

Australian International A Class Catamaran 2020-21 Australian Championships

Sunday 31st January to Thursday 4th February 2021

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

Hosted at The Bay Sailing Centre (formerly Port Stephens Sailing & Aquatic Club) located at Seaview Crescent, Soldiers Point NSW 2317.

NOTICE OF RACE

as amended 27/01/2020

(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 which take effect on 1st January 2021, the special regulations of Australian Sailing 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 (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

3.1. The regatta is open to boats of the International A Division Catamaran class sailors of whom are current members of AIADCA and AS

3.2. Entries shall be made by close of Registration time

3.3. Valid Measurement certificates for sail, platform, and mast may be required to be presented at Registration or at any time during the Regatta on request.

3.4. The Committee may request evidence of a current Insurance certificate at Registration, or at any time during the Regatta.

3.5. Boats may compete in the following fleets

- Open
- Classic Discipline

Classic Discipline is defined here:

https://www.a-cat.org/sites/default/files/2020.02.14-definition_of_classic_2020_1.pdf

Also ref: https://www.a-cat.org/sites/default/files/ClassicRule2_0.pdf

https://www.a-cat.org/sites/default/files/ClassicRule3_0.pdf

3.6. Eligible boats may enter online via

<https://www.mysailingclub.com.au/event/GHJMT>

4. ENTRY FEES (NP)

Entry Fee AUD \$200

5. REGATTA SCHEDULE

5.1. Schedule

Sunday 31st January 2021

Registration & Administration 1200hrs – 1600hrs

Monday 1st February 2021

Competitor briefing 0900 hrs

Racing

Tuesday 2nd February 2021

Racing

Wednesday 3rd February 2021

Racing

Thursday 4th February 2021

Racing

Presentation Prizes 1900hrs

5.2. 12 Races in total are scheduled with a maximum of 4 races to be sailed in any one day.

5.3. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

6. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT CHECKS (DP)

6.1. Competitors shall present current measurement certificates for sail, platform and mast. *Note previously issued AIADIA equipment stickers are no longer valid.*

6.2. Equipment inspection may be 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.

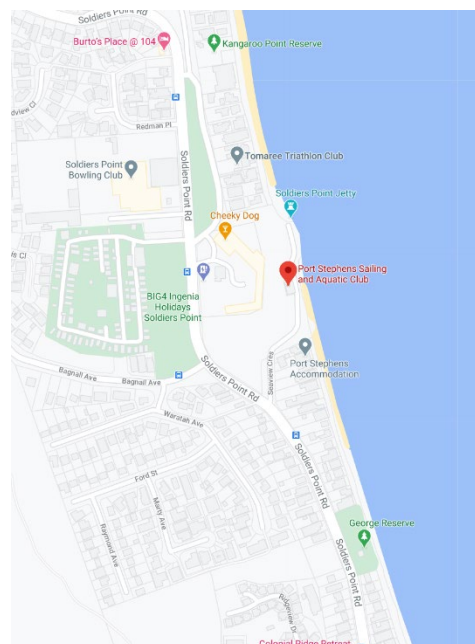
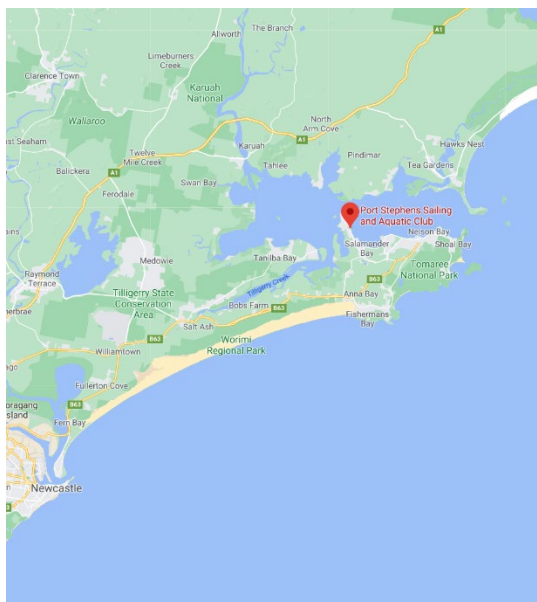
7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Sailor App Regatta link.

7.2. The Sailing Instructions will also be posted at the Regatta noticeboard at The Bay Sailing Centre from 2 days prior to the event.

8. VENUE

The racing area will be on the waters of Salamander Bay off The Bay Sailing Centre (previously known as Port Stephens Sailing & Aquatic Club). Map of area is shown here:



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.** 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series
- 11.2.** When 7 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.3.** 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.
- 11.4.** For the purpose of results in the aged division for Great Grand Masters only, when 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 3 worst scores.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1.** Prizes will be given as follows:
Open 1st to 5th
Classic 1st to 5th
- 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 of 1st January 2021 and the awarding of prizes will depend on number of entries.
- 12.4.** Top 3 placings in either fleet are ineligible to win any of the senior age category prizes
- 12.5.** The top placed Australian will be awarded the title 2021 Australian Champion
- 12.6.** The top placed Classic Discipline boat will receive the Australian Perpetual trophy for the Classic Discipline
- 12.7.** 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. Do not leave the beach to sail without the necessary safety precautions;
- 15.3. All competitors are strongly advised to wear whilst racing, a safety helmet which complies with or is accredited to EN 1385 .
- 15.4. The CovidSafe plan implemented by NCYC at the Bay Sailing Centre site.

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 at George Reserve and Kangaroo Reserve, map of area is shown here: <https://goo.gl/maps/yEspa5M4DfeTnvHT7>

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

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19. ACCOMODATION & TOURISM

19.1. Accommodation options:

- 19.1.1. <https://www.portstephens.org.au/stay/>
- 19.1.2. www.stayz.com.au
- 19.1.3. www.expedia.com.au
- 19.1.4. www.airbnb.com.au

19.2. Local tourism: www.portstephens.org.au/see-and-do/

