



2020 Australian Championships

January 1-5, 2020

Middle Harbour Yacht Club

Sydney, New South Wales

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) for Category 7 apply.
- 1.3 The rules of the International J24 Class Association (IJCA) except as altered by the Sailing Instructions or this Notice of Race.
 - 1.3.1 IJCA Rule 5.3 is changed as follows: A boat may sail with different crew on different days provided the crew changes are declared at registration. The number of declared crew shall remain the same throughout the regatta. Crew changes not declared at registration require advance written approval of the Race Officer and will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.
 - 1.3.2 IJCA Rule C 10.2 (b) is changed as follows: A boat may carry one mainsail, one genoa, one jib and two spinnakers whilst racing.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the International J24 class.
- 3.2 Each competitor shall be a financial member of their respective State or National J/24 Class Association.
- 3.3 The owner of the J/24 as shown on the Measurement Certificate shall be a financial member of their State or National J/24 Class Association.
- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry at www.mhyc.com.au by December 20, 2019.
- 3.5 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 3.6 The Regatta is a Qualification Event for the 2020 J24 World Championship. The awarding of qualification places is described in Attachment B.

4 CLASSIFICATION

The World Sailing classification requirements will not apply.

5 FEES

5.1 The Entry Fee is AUD \$500 per boat.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Registration:

- Wednesday 1 January 2020 – 1000hrs to 1700hrs

6.2 Measurement and Inspection:

- Wednesday 1 January 2020 – 1000hrs to 1700hrs

6.3 Championship Racing:

- Thursday 2 January 2020
- Friday 3 January 2020
- Saturday 4 January 2020
- Sunday 5 January 2020

6.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1300hrs.

6.6 On the first day of racing, Thursday 2 January 2020, all boats shall motor past the start boat before the first warning signal having attached their outboard engine. Failure to do so may result in 20% scoring penalty for race one.

6.7 Up to Twelve (12) races are scheduled over four (4) days of racing. No more than four (4) races may be sailed on any day.

6.8 No warning signal shall be made after 1500hrs on Sunday 5 January 2020.

6.9 Prize Giving

- Sunday 5 January 2020 at approximately 1600hrs

7 MEASUREMENTS

7.1 Registration will be conducted at MHYC at the scheduled times posted on the Official Noticeboard.

7.2 At registration each boat shall:

- (a) present a valid J24 Measurement Certificate including Part C: Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment.
- (b) hold and lodge with the Organising Authority a valid Australia Sailing Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form - Category 7 or greater.
- (c) present evidence that all crew members are financial members of their Member National Authority.

7.3 All crew members shall weigh-in at registration. Weigh-in will be conducted in accordance with the rules of the IJCA (refer IJCA rule 5.2). All crew must be weighed prior to 1000hrs on Thursday 2 January 2020 except that approved crew substitutions may be weighed between 0900 and 1000hrs on the first day that they will compete. Failure to do so shall invalidate the entry.

7.4 The Organizing Authority or a J24 Class Association representative may conduct measurement and inventory checks of competing boats at any time during the regatta.

7.5 No first time measurement of boats or sails will be available at the regatta.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration and may be available at www.mhyc.com.au or www.j24.com.au prior to the event.

9 VENUE

Attachment A shows the location of the regatta venue and the racing areas.

10 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be windward / leeward. The target time for races will be approximately 50 to 75 minutes.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction).

11.2 Infringements in the Zone as defined in the RRS shall be a Two Turn Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

12 SCORING

12.1 Twelve (12) races are scheduled of which four (4) completed races are required to constitute the series.

12.2 Performance Handicap System (PHS) results will be decided by application of the Time Correction Factor (TCF). The PHS TCF allocated by the Race Committee, will be re-calculated between races and will not be subject to redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRSs A4.2, A5, and A11.

12.4 (a) When fewer than 9 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 9 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 11 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

13 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel or boats must not approach closer than 100 metres to any boat racing from the time of the Preparatory Signal until the last boat in that race has finished without the approval of the Race Committee.

14 BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the Marina.

15 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

15.1 All boats shall be afloat by 13:00 on Wednesday, 2 January 2019, and shall not be hauled out during the regatta. Rudders shall remain affixed to the boat in their normal position during this time.

15.2 The Race Committee may approve a written request for a boat to be hauled out at any time provided that it is satisfied that this is required for essential repairs. When approval is given, no other work shall be done other than work that could not have been done while afloat.

15.3 Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the regatta.

16 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus (including snorkels), plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the time the boat is to be afloat and the end of the regatta. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes or cloth.

17 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 also applies to mobile telephones.

18 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to all boats placed first to third on One-Design and first to third on PHS Handicap.

19 MEDIA RIGHTS

19.1 By entering this regatta, the owner (or charterer) and crew members on competing boats grant at no cost the absolute right and permission to use their names, voices, images, likenesses, and biographical material, as well as representations of their boat in any media (including television, print and internet), to the Organising Authority.

19.2 Competitors and crew members' name, voice, image, likeness and biographical material shall not be used by the Organising Authority, Host Club, or any event sponsors in a way which constitutes an endorsement of sponsors' products by said competitors and crew members, unless the relevant competitor or crew member is engaged by the sponsor to endorse said products or gives his/her prior written consent to such use.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority 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.

21 INSURANCE

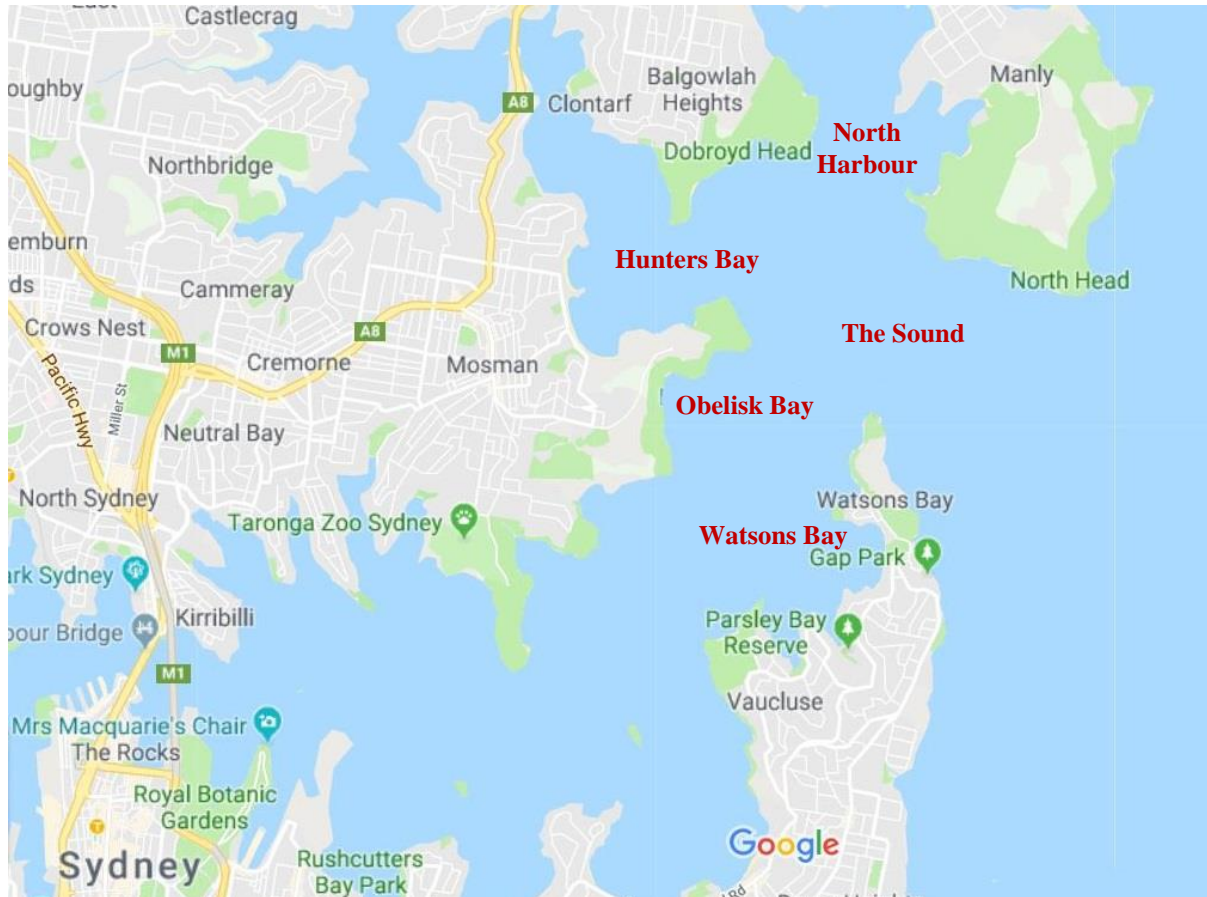
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$10 Million per incident or the equivalent.

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact sailing@mhyc.com.au or phone 02 8969 3103
MHYC Regatta Webpage www.mhyc.com.au

Attachment A

Racing areas include The Sound, Obelisk Bay, Watsons Bay, North Harbour and Hunters Bay, enabling racing in a variety of wind conditions and directions.



Attachment B



2020 World Championship Qualification

It is understood there is considerable interest from J24 members to participate in the 2020 World Championships in Poole UK. The J24 National Committee wishes to clarify the process for allowing nominations for selection to this event.

The J24 National Committee will use the 2020 Australian Championships to determine the eligibility for selection to the 2020 World J24 Championships. The J24 National Committee has sought approval from the IJCA Executive Committee to hold this qualifying event more than 120 days before the date of the World Championships.

In accordance with IJCA Regatta Regulations, for World Championships, helmspersons must be nominated by their NJCA and be registered members of the NJCA of the country they represent. The National Committee has determined Australia is entitled to 6 places at the World Championships. Additional spaces are available for one all-female crew and one for an under 25 years crew.

The qualifying helmsperson is the person who starts, finishes and steers in all races in the qualifying event.

Invitations to participate in the World Championships, will be provided to the helmspersons of the first six scratch placings in the Australian Championships. If the nominated helmsperson is unable to attend the World Championships, the qualification place will be passed to the next helmsperson until all six nominations are filled.

The National Committee will use its discretion should an all-female and/or under 25 year crew wishes to be nominated for selection.