

ARAFURA SHORT OFFSHORE SERIES 2020 Notice of Race

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) is The Darwin Sailing Club (DSC)

1. RULES AND REGULATIONS

- General The races will be governed by the current versions of:
 - the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020 (“RRS”) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF), including Appendix WP.
 - the ORC 2020 Rule;
 - the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (“ASSR”);
 - the event is also governed by the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea (1972),
 - NT Maritime requirements, and applicable Darwin Ports Corporation requirements; and
 - this Notice of Race (“NoR”), except as any of these are modified by the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
 - the Special Regulations:
 - Each boat shall comply with the nominated Race Category of each race and carry on board the specific equipment applicable under the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1, which will be Category 4 except that SR 3.25.4(b) will apply. An alternative antenna may be substituted where it can be demonstrated that it provides identical or superior range to the mast head antenna.
 - All boats are required to submit a Special Regulations Compliance Declaration Form applicable for the category of race, with their series or race entry.
 - All boats are required to carry a VHF radio and shall maintain a 24 hour listening watch for the duration of their race on VHF Channel 16
- Changes to the RRS:
 - RRS 41: Whilst racing a boat may retrieve data from any page of the event websites or dwnsail.com.au, even if those pages are not publicly available.
 - RRS 50.2 & 50.3: Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits will be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.
 - RRS 52: Double Handed yachts may use self-steering equipment.
 - RRS 61.3: No protests may be submitted after 1800 hours (CST) on 21st October 2020, except when seeking redress as a result of a jury decision. There is no time limit on protests by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee.
 - An AIS Transponder is recommended.
 - Notices and Amendments Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the ground floor of the Sailing Tower and on the event website.

2. **ADVERTISING**

- Boats may be required to display an event sponsor's name and/or logo in accordance with WS Regulation 20.

3. **ELIGIBILITY OF BOATS**

- Boats must comply with AS SR Part 1 for Category 4 races.
- Have a minimum waterline length of 6.0 metres and not be classified as a "DAYBOAT"; and
- Provide a current DSC, or AS SR Equipment Compliance Form for Category 4 events (or higher category), signed and dated by the owner or owner's representative.
- The OA may require an audit of the boat against the Equipment Compliance Form.
- Be registered with a Yacht Club affiliated with its National Authority.

4. **ELIGIBILITY OF CREW AND QUALIFICATIONS**

- Crew eligibility shall be as per the AS SR for Category 4 events. The OA may request evidence of the crew's qualifications be provided no later than the close of entries as listed in the NoR
- The following additional arrangements shall apply.
- The minimum number of crew (including the person in charge) on any boat shall be two.
- The majority of crew should be a minimum age of 18 years.
- All crew members must be a member of a Club affiliated with a state or territory yachting authority (MYA) of Australian Sailing, or their MNA and Australian Sailing Sailor Identification Number (or equivalent) holder.
- A boat's crew list may be changed to correct errors, to amend for late crew changes or after protest, but shall not be changed later than one hour prior to the starting signal. After a change to the crew list, the boat shall still satisfy the requirements of this NoR.
- Determination of Eligibility. A decision of the OA or RC as to any matter under the eligibility section of this NoR, including as to whether a boat and her crew meet the eligibility criteria for entry in the race is final and binding and will not be grounds for a request for redress.

5. **SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR ENTRY AND DOCUMENTATION DETAILS**

Boat entries and crew details shall be submitted online through the SailSys online entry system at <https://dwnsail.com.au/sailing/racing/race-entry-results/>

- An entry is invalid (refer to RRS 76.1) until the appropriate completed documentation has been submitted, reviewed and approved by the Sailing Office. Eligible boats shall lodge their entry to compete and update their crew details (per race) at least 72 hours prior to the start of the applicable race. Refer to the NoR Schedule of Events and close of entries.
- The OA is not responsible for any failure of, or errors in the information provided to it through the on-line entry systems.

- The owner and the Person in Charge must provide the OA a:
 - A completed current AS SR Equipment Compliance Form for Category 4 races
 - Submit online a completed Crew List, qualifications and Next of Kin contact details
 - Submit on line a Colour digital photograph of the boat under sail, no older than 12 months and suitable for search and rescue purposes. The image must have a resolution of not less than 400DPI;
 - Personal information about crew members is obtained from the crew lists. That information is obtained for use in search and rescue operations. The information may be provided to search and rescue authorities and organisations, the water police, volunteer rescue organisations and media representatives and may be passed on to them by other organisations. A condition of entry is that the Person in Charge must inform all crew members that their personal information may be used for SAR purposes and advise them that they may obtain access to their personal information by contacting the OA.

- Changes to supplied documentation
 - Documentation supplied or held by the OA under this notice of Race (other than crew lists) must not be changed (except to correct errors or after protest) after 24 hours from the close of entry.
 - A boat's crew list may be changed to correct errors, to amend for late crew changes or after protest, but shall not be changed later than two hours prior to the starting signal. After any change to a crew list the boat shall still satisfy the general requirements of this NoR.
 - Changes to the crew or details of any crew member shall be updated in a boat's entry via the online entry system and the OA notified of the change.
 - The Sailing Office will confirm an eligible entry prior to the start of each race via email communication or telephone.

- **FEES**
 - There is no entry fee for DSC registered boats
 - Non-member series entry \$ 45
 - Non-member Casual – one race \$ 10

- 6. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**
 - Anglers Reef Start: 1000 hours 20 June 2020
 - Fish Reef Start: 1000 hours 04 July 2020
 - Buchanan Island Start: 1000 hours 18 July 2020
 - Rooper Rock Start: 1000 hours 15 August 2020
 - Latitude Race Start: 1000 hours 12 September 2020
 - Marsh Shoal Start: 1000 hours 17 October 2020

- 7. **HANDICAP**
 - Div. 1 & 4: ORC Club Handicaps will be used. DSC Performance Handicap (Offshore) results will also be provided.
 - Div. 3: DSC Performance Handicap (Offshore) results will be used.

- The Race Committee at its discretion may allocate boats to divisions within a handicap category. This shall not be subject protest or request for redress. Changes RRS 60.1 and 62.1.
8. **SCORING**
- Results will be decided by the application of Time Correction Factors (TCFs) as a multiplier of elapsed times. The TCF will be determined by the RC and shall not be subject to protest or request for redress. Changes RRS 60.1(a) and 62.1(a). ORC TCFs will be updated from the published information on the ORC website 24 hours before the race start.
 - The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first. Appendix A scoring will apply after application of Time Correction Factors, where applicable.
 - Three races shall constitute a series.
9. **PROTESTS**
- The Protest Limit Times shall be 1500hrs on the Sunday immediately after the scheduled race start. Protest forms shall be submitted to the DSC Sailing Office as per RRS 61.2
 - There is no time limit on protests by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee.
 - Protests may be held at the DSC Clubhouse on the following Thursday evening, unless an alternative time is agreed by the Protest Committee and all parties to the protest.
 - Requests to postpone a hearing must be in writing to the Protest Committee Chairman.
 - A notice advising the time of hearing of any protests will be posted on the Official Notice Board after the finish of protest time.
 - Display of the protest notice is the official notification to the parties that a protest hearing is to be held. DSC will, in addition, make reasonable attempts by email or telephone to advise parties to the protest of the time, date and place of the hearing.
 - The outcome of any protest hearing will be displayed on the DSC Official Notice Board and made available on the club's website.
10. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
- Sailing Instructions will be published on the DSC website www.dwnsail.com.au not less than 48 hours prior to the scheduled start time.
11. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
- The OA, the Race Committee, the event sponsors and their respective representatives, officers, members and volunteers accept no liability whatsoever for any loss of life, property, personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the Arafura Short Offshore Point Score Series.
 - The Owner and or the Person In Charge and all crew are aware and acknowledge by entering the race that they compete entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to the ISAF fundamental Rule 4 "Decision to Race" which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

12. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY & RESPONSIBILITIES

- By submitting an entry, the Owner and or Person in charge agrees to be bound by all the rules and conditions of the race and acknowledges and accepts:
 - a. That for the Arafura Short Offshore Point Score Series the OA and or Race Committee reserve the right to alter or vary any part of the race, including its course should they believe that conditions prevent the safe conduct of a race.
 - b. The OA may alter or vary any part of the race, including its course for other reason agreed by the entrants, unless such entrant is ranked DNC;
 - c. They and the crew are familiar with and understand the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 - 2020 and the boat complies (where applicable) with all the Australian Sailing Special Regulations;
 - d. They and the crew are familiar with and understand Rule 4 “Decision to Race,” Addendum A (Safety Equipment) and Rule 1.02 “Owners Responsibility” of the Australian Sailing Special Regulations;
 - e. They and the crew are familiar with and understand the Declaration of Compliance and Disclaimer and Acknowledgement of Rights.
- The Owner and or Person in Charge acknowledge that all their crew are satisfied as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of the boat, all safety equipment aboard the boat and insurance arrangements. The entry of the boat is acknowledgment that the Owner and or Person in Charge and all crew are individually aware of and conversant with the risks involved in the sport of offshore racing and that the participation in this event is entirely at the risk of the Owner and or Person in Charge and crew;
- The owner and or Person in Charge warrant the suitability of the boat for the race;
- The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the Owner and or Person in Charge who must ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, and managed by a crew of sufficient number and experience who are physically fit. The Owner and or Person in Charge must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. They must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used;
- Neither the existence of these conditions, and their use by the race organisers, or the inspection of the boat pursuant to these conditions in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the Owner and or Person in Charge and crew;
- Neither The Darwin Sailing Club nor its officers, employees nor agents shall be responsible or liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused to the owner/charterer, his or her skipper or crew or their property as a result of their taking part in the Arafura Short Offshore Point Score Series and their related activities, including pre - start and post - finish operations and related shore activities;
- Neither The Darwin Sailing Club nor its officers, employees or agents will be liable for any costs or expenses that may be incurred as a result of special assistance at sea being arranged for any reason whatsoever;

13. INSURANCE

- All boats shall have a current marine legal public liability insurance policy for the duration of race, with a sum insured of not less than AUD\$10 million (or its equivalent in another currency). The policy must state that the boat is insured for the race (or racing) in which it is participating in and that it is covered for a length greater than the length of the race in which it is participating.

14. CHARTS

- Charts shall be carried on board, in accordance to AS SR Part 1 - 4.10.1.
- It is the responsibility of the person - in - charge to ensure the boat carries suitably updated copies of all charts necessary for the safe navigation of the yacht at all times. Where electronic charts are being used in addition to paper charts it is the responsibility of the person - in - charge of the vessel to ensure the electronic charts have been suitably updated.

- 15. DECLARATION FORMS** All boats shall complete a Race Declaration Form at the completion of each scheduled race. Declarations shall be submitted to the Sailing Office no later than 1500hrs on the Sunday immediately after each scheduled race. Failure to do so shall score the boat as a Did Not Finish (DNF) unless the Race Committee decides otherwise.

16. RESULTS AND PRIZES

- All reasonable endeavour will be made to publish Provisional race results by 1800hrs on the Sunday following a series race start, unless there is a protest un-heard at that time.
- Series Point Score prizes may be awarded at the Annual Presentation.
- Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

17. MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

- The Owner and or Person in Charge of the boat and all crew members acknowledge that the OA owns all media rights and may exercise those rights.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

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