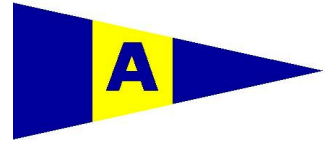




2017 Couta Boat National Championships and Wattle Cup regatta

14th and 15th October, 2017



Notice of Race

Organised and hosted by
The Avalon Sailing Club Ltd in conjunction with
the Couta Boat Association

Event Website

<http://avalonsailingclub.com.au/j/index.php/members-a-visitors/regattas/couta-nationals-regatta>

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Avalon Sailing Club (ASC) in conjunction with the Couta Boat Association (CBA).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Australian Sailing, Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7.
- 1.2. RRS Appendices S: Standard Sailing Instructions and T: Arbitration will apply as modified.
- 1.3. The CBA Performance Handicap System and class rules apply. [DP]

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. Couta Boats on the CBA register with a person in charge who is a CBA member may enter the series.
- 2.2. Entry is not complete until a current Category 7 Certification by an Australian Sailing Equipment Auditor is received.
- 2.3. The owner and/or person in charge of a boat (refer RRS 46) shall agree and acknowledge the conditions of entry.

3. FEES

- 3.1. \$275 per boat for entries received up to 30 September, 2017. Late entry fee is an additional \$75.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & SIGNALS

- 4.1. Notices to competitors shall be posted on the Official Notice Board, located at the ASC.

5. SCHEDULE – All required paperwork must be provided to OA by Tuesday 10 October 2017 [DP]

- 5.1. There will be a practice race on Friday 13 October 2017 which may be a 'Charity Race'. More information will follow.
- 5.2. Regatta races:

Sat 14 October, 2017 – 3 laid courses	Sun 15 October, 2017 – Passage race, 2 Islands
09.00 Registration opens 10.00 Welcome and Briefing 12.00 1 st Warning Signal (3 Races) 18.00 Social Function at the ASC	11.00 1 st Warning Signal 16.00 Latest race time limit Presentation ASAP after racing

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S: Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions (SSI) that will be on the Official Notice Board located at the ASC. SSIs will be provided at registration.

7. VENUE

- 7.1. The 'Pond' (In front of ASC), Pittwater and the Hawkesbury estuary.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. Three short laid courses for Saturday will be described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2. The passage race for Sunday will be described in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score once 4 races are completed. Race 4 (passage race) shall be non-excludable.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd on Handicap will be awarded.
- 10.2. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Line honours will be awarded.

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 11.1. Competitors participating in the 2017 Couta Boat National Championships and Wattle Cup Regatta (the regatta) do so entirely at their own risk (refer Rule 4: Decision to Race).
- 11.2. The ASC, the OA, their employees and volunteers 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.
- 11.3. Competitors participating in the regatta agree to indemnify the ASC and its employees and volunteers from any and all liability, loss, or damage the ASC and its employees and volunteers may suffer as a result of claims, demands, costs, or judgments against the ASC and its employees and volunteers arising from competitors' participation in the regatta.

12. INSURANCE

- 12.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 million per incident or the equivalent.

13. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- 13.1. All boats must abide by the traffic directions of RMS Boating Service Officers. Any boat directed to stop or alter course by NSW RMS Boating Service Officers as a result of an anticipated breach of the Maritime rules, incident/collision or complaint shall do so immediately.
- 13.2. The attention of any competitors, involved in an accident, is drawn to the requirements of NSW Roads and Maritime Services as published in the Emergencies Section of the *NSW Roads & Maritime Boating Handbook*.
- 13.3. Competitors are also required to notify the ASC of any contact incident occurring during racing whether or not it results in a Race Protest or a report to NSW Roads and Maritime Services. The OA is obliged under the terms of its Aquatic Licence to prepare a report of all contact incidents occurring during racing whether or not it results in a Race Protest or a report to NSW Roads and Maritime Services.

14. Additional Information.

- 14.1. Contact details:
Couta Boat Association, NSW – Larry Eastwood. 0417 244 406. larry@pittwaterwoodenboats.com.au.
Avalon Sailing Club, NSW – James George. 0435 635 878. secretary@avalonsailingclub.com.au
Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club, Vic – Ben Fels. 0435 900 567. sail@sscbc.com.au
Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club, WA – Andrew McMillian. 0418 527 688. amcm45@gmail.com
- 14.2. All boats entering the regatta must comply with Australian Sailing: Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 requirements and display a valid 17/18 Safety Check sticker on their hull.
Victorian boats can be audited for Category 7 Compliance in Sorrento for free prior to transport.
Ben Fels is a National Equipment Auditor. Ph: 03 5984 8200. Email: sail@sscbc.com.au
Boats arriving in Sydney requiring Category 7 auditing will be required to pay a \$100 fee per Inspection. Contact the ASC for further information.
- 14.3. Moorings will be available on Pittwater but not all will be at the Avalon Sailing Club.
Call Larry Eastwood, 0417 244 406, to arrange moorings.