



# **NOTICE OF RACE**

***Australian International A-Division Catamaran Association Inc.(AIADCA)***

## **RONSTAN 2017 A Class Catamaran Australian Championships**

**McCrae Yacht Club  
690 Point Nepean Road, McCrae, Victoria  
Saturday December 31st 2016 – Friday January 6th 2017**

Australian International A-Division Catamaran Association Inc (AIADCA), in conjunction with McCrae Yacht Club. invite entries from A-Division Catamaran Sailors to compete in the 2016 Australian International A-Division Catamaran Championships.

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the current rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the special regulations of Yachting Australia and the class rules of the International A-Division Catamaran Association (IACA), except as any of these are altered by the sailing instructions.

### **2. ADVERTISING**

- 2.1 The Regatta is classified as a category "C" event
- 2.2 The forward 25% of the hull is reserved by the Regatta Organising Committee for display of advertising by event sponsor(s). Boats intending to carry advertising should provide details of their sponsors on the entry form. Entrants will be advised if they are in conflict with the event sponsor(s). Tobacco advertising shall not be permitted.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1 The regatta is open to members of the AIADCA who are members of Yachting Australia. Eligible members may enter on the attached Entry Form, copies of which are available at [www.a-cat.org.au](http://www.a-cat.org.au) or upon Registration, accompanied by the required Entry Fee
- 3.2 Entries shall be made by close of Registration time on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 accompanied by a current Measurement Certificate (if AIADCA ID Numbers are not attached to mast, sail and hull).

### **4. ENTRY FEES**

- 4.1 An Entry Fee of \$300 shall be payable to the AIADCA.
- 4.2 A discount entry of \$200 shall apply to all entries received prior to Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Refer to attached Entry Form.
- 4.3 Present Completed Entry Form & Payment Receipt to Registration.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS .

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016

- Equipment Inspection 0900 – 1700hrs
- Registration 1500 – 1700hrs
- Welcome & NYE Function 1900hrs

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017

- Equipment Inspection 0900 - 1100hrs
- Registration 1000 – 1100hrs
- Practice Race(s) From 1400hrs

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2016

- Racing

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2016

- Racing

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016

- Racing

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016

- Racing

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016

- Racing
- Presentation Function 1900hrs

Up to Twelve (12) heats are scheduled. Heats not sailed as scheduled may be rescheduled at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

## 6. SCORING

The Low Point Scoring as per Appendix "A4" RRS will apply.

Up to 12 races are scheduled of which 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- (a) When 7 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) For the aged division for sailors 65 years and above results will be tabulated for boats series score excluding the 3 worst results when more than 8 races have been completed.

**7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.

**8. VENUE**

The event will be conducted from McCrae Yacht Club. The Regatta will be sailed on the waters of Port Phillip.

**9. COURSE**

The Course will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

**10. EQUIPMENT**

Competitors with current measurement certificates and conforming measurement stickers may enter these numbers in the attached entry form.

Equipment inspection and weighing of all boats will be mandatory as per timetable above and conducted in accordance with A Class Catamaran Measurement guidelines. New sails, boats, and equipment **must** be measured before arriving at the Championship. A fee will apply as per A Class guidelines.

**Facilities will not be available at the venue to undertake Fundamental Measurement.**

The Measurer may spot check boats at any time during the Regatta. A boat notified of inspection shall follow the instructions of the Measurers. Boats failing to measure in accordance with the rules will be scored DSQ from all race heats prior.

The IACA weight restriction of 75kgs minimum all up boat weight shall apply. It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure their boat meets the weight restriction and is correctly weighed. Weighing facilities will be available at the event.

**11. INSURANCE**

All boats shall have third party insurance cover of not less than AUD\$5,000.000 (AUD\$10,000,000 recommended).

All competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold valid Insurance.

**12. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

Appropriate approved buoyancy aids in accordance with Yachting Australia regulations apply.

**13. PRESIDENT'S CUP**

Skippers are eligible for the President's Cup category if they compete on a boat **not equipped with foiling centreboards.**

#### **14. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the first 5 overall places.

The winner will receive the Perpetual Trophy.

Prizes will also be awarded for the first 5 places in the President's Cup division.

Age division trophies will also be awarded to the highest placed sailor in each of the Junior (under 25), Masters (45-50), Grand Masters (51-55), Great Grand Masters (56-64) and Super Grand Masters (65 years and above) divisions. Prizes will be awarded as deemed appropriate by the organising committee.

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the AIADCA depending on number of entries.

#### **14. BOAT & TRAILER STORAGE, CAR PARKING**

Car and Boat storage is available adjacent to the club.

Limited trailer storage will be available to the East of the club and any overflow can be stored in the public car park in Bartels St, opposite the club.

#### **15. ENTRY DISCLAIMER**

A competitor agrees to be bound by the Racing Rules of the ISAF; the prescriptions and Racing Regulations of Yachting Australia, the IACA & AIADCA Class Rules, all as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states:

"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

The Organising Authority, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury, loss, or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the event, or howsoever arising in connection with the event.

#### **16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

16.1 Protest forms will be available from the McCrae YC Tower. Protests and requests for redress or reopening must be delivered to the Principal Race Officer or his delegate within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is 1 hour after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

If the last race of the day has been abandoned or postponed the time limit will be 1 hour from the signalling of the abandonment or postponement.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Protest Room located at the McCrae YC.

16.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).

16.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing must be delivered:

(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; or

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on the last scheduled day.

This changes Rule 66.

16.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision must be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes Rule 62.2.

- 16.7 Breach of Sailing Instruction 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 or 25 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes Rule 60.1(a).
- 16.8 A competitor may not protest on a question of measurement or equipment control later than the normal protest time applying to Race 1 except on the ground that there has been a subsequent alteration to the boat or its equipment.
- 16.9 A mediation hearing may be conducted for protests lodged in accordance with RRS 60.1(a) which allege an infringement of a rule of Part 2. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.

One representative of each boat shall attend and no witnesses will be allowed. The mediator shall decide the manner in which the testimony is given.

The Race Committee will appoint the mediator. Should the protest proceed to a protest hearing then the mediator may be a member of that protest committee.

RRS 63.1 is amended. Protests, which are the subject of a mediation hearing, may be withdrawn.

After taking testimony at a mediation hearing the mediator shall make one of the following conclusions:

- (a) The protest does not comply with RRS 60 and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
- (b) The matter shall proceed to a protest hearing. This may be because rules other than Part 2 are involved, or because evidence is too complex or divergent to reach a reasonable and timely conclusion, or due to the apparent severity of the alleged infringement, or for any other reason decided by the mediator.
- (c) There was no infringement and the protestor may withdraw the protest.
- (d) There has been an infringement by one or more of the boats involved, the infringing boat(s) may accept a penalty equal to 50% of the penalty that would result from a disqualification, and if so accepted, the protestor shall withdraw the protest.

## 17. ACCOMODATION

McCrae Yacht Club is located on the shores of Port Phillip on the Mornington Peninsula, Victoria.

Accommodation: Various forms of accommodation are available throughout the region. These range from local campgrounds and caravan parks to guest houses and motels.

Websites:

[www.stayz.com.au](http://www.stayz.com.au)

[www.homeaway.com.au](http://www.homeaway.com.au)

[www.discovermorningtonpeninsula.com.au](http://www.discovermorningtonpeninsula.com.au)

[www.expedia.com.au](http://www.expedia.com.au)

[www.airbnb.com.au](http://www.airbnb.com.au)

## 18. TOURISM

A vast array of activities and attractions can be found in the local area ranging from wineries to horse riding, golfing, other water activities, art and culture events.

Current events and attractions can be found at [www.visitmorningtonpeninsula.org](http://www.visitmorningtonpeninsula.org)

# ENTRY FORM

## RONSTAN 2017 A Class Catamaran Australian Championships

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....STATE ..... POSTCODE .....

AGE (at 01/01/2016).....(parental consent required for those competitors under 18)

TELEPHONE Home (.....)..... Work (.....).....  
Mobile ..... Email .....

BOAT NAME ..... SAIL NUMBER .....

AIADCA HULL ID ..... AIADCA MAST ID ..... AIADCA SAIL ID .....

LOCAL SAILING CLUB .....YA MEMBERSHIP CARD #.....

- The nominated boat conforms to the measurement rules of ISAF, IACA, AIADCA
- The nominated boat is covered by insurance including a minimum  
\$AUD 5 (Five) Million Dollars public liability Policy # ..... Expiry.....
- Regatta entry fee - \$200.00 (if paid by 30<sup>th</sup> November) \$.....
- Regatta entry fee - \$300.00 (if paid after 30<sup>th</sup> November) \$.....
- AIADCA Membership fee - \$50.00 (covers September-August) \$.....
- Total (by cheque payable to AIADCA) – see below address** \$.....
- <sup>or</sup> **Electronic Deposit to AIADCA (Name & SAIL NO as Description)** \$.....
- ANZ Bank  
A/c Name AIADCA  
BSB 013658  
A/C 5139 83751 Payment Reference #.....Date.....

- I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of the ISAF; the prescriptions and Racing Regulations of Yachting Australia, the IACA & AIADCA Class Rules, all as modified by the Sailing Instructions. The Organising Authority, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury, loss, or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the event, or howsoever arising in connection with the event.

Signed ..... Date ...../...../.....

Entries must be emailed to the Secretary [secretary@a-cat.org.au](mailto:secretary@a-cat.org.au). Any issues contact Michael Kopp 0418991884

**AIADCA ENTRY FORM (part 2)**

**Parental Consent for Competitor under 18 years of Age.**

**Name of Juvenile ..... Date of Birth .....**

**Name of Parent, Legal Guardian or Custodian .....**

**Address.....**

**Phone .....**

**I declare that I am the parent / legal guardian or custodian of the above juvenile and I consent to him/her participating in racing and I hereby indemnify and release the Australian A-Division Catamaran Association inc. And South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club inc., its officers and personnel, from any claim or demand that I may have arising from these activities.**

**Signed ..... (Parent, Legal; Guardian or Custodian)**

**Date .....**