

NOTICE OF RACE

John Cootes Furniture Warehouse Open Catamaran Regatta

(Incorporating the F18 National Championships 2013)

26th – 28th January 2013

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The John Cootes Furniture Warehouse Open Catamaran Regatta 2013, incorporating the F 18 Association's National Championships will be conducted on the waters of southern Lake Macquarie on the 26th – 28th January 2013. Owners and charterers of eligible boats are invited to enter the regatta on the conditions of this Notice of Race. The races are organised and conducted by the Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club in conjunction with the F18 Association.

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the following;

1.1.1 2009/2012 Racing Rules of Sailing,

1.1.2 The Prescriptions and Special regulations of Yachting Australia,

1.1.3 The rules of relevant Class Associations (for competing classes) except as amended by the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions and,

1.1.4 The sailing instructions as amended from time to time.

1.1.5 Attention is drawn to Fundamental RRS4 – Decision to Race.

1.1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 This event is conducted under ISAF Regulation 20.

2.2 A boat shall display the sponsor's bow decals (if supplied by the Organising Authority) at all times during the Regatta.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached Open Cat regatta entry form and forwarding it, together with the required fee, by one of the following methods;

3.1.1 By post to the Regatta Registration Officer, Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club, PO Box 7196 or,

3.1.2 By email to *regattas@manningparkasc.org.au* including the receipt number issued when making payment by EFT into Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club's bank account (details on entry form or can be found on the Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club website *www.manningparkasc.org.au*) or,

3.1.3 In Person at the registration desk at the Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club on Saturday the 26th January between 0900 & 1000.

3.2 Entries will be taken for four Catamaran divisions.

3.2.1 Division 1 – Boats 4.9 meters in length or greater with a VYC yardstick 72 or less.

3.2.2 Division 2 – Boats 4.9 meters in length or greater with a VYC yardstick greater than 72.

3.2.3 Division 3 - Boats under 4.9 meters in length.

3.2.4 F18 Division

3.3 Entry Fees are;

3.3.1 One man boat - \$60.00

3.3.2 Two Man boat - \$80.00

3.4 The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse any entry.

3.5 The Organising Authority reserves the right to consolidate divisions if less than 5 boats enter in any one division.

4. RACE SCHEDULE

4.1 Saturday 26th January 2013;

4.1.1 0900 until 1000 – Competitor Registration.

4.1.2 1000 – Competitor Meeting/Briefing.

4.1.3 Race 1 warning signal not before 1100.

4.1.4 Subsequent race warning signals will be made as soon as possible after the completion of previous race/s or expiry of the previous race/s time limit.

4.1.5 No warning signal will be made after 1600.

4.2 Sunday 27th January 2013.

4.2.1 BBQ breakfast will be available at MPASC clubhouse from 0830.

4.2.2 First warning signal not before 1000.

4.2.3 Subsequent race warning signals will be made as soon as possible after the completion of previous race/s or expiry of the previous race/s time limit.

4.2.4 No warning signal will be made after 1600.

4.3 Monday 28th January 2013.

4.3.1 BBQ breakfast will be available at MPASC clubhouse from 0830.

4.3.2 First warning signal not before 1000.

4.3.3 Subsequent race warning signals will be made as soon as possible after the completion of previous race/s or expiry of the previous race/s time limit.

4.3.4 No warning signal will be made after 1500.

4.3.5 Presentation of prizes will be made as soon as possible after the completion of the final race.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Sailing instructions will be available at the Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club registration desk on Saturday 26th January 2013.

6. COURSES

6.1 Races will be conducted on the southern end of Lake Macquarie in the vicinity of Mannering Park.

6.2 Course diagrams will be available with the sailing instructions.

7. PENALTY SYSTEM

7.1 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one complete turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

8. SCORING

8.1 The VYC yardstick handicap system will be used for Divisions One (1) and Two (2) for this regatta. If a VYC Yardstick is unavailable the Koonawarra Handicap Rating will be used.

8.2 The Koonawarra Handicap Rating will be used for Division Three. If a Koonawarra Handicap Rating is unavailable the VYC Yardstick handicap will be applied.

8.3 If both a VYC Yardstick and Koonawarra Handicap Rating is unavailable for a boat entering the regatta, the Organizing Authority will determine the handicap.

8.4 Final allocation of handicaps rests with the Organising Authority.

8.5 The low point scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules will apply.

8.5.1 A minimum of 3 races is required to be completed to constitute a series.

8.5.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

8.5.3 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

9. PRIZES

9.1 Prizes will be given to the first three boats in each division.

9.2 Additional prizes may be given at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

9.3 F18 prizes to be awarded as designated by the F18 Association.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

10.1 All those taking part in the John Cootes Furniture Warehouse Open Catamaran Regatta 2013 (incorporating the F18 National Championships) do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Organising Authority, the Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club, and any other organisation connected with the event, their officials, employees, agents and any sponsors, disclaim any and every responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience that may occur to persons or things, both ashore and on the water, as a consequence of their participation in any way in the race.

10.2 Specific 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.

11. INSURANCE

11.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party property liability insurance with a minimum policy cover of \$5 million for any one incident over the period of the Regatta, event or equivalent.

11.2 Signing the Entry form indicates that the Skipper has acknowledged that the boat is insured as per this requirement.

12. GENERAL INFORMATION

12.1 Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club is located at the end of Grace Street, Mannering Park on the eastern side of Vales Point Peninsula. The rigging area is east of the club. Mannering Park has general shops to purchase groceries, fuel & other items. During the regatta meals, light snack and refreshments will be available from the club canteen.

Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club

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Entry Form

Boat Type:	Rig:	VYC Yardstick:
Boat Name:	Sail No:	Division:
Sail Colour (From Top):	Hull/Deck (Colour):	

Skipper's Details:	Name:
	Address: _____
	Email:
	Club:

Crew Details:	Name:
	Club:

Entry Declaration:

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of the International Sailing Federation and all other rules that govern the event. I acknowledge that Rule 4 (Decision of Race) places me solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing. I further acknowledge and agree that in consideration of the John Cootes Furniture Warehouse Open Cat Regatta 2013 (Incorporating the F18 National Championships) Notice of Race, Clause 10 (Disclaimer), that my participation is entirely at my own risk. I acknowledge that I have insurance cover of a level sufficient to cover my racing activities.

Competitor's Full name: _____

Entry Fees:

Signature: _____

Single Handed: \$60.00

Double Handed: \$80.00

Date: _____

Return to: Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club
PO Box 7196
Mannering Park 2259

Payment Methods:

Direct To Bank – Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club Inc
BSB: 062 832 ACC: 10188091

Please record receipt number if
payment made by electronic means.

Rec. No. _____

