



**2018 Darwin Open Match Racing Regatta
8th – 11th June, 2018**

OPEN WS GRADE 3 MATCH RACING REGATTA

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Darwin Sailing Club

2 VENUE

The venue will be Darwin Sailing Club, Fannie Bay, NT, Australia.

3 EVENT GRADING

The event has been granted World Sailing Grade 3 status for the regatta. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

- 4.1 The regatta will be held between Friday 8th and Monday 11th June 2018. There will be provision for practise on Thursday 7th June 2018

Friday 8th June 2018

0730 – 0900 hrs	Registration & Crew Weigh-in
0800 – 0900	Breakfast & Media
0930 – 0945 hrs	Teams Briefing
1055	First Warning
1830 hrs	Welcome Function

Saturday 9th – Sunday 10th June 2018

0730 hrs	Breakfast – Waterfront Bistro
0830 hrs	Briefing & Boat Draw
0955 hrs	First Warning

ASAP after racing Skipper Media Conference & Umpires Debrief

Monday 11th June 2018

0730 hrs Breakfast – Waterfront Bistro

0830 hrs Briefing & Boat Draw

0955hrs First Warning

1630 hrs No race start after this time

ASAP after racing Skipper Media Conference & Umpires Debrief

1800 hrs Awards Ceremony and Dinner

4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- (a) Teams Briefing, Press Conference & Welcome Function – teams.
- (b) Daily briefing, for skippers.
- (c) Press Conferences, for skippers.
- (d) Awards Ceremony - teams

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 Not more than ten skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
- 5.2 Skippers wishing to enter should register their interest with the OA by completing the online “Application for Entry” by 1700 hrs on Friday 13th April 2018. Late ‘Applications for Entry’ may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
- 5.3 To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing, (fax or e-mail is acceptable) to be received by the date specified on the ‘Invitation to Enter’.
- 5.4 A non-refundable entry bond of \$AUS 500 shall accompany the acceptance of the invitation for this to be valid. This may be deducted from the full entry fee.
- 5.5 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2.
- 5.6 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.
- 5.7 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

6 ENTRIES

6.1 Entering

Invited teams may enter by completing the ‘Confirmation of Entry’ form included in the ‘Invitation to Enter’ documents. The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card, bank deposit, cash or cheque.

6.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of AU\$1,200 shall be paid by 1700 hrs on Wednesday 30th May 2018.

6.3 Withdrawal

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by the ISAF. (WS Regulation 27.2)

6.4 Damage deposit

- (a) An initial damage deposit of AU\$ 1,000 shall be paid on, or before registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- (b) If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- (c) In the event that the OA insurance refuses to pay for damage the skipper(s) shall be liable for all damage incurred
- (c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 business days of the conclusion of the event.

7 RULES

- 7.1 (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS 2017-2020, including Appendix C.
- (b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- (c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.
- (d) The official event notice board will be at the regatta office.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- 8.1 The event will be sailed Elliott 7 type boats.
- 8.2 Four boats will be provided.
- 8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib and Asymmetrical Spinnaker
- 8.4 Boats will be allocated by the race committee.

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be not more than five. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 9.2 **Crew Weighing**
- (a) The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 350 kg, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.
- 9.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 9.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.
- 9.5 All competitors while aboard the Elliot 7's shall wear a Personal Floatation Device ("PFD") at all times during the series. Competitors are to provide their own compliant PFD. In the event that a competitor is unable to provide a compliant PFD the OA may provide one.

10 EVENT FORMAT

- 10.1 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on the World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event.
- 10.2 The event will consist of the following stages:
- Stage 1 - Rounds robin.
 - Stage 2 - Quarter finals – first to score three points
 - Stage 3 - Semi Finals- first to score three points
 - Stage 4– Petit Finals – first to score two points
 - Stage 5 - Finals – first to score three points
- 10.3 The RC may change the format and/or, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.-

11 COURSE

- 11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with optional offset legs in the event of significant cross course current, resulting in either port or starboard roundings and finishing downwind.
- 11.2 The intended course area will be set on the waters of Fannie Bay, NT and is shown on Australian Chart AUS 26.

12 ADVERTISING

- 12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, ISAF regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 12.2 Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.

- 12.3 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 The principal award for first place will be the Darwin Open Match Racing Regatta Trophy.
- 13.2 Dependent on sponsorship arrangements other prizes(s), may be awarded.
- 13.3 The OA may withhold awards, in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request including attendance at official functions.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

- 14.1 If required by the OA, cameras and equipment supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
- 14.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.
- 14.3 The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

15 COACH BOATS

- 15.1 The OA will provide boats from which coaches may observe racing and communicate with their teams between matches. Individual coach boats will not be permitted.
- 15.2 No coach boats will be permitted.
- 15.4 The OA will not provide berths for coach boats. Coach boats may be anchored in Fannie Bay.
- 15.5 Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the Protest Committee to the associated skipper or team

16 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- 16.1 Each team is requested to provide a burgee of the club they represent approximately 90cm long for display ashore.

17 DISCLAIMER

All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

18 INVITATIONS

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited please register your request for an invitation as soon as possible with the OA by completing the on-line form at <https://dwnsail.com.au/sailing/match-racing/darwin-open-match-racing-regatta/>

