

Notice of Race

Western Province Championships

Incorporating the 29er National Championships

Sanctioned 8 March 2017

Notice is hereby given that the Western Provincial Championships, incorporating the 29er National Championships, will be held between 14 and 17 April 2017 at Mossel Bay Yacht & Boat Club. Racing will be offshore and in the bay of Mossel Bay with launching from Mossel Bay Yacht & Boat Club.

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organizing authorities shall be South African Sailing (Western Cape) and the Mossel Bay Yacht and Boat Club.

2. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the **Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)**. Boats participating in these regattas shall conform to the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS), the applicable Class Rules of the participating Classes, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 3.2. Advertising is permitted subject to the limitations of World Sailing Regulation 20.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. In accordance with the international Sailing Federation (World Sailing) Regulation 19 (Eligibility Code), all competitors (Helmspersons and all other crew) shall be members in good standing of a Yacht Club affiliated to and in good standing with SA Sailing or their Member National Authority in the case of non-South Africans. The Yacht Club name and membership details shall be stated on the entry form or crew list. Current valid South African Sailing Membership Cards or similar proof of MNA membership in cases of non-South Africans shall be presented at registration.
- 4.2. The regatta is open to all SAS registered Sailing Disciplines.
- 4.3. A minimum of seven valid entries and finishers in any one race is required for a regatta in a class. Classes with less than seven entries will sail in an "O" class on a scratch basis.
- 4.4. Eligible boats may enter online here: <http://www.sailing.org.za> – calendar – WC Region – 14 April 2017 by the **3rd of April 2017**.
- 4.5. Late entries will be accepted at the venue up to 2 hours prior to the start of the first race on Friday the 14th.

5. FEES

5.1. **Western Province Championships:** The entry fee will be R450 per person (crewed entries R900). A late entry fee of R200 **per person** will be charged.

5.2. **Other Fees:** All SAS fees, entry fees and class subscriptions shall be paid prior to the close of Entries and Registration. Failure to meet this requirement will result in the affected yachts been recorded as Did Not Compete until such time as the required payment is made. This changes rule A11 (DNC).

6. SCHEDULE

Registration from 09h00 to two hours before the scheduled start of the first race on the Friday.

7. TIMES OF RACING

7.1. The warning signal for the first race will be at 14h25 on Friday, 14 April 2017.

7.2. Following rounds: The start times of subsequent races will be as per the Sailing Instructions issued at the event.

7.3. No race will start after 13h00 on the last day of sailing.

8. NUMBER OF RACES

A maximum of 12 races will be sailed at this event.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be displayed at the Regatta office.

10. THE COURSES

The following courses will be sailed as described more specifically in the Sailing Instructions; Trapezoidal, Windward/Leeward and Triangular.

11. SCORING

The Low point scoring System of appendix A4.1 will apply.

11.1. When 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11.2. When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

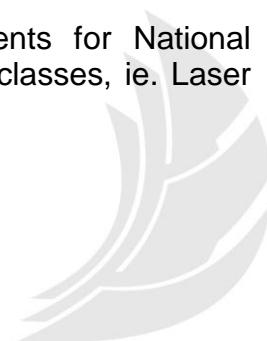
11.3. When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races excluding her two worst scores.

12. PRIZES, MEDAL AND TROPHIES

Prizes will be presented at the end of the regatta. Class National Trophies and SA Sailing medals will be presented. Other prizes and trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Committee. Class Chairmen to indicate via email to Wendy at saswc@sailing.org.za before 3 April 2017, number of Class trophies to be awarded as well as categories.

SAS Medals will be awarded in accordance with the Requirements for National Championships, as follows, which applies to each of the 3 individual classes, ie. Laser Std, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 :-

10 – 14 boats	Gold
15 – 19 boats	Gold and Silver
20 or more boats	Gold, Silver and Bronze



13. SAFETY

- 13.1 Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.
- 13.2 All competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid capable of supporting a 5kg steel weight at all times while afloat in a yacht.
- 13.3 Wet or dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

Coach or individual support boats shall be marked with a red flag and remain no less than 50m from areas where boats are racing, between the Preparatory Signal and the last competitor finishing the race. Failure to comply may result in disqualification of any competitor associated with the support boat at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. **This restriction applies to mobile phones as well.**

16. DISCLAIMER AND LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Neither the organizing authority nor its officials or other persons associated with the organization of the event will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17. INSURANCE

Each Participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of R2 000 000 per event.

18. 29er NATIONALS ADDENDUM

Please refer to 29er Class specific item below:-

Rule 44.1 applies, except for 29ers RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by the one turn penalty.

