

Competing boats may be subject to inspection prior to the first race. The Race Committee and Technical Committee reserves the right to inspect any boat or equipment at any time for compliance with the class rules. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from a race or from the series.



7.3 Dates of racing:

Date	Event	Time
Sunday 1 January	Practice Race	Warning Signal not before 16:00
Monday 2 January	Briefing 11:30	First Warning Signal not before 13:30
	Race 1	
	Race 2	
Tuesday 3 January	Race 3	TBA
	Race 4	
Wednesday 4 January	Race 5	TBA
	Race 6	
Thursday 5 January	Race 7	TBA
	Race 8	
Friday 6 January	Race 9	No warning signal after 1530

8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1 A boat shall only use a maximum of two (2) jibs, one (1) mainsail, one (1) spinnaker, one (1) mast, one (1) boom, one (1) spinnaker pole, one (1) centreboard and one (1) rudder in the Championship.

8.2 Replacement equipment may be accepted at the discretion of the Association Measurer and shall not be made without the written approval of the Association Measurer. If the Association Measurer is not present, a member of the Race Committee may substitute.

Details of the damaged items and of the circumstances under which the damage occurred shall be submitted in writing to the Association Measurer along with the items for inspection.

9 VENUE

9.1 The regatta will be conducted by St George Sailing Club, 2 Riverside Drive Sans Souci, 2219. The racing area will be on Botany Bay and the Georges River, east of Captain Cook Bridge. Addendum 1 shows the approximate area of racing.

10 COURSES

10.1 Courses may be a combination of triangle, figure-8 and windward-leeward depending on wind conditions. Details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.



11 SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply along with Rule A5.3 and other relevant provisions of RRS Appendix A.
- 11.2 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3 When four races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- 11.4 When from five (5) to seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.5 When from eight (8) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst races.

12 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 12.1 [DP] Support personnel vessels shall register with the organising authority and display the identifying flag provided. Approved Support Boats shall keep at least 100m clear of the course area during racing, except when asked to assist by the race committee. Support boats must be able to communicate on the designated VHF frequency at all times.

14 RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
- 14.2 The Organising Authority, their officers, members, servants and agents 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.
- 14.3 All competitors who enter the MG14 National Championship, in doing so, have made a declaration to the Organising Authority that the nominated boat will, at all times before, during and after racing comply with the rules and requirements of the RRS, Transport NSW, Australian Sailing, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.



15 INSURANCE

- 15.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

16 PRIZES

- 16.1** The MG14 National Champion perpetual trophy will be awarded to the 1st MG14 in the overall scratch series.
- 16.2** The MG14 National Handicap Champion perpetual trophy will be awarded to the 1st MG14 or MG14B in the overall Handicap series.
- 16.3** Trophies will be awarded to the skipper and crew of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd boats in the overall scratch series and to the skipper and crew of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd boats in the overall handicap series, except that a boat awarded a scratch series trophy will not be eligible for a handicap series trophy.
- 16.4** Other prizes may be awarded subject to the discretion of the MG14 Association of Australia.

17 MEDIA

- 17.1** Participants at this event automatically grant to the organising authority and the sponsors of the event, 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 film television and other reproductions of them during the period in which they participate, and in all material related to the event without compensation.
- 17.2** Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority.
- 17.3** Competitors may be required for media interviews or press conferences at the regatta.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1** For further information please contact:

Lyn Hanlon, Secretary, MG14 Association of Australia,
mg14secretary@gmail.com.

or

Jack Andrew, Sailing Admin Manager, St George Sailing Club,
sail@stgeorgesailingclub.com.au.

- 18.2** Visit the MG14 website www.mg14.com/nationals for entry registration details and MG14 Association boat registration and membership.



Addendum 1

