



57th CHS Sailing Championship
incorporating the
48th NSW Secondary Schools Sailing Championship
and the
45th Australian Secondary Schools Sailing Championship

NOTICE OF RACE

*Belmont 16ft Sailing Club
April 16 – 19, 2024*

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NSW CHS - Notice of Race

Date, Venue and Organising Authority

The NSW CHS regatta will be held on Lake Macquarie from Tuesday 16th to Friday 19th April 2024.
The official venue for the Regatta will be Belmont 16ft Sailing Club.
The Organising Authority is NSWCHSSA in conjunction with Belmont 16ft Sailing Club:
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1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY: NSWCHSSA (Sailing Committee) in association with Belmont 16ft Sailing Club.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The Regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 2.2. The class rules of the respective classes and RRS Appendix B Sailboard Racing Rules will apply, except any of these that are altered by the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race.
- 2.3. Buoyancy - All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by a national authority affiliated to the International Sailing Federation, or a standards organisation, or certification authority, recognised for the purpose by its respective government. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 1.2.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY:

- 3.1. Skipper and crew **MUST** be students currently enrolled and attending an Australian Secondary School.
- 3.2. The regatta is open to any class registered with class association and their State or National authority.
- 3.3. Competitors shall enter by completing the on-line entry form on the event website: www.16s.com.au/sailing.
Entries close on 15th April. Entries will not be accepted after this date.
- 3.4. **All entrants must be insured with \$10 million 3rd party liability cover.**

4. ADVERTISING

- 4.1. Advertising will be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.
- 4.2. Competitors may be required to display Event sponsor's name(s)/logo(s) and bow numbers. The Organising Authority will supply these items and they shall be affixed as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND RACE FORMAT

- 5.1. All competitors shall complete registration and attend a pre-regatta briefing at the host venue on the day of their first race, times and proposed race format are prescribed below:

Tuesday	Registration 0930-1100hrs	Pre Regatta Briefing 1130hrs	Racing 1300hrs	Welcome BBQ 1700hrs
Wednesday		Pre Race Briefing 1000hrs	Racing 1100hrs	
Thursday		Pre Race Briefing 1000hrs	Racing 1100hrs	
Friday		Pre Race Briefing 1000hrs	Racing 1100hrs	Presentation 1830hrs

- 5.2. The schedule of races is set out above. A maximum of 8 races to be sailed – further details will be set out in the Sailing Instructions.
- 5.3. The first warning signal for any Division will not be made before 1300hrs on the first scheduled day of racing.
- 5.4. The first warning signal for any Division on the remaining days will not be before 1100hrs
- 5.5. On the last scheduled day of the event no warning signal shall be signaled after 1500hrs.
- 5.6. Presentation will be held at 1830hrs on the last day of the regatta.
- 5.7. Course configuration will be available in the Sailing Instructions but may be subject to change at the discretion of the Race Committee. Any changes will be made on the official noticeboard by 1800hrs the day before.

5.8. The races are sailed on the same course in five divisions.

- Div 1 Monohulls & Yachts
- Div 2 Medium Monohulls
- Div 3 Multihulls
- Div 4 Slower Monohulls
- Div 5 Sailability

6. SCORING

- 6.1. Places for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 1st All Girls Overall are awarded. Divisional and Class 1st, 2nd and 3rd will also be awarded.
- 6.2. The Low Point scoring system will apply (RRS Appendix A) and a Time Correction Factor (TCF) shall be given to each class competing.
- 6.3. When 6 races are completed, 1 discard will be applied.
- 6.4. A minimum of one completed race will constitute a series.

7. ENTRY FEE:

An entry fee of \$80 for each sailor shall accompany an online entry on the Belmont 16ft Club website. **Entry fees are to be received by the closing date 15th April. NO entries after this date will be accepted.**

All participating students need to complete the online DASH entry via the following links

<https://nswschoolsportunit.dashapp.com.au/intakes/12328/preview/43191#step43191>

In addition, the skipper MUST register the boat to be sailed in the regatta in TopYacht.

<https://www.topyacht.com.au/entreg/enter.php?e=102.2.599>

8. LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to RRS 3 "Decision to Race" which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." All those taking part in this regatta are responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and for the sufficiency and adequacy of its equipment.

9. DISCLAIMER of LIABILITY

It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated on the entry form complies with the 'rules' as defined in the RRS.

All competitors who enter the Regatta, in doing so, have made a declaration to the Organising Authority that the nominated boat will, at all times while racing, comply with the requirements of Sailing Australia, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, including:

- (a) RRS 46 and it is the responsibility of the person in charge of the boat to ensure that the crew complies with RRS 46;
- (b) The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment;
- (c) The person who signs and lodges the entry form with the Organising Authority, warranting to the Organising Authority that he or she will draw to the attention of any person who competes on the yacht, the subject of the entry form in any event conducted by the Organising Authority of the risk warning below;
- (d) the person who signs and lodges the entry form with the Organising Authority, acknowledging receipt of the risk warning and releasing the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him, or by any person claiming through him, in any event conducted by the Organising Authority; and

- (e) All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". NSWCHSSA, Belmont 16ft Sailing Club, Race Committees and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore prior to, during or after the event.

10. RISK WARNING

This RISK WARNING is issued jointly by NSWCHSSA, Sailing Australia and NSW Maritime, pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by NSWCHSSA.

Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.

As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
- (b) The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
- (c) The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
- (d) The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- (e) The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
- (f) Exposure to the elements for extended periods.

NSWCHSSA and NSW Maritime also warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event in the NSW CHS Regatta.

Participants are also advised that although NSWCHSSA is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover DOES NOT extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer. Membership of a sailing club affiliated with Sailing Australia entitles you to personal accident insurance cover.

11. INSURANCE

- 11.1. Adequate current Third Party Property Liability Insurance and Third Party Personal Liability cover of not less than AUD \$10,000,000 (ten million Australian dollars) or the equivalent thereof in any other currency for any one incident. All insurance shall be maintained during the period of racing.
- 11.2. Competitors will be required to produce evidence of such insurance at registration, and any competitor not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

12. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

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

13. ACCOMMODATION:

Camping and caravanning facilities are available in close proximity to the Sailing Club for more information <http://www.visitlakemac.com.au>

Note: It is the responsibility of parents to find accommodation for their own children.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

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