

**The Australian Sharpie Sailing Association
(New South Wales Division)**

2008/2009

66th Australian Championships

Wollongong New South Wales

Notice of Race

**The Organising Authority is the Port Kembla Sailing Club Ltd (PKSC) in association
with the Australian Sharpie Sailing Association (New South Wales Division)**

Hosted by

Port Kembla Sailing Club

**Berkeley Harbour
Northcliff Drive Road
Berkeley NSW**

(NOTE: - this is not a mailing Address)

**Sunday 28th December 2008
to
Wednesday 7th January 2009**

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005-2008, (which includes the prescriptions and special regulations of Yachting Australia (YA), the current class rules and by-laws of the Australian Sharpie Sailing Association (ASSA) and by the Sailing Instructions).
- 1.2. Advertising will be Category C in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20. Competing boats may be required to display sponsors names and/or logos. If required, the Organising Authority will provide these items and they shall be affixed as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3. The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by a boat or competitor when it is conflict with the laws of the New South Wales or Australian governments.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the Australian Sharpie Class, which comply with the Rules of the Class Association.
- 2.2. Crew members must be financial members of a State Division of the Australian Sharpie Sailing Association (ASSA), a yacht club and their state yachting authority.
- 2.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached entry form (attachment 1) and posting it, together with the required fee to:-

YMCA Sailing Club of Canberra
 (Sharpie Nationals)
 7/100 Maitland Street
 Hackett, ACT 2602
 no later than 10th December 2008.

- 2.4. Late entries will be accepted up to 1600 hours on 28th December 2007. An additional late entry fee of \$50.00 will apply to these entries.

3. FEES

- 3.1. Championship entry \$195.00
- 3.2. Late Entry (additional) \$ 50.00
- 3.3. Other fees for social events will be available from the Regatta Office.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 4.1. Official Registration
 - 4.1.1. Official Registration will take place at Port Kembla Sailing Club (PKSC) and will be conducted on Sunday 28th December from 1000 hours to 1600 hours.
- 4.2. Measurement and Inspection
 - 4.2.1. Official Measurement and Inspection will be conducted on Sunday 28th December from 1000 hours to 1600 hours. Re-measuring if required will be conducted on Monday 29th December from 0900 hours to 1100 hours.
- 4.3. Briefing
 - 4.3.1. The briefing for the regatta will be held at the regatta headquarters on Monday 29th December 2008 at 1130 hours.
- 4.4. Races

Race	Day	Nominal Time of Warning Signal
Invitation Race 1	Monday 29th December	1325hrs
Invitation Race 2		Back to back with Race 1

Heat 1	Tuesday 30th December	1425hrs
Heat 2	Wednesday 31st December	1425hrs
Lay Day (resail provision)	Thursday 1 st January	
Heat 3	Friday 2nd January	1425hrs
Heat 4	Saturday 3rd January	1425hrs
Heat 5	Sunday 4th January	1325hrs
Resail Provision	Monday 5 th January	TBA
Heat 6	Tuesday 6 th January	1425hrs
Heat 7	Wednesday 7 th January	1325hrs
Resail Provision	Wednesday 7 th January	TBA

5. MEASUREMENT

5.1. Each boat shall possess a valid measurement certificate. In addition the following measurements may be checked: - sails, spars, foil and hull measurements.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1. Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.

7. REGATTA SITE

7.1. The regatta site will be the Port Kembla Sailing Club, Northcliffe Drive (off George Street), Berkeley, Wollongong, New South Wales.

8. RACING AREA

8.1. Racing will be conducted on Lake Illawarra.

9. COURSES

9.1. The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

10.1. The Modified Low Points scoring system (0.75 points for first) as per Appendix A4 of the RRS will apply.

10.2. Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.3. When four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores.

10.4. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores excluding its worst eligible score.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1. It is intended that a protest committee will be constituted for the regatta.

11.2. A mediation hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with Rule 61 that allege a breach of a rule of parts 2 or 4. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged and prior to the protest hearing.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

12.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 100 metres from any boat racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished, or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

12.2. Support boats shall be marked by displaying flag O of a minimum size of 400mm by 500mm conspicuously at all times.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

13.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive any radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

14. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

14.1. In participating in the event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity to make, use, and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion picture, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

15. PRIZES

15.1. The following prizes will be awarded:-

- 15.1.1. **The Sir Dallas Brooks Trophy and the Addison Bros. Trophy** to the winner of the Australian Championships.
- 15.1.2. **The Geoff Augustine Trophy** to be for the crew of the boat winning the Australian Championship.
- 15.1.3. **The Alcorso Trophy** to the second place getter in the Australian Championships.
- 15.1.4. **The Fred Meyer Trophy** to the third place getter in the Australian Championships.
- 15.1.5. **The Phil Durham Trophy** to the Fourth place getter in the Australian Championships.
- 15.1.6. **The Golden Oldies Trophy** to the competitor over 40 years of age with the best points score over the seven championship heats.
- 15.1.7. **The Erky Mitton Trophy** to the competitor over 50 years of age with the best points score over the seven championship heats.
- 15.1.8. **The Westpac Trophy** for consistency on handicap over the seven (7) heats of the Australian Championships.
- 15.1.9. **The Ray Callard Trophy** to the winner on handicap in the first invitation race.
- 15.1.10. **The Bretts Plywood Trophy** to the winner on handicap in the second invitation race.
- 15.1.11. **The Graham Keys Trophy** to the first Female skipper in the Australian Championships with the best points score over the seven championship heats.
- 15.1.12. **The Red Hand Trophy** to the country representative with the best points score over the seven championship heats.
- 15.1.13. **The Tomlinson Trophy** to the junior representative with the best points score over the seven championship heats.
- 15.1.14. **The Bishops Team Trophy**, for the best team effort over the seven (7) Australian Championship heats. The first five (5) boats to finish from each State team to score points towards the trophy. The points score system to be as for the Australian Championships.
- 15.1.15. **The O'Grady Cup** to the helmsman of the team representative boat who achieves the best score over the nine (9) races of the regatta. The results of the invitation races shall, for this purpose, be computed as for the Australian Championship heats.

- 15.1.16. **The Don Shields Perpetual Trophy** to the non team representative in the Australian Championships with the best points score over the seven championship heats.
- 15.1.17. **The George Laurens Trophy** to the non team representative in the Australian Championships with the best points score over the seven championship heats on handicap.
- 15.1.18. **The Mark Peelgrane Memorial Trophy** to the helmsman who achieves the most wins over the nine (9) races of the carnival, with a tie being decided by a count-back of other finishing positions.

16. DISCLAIMER

- 16.1. All those taking part in races conducted by the Port Kembla Sailing Club do so at their own risk.
- 16.2. The Port Kembla Sailing Club, The Australian Sharpie Sailing Association, The Australian Sharpie Sailing Association (New South Wales Division) and any sponsor and any other party involved in the organisation of the event disclaims any and every responsibility for any loss, damage injury to persons and things, both ashore and on the water, as a consequence of participation in any way in the races covered by this Notice of Race.
- 16.3. All crews shall be required to complete an Indemnity Declaration at Registration.
- 16.4. Attention is drawn to RRS Rule 4 which states that "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

17. INSURANCE

- 17.1. Each participating boat shall have third party Personal and Property liability Insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$1 Million (Recommended AUD \$10 Million).
- 17.2. All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.
- 17.3. Competitors may be required to produce evidence of such insurance and any competitor not holding this cover shall withdraw his/her entry.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1. Further information is available from Grant Warner ASSA (NSW Division) President, Telephone 02 6255 3408 or e-mail: sgw@grapevine.com.au.

Attachment 1 – ENTRY FORM

66th Australian Sharpie National Championship

Please enter my boat for the 2008/09 Australian Sharpie National Championship

Yacht Name _____ Sail Number _____

Helmsman's Name _____ DOB: _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email address _____

Member of _____ Yacht / Sailing Club.

Yachting Australia Membership Number _____

Sheet Hand's Name _____

Address _____

Member of _____ Yacht / Sailing Club

E-mail address _____

Yachting Australia Membership Number _____

Forward Hand's Name _____

Address _____

Member of _____ Yacht / Sailing Club

E-mail address _____

Yachting Australia Membership Number _____

Please tick Category

Open Country Junior Over 40 (GO) Over 50 (EM)
(Evidence of category qualification to be attached: eg. Birth Certificate / License)

Entry Declaration

I agree to be bound by the current ISAF Racing Rules, Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and all other rules that govern the event. I acknowledge that RRS Rule 4 (Decision to Race), places the sole responsibility on me to decide whether to start or to continue in a race, based on my assessment of the capability of me, my crew and my yacht to handle the prevailing weather conditions.

I agree that I and my crew members will not hold PKSC, and its directors, & members, regatta officials, sponsors liable for any injuries and / damage that may result from my participation in this regatta. I acknowledge that I am solely responsible for all my actions and my decisions during the regatta and that this includes that of my crew.

I also confirm the boat is covered by third party Personal and Property Liability Insurance for the duration of the event, with a minimum cover of AUD \$1 million (Recommended AUD \$10 million) (insurer/ insurance policy number _____ / _____).

The information given above is correct.

Signature of Helmsman _____ Name _____ Date _____

Signature of Guardian (if under 18 years) _____ Name _____ Date _____

Relationship to Helmsman _____

Payment Details

Entries Close on the 10th December 2008. A late fee of \$50 applies for Entries received on or after 11th December 2008.

Payment may be made by direct debit, cheque or money order for **\$195.00** payable to “Australian Lightweight Sharpie Association NSW Division”.

The completed copy entry form, indemnity declaration and copy of Insurance cover, evidence of age (if relevant) are to be mailed to:

YMCA Sailing Club of Canberra
(Sharpie Nationals)
7/100 Maitland Street
Hackett, ACT 2602

Bank Account Details Australian Lightweight Sharpie Association NSW Division
BSB 032021 Acc132324 . Please include the sail number and helmsman name in the text.

Confirmation of receipt of entry form and payment will be e-mail.

Office Use Only:

Form Rec'd On: _____ By _____ Paid by: EFT/Cheque/Money Order/Cash- Receipt

Copy of Insurance included: (Y/N) _____

Copy of Birth Certificate / License / etc _____