

Victorian - International A Class Catamaran Championship 2020

7th March to 9th March 2020

The Organising Authority will be the Australian International A Division Catamaran Assn Inc (AIADCA) under the authority of Australian Sailing (AS) in conjunction with Westernport yacht Club

Hosted by Westernport Yacht Club located at 1 Foreshore Road, Balnarring Beach, Victoria 3926

NOTICE OF RACE

(DP denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. 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

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and AS Special Regulations Part 2 will apply

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

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3.2. Boats may compete in the following disciplines:

Foiling

Classic

Classic discipline is defined here:

http://www.a-cat.org/sites/default/files/definition_of_classic_v5.pdf

3.3. Eligible boats may enter online via <https://www.trybooking.com/BHDOO>

4. ENTRY FEES (NP)

Entry Fee AUD \$150

5. REGATTA SCHEDULE

5.1. Schedule

Saturday 7th March 2020

- Registration 1000 – 1100hrs
- Racing From 1300hrs
- Welcome Function After sailing

Sunday 8th March 2020

- Racing

Monday 9th March 2020

- Racing
- Presentation

5.2. Maximum of nine (9) races in total are scheduled

5.3. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:00.

6. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT CHECKS (DP)

6.1. Competitors shall present current measurement certificates for sail, platform and mast or provide AIADCA measurement sticker numbers for sail, platform and mast

6.2. Equipment inspection 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.

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

6.4. 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

6.5. The Technical Committee may spot check boats at any time during the Regatta.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Regatta noticeboard.

8. VENUE

The racing area will be on the waters of Westernport Bay off Westernport Yacht Club.

9. COURSE

The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward course as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11. SCORING

- 11.1.** 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series
- 11.2.** When 4 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.3.** When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.4.** For the purpose of results in the aged division for Great Grand Masters only, results will be tabulated for boats series score excluding the 3 worst results.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1.** Prizes will be given as follows:
Open Discipline 1st to 3rd
Classic Discipline 1st to 3rd
- 12.2.** Division trophies may also be awarded to the highest placed sailor in each division depending on entry numbers:
Lady
Junior (under 25)
Open (25-44)
Masters (45-54)
Grand Masters (55-64)
Great Grand Masters (65+)
- 12.3.** Ages will be determined as at Saturday 7th March 2020 and the awarding of prizes will depend on number of entries.
- 12.4.** Top 3 placings are ineligible to win any of the senior age category prizes
- 12.5.** Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the AIADCA

13. DISCLAIMER 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.

14. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. (AUD \$10,000,000 is recommended).

15. SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT (DP) (NP)

General: By completing Entry, competitors shall comply with the following:

- 15.1.** Put safety of yourself and competitors above race results;
- 15.2.** Keep the boat park and sailing area clean of any debris;
- 15.3.** Do not leave the beach to sail without the necessary safety precautions.
- 15.4.** All competitors are strongly advised to wear a safety helmet which complies with or is accredited to EN 1385 at all times whilst racing.

16. PHOTOGRAPHY

By entering the Regatta 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.

17. BOAT STORAGE (NP) (DP)

Boat storage is available in the designated area of the club.

18. TRAILERS, CARS, AND SUPPORT BOATS (NP) (DP)

18.1. Competitors and their support crews are requested to comply with directions as given by the Organising Authority.

18.2. Support Boats may be stored in the designated area of the club BUT only if space is available.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

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20. ACCOMODATION

Camping - Reserve C of the Balnarring Camp Ground is adjacent to the Club for those who want to camp. For information on the campground go to <http://www.balnarring.net/camping>. Camp sites need to be booked individually and soon!

Houses Rentals – Holiday Houses within Balnarring Beach can be rented. Go to www.stayz.com.au/Balnarring

Hotels – Information and bookings for The Balnarring Motor Inn, go to <http://www.balmotel.com.au/>. More hotels are available in Hastings and Flinders

Bed and Breakfasts – A few choices within 20 minute radius, for example try the Orchard at <http://www.the-orchard.com.au/>