



Gosford J24 Spring Regatta 3rd & 4th October 2020

Notice of Race



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J24 Gosford Classic Regatta 2020

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority for this Series is the Gosford Sailing Club.

COVID-19 NSW Health Rules as attached in addendum 2 If you are unwell DO NOT ATTEND This Sailing Event

- When ashore to ensure sufficient physical distancing between people; Keep a distance of 1.5 metres where reasonably practicable; and follow the one person per 4 square metres rule
- Contact Tracing records shall be kept as part of the sign on process
- Practice the Steps to stop the SPREAD

AND

1 RULES

All races will be conducted under the following:

- 1.1 The current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS).
- 1.2 The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing.
- 1.3 The current International J24 Class Rules (except as altered by the Sailing Instructions or this Notice of Race).
- 1.4 This Notice of Race.
- 1.5 The Sailing Instructions to be issued prior to the race.

2 ALTERATIONS OF CLASS RULES

The current Rules of the International J24 Class are changed as follows:

- 2.1 Where a boat deviates from the rules of measurement on hull and rigging, such deviation may be considered legal when a class measurer is satisfied that the item in question is 'as supplied by the licensed builder at the time of manufacture'. The measurement certificate shall be endorsed appropriately by the class measurer.
- 2.2 Class rule 2.1 (b) does not apply.

3 ADVERTISING

- 3.1 For the purpose of advertising, the classification of this championship shall be in accordance with I Regulation 20.
- 3.2 Boats may be required to display advertising material chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The Championship is open to boats of the International J24 Class that fulfil the following requirements:

- 4.1 Each helmsperson and crew shall be a member of a Club affiliated with Australian Sailing. AS Crew Club is an affiliated club (RRS 46).

- 4.2 Each helmsperson and crew shall be a financial member of their State J24 Class Association.
- 4.3 The owner of the J24 as shown on the measurement certificate shall be a member of their State Class Association.
- 4.4 The helmspersons nominated on the 'Entry Form' will be deemed to be in charge of the boat and no change of helmsperson shall be made without the written consent of the Race Committee.
- 4.5 Crew Limit on all Yachts shall be 4. All Crew shall be members of the J24 Association
- 4.6 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per event. A copy of the certificate of currency or policy document shall be lodged with the Organising Authority at the time of entry.
- 4.7 Each boat shall hold and lodge with the Organising Authority a current valid Australian Sailing Special Regulations Compliance Certificate, minimum of Category 7.
- 4.8 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, to the Organising Authority prior to 1700hrs on Friday 2nd of October 2020. The required fee shall be paid prior to the 10.00am on the day of the first race ,

5 FEES

- 5.1 Non-refundable entry fee is \$150 (inc GST), payable to Gosford Sailing Club.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 Six (6) races are scheduled over two (2) days of racing.
- 6.2 A maximum of three (3) races may be sailed on one day.
- 6.3 No warning signal will be made after 1430hrs on Sunday 4th of October 2020.
- 6.4 While it is the intention of the Race Committee to conduct races as shown above, the Race Committee may alter the schedule and number of races. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1030 hours on the day it will take effect
- 6.5 In the event of a re-sail, the date and time will be determined by the Race Committee.

Friday 2nd October 2020

Registration. 1600 - 1750hrs

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J24 NSW AGM. – Boat Shed Bar 1800hrs

Saturday 3rd October 2020

Registration. 0800 - 1000hrs

Racing First Warning Signal 1155hrs

Sunday 4th October 2020

Racing First Warning Signal 1155hrs

7 REGISTRATION & MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Registration will be conducted at GSC race office on the nominated days.
- 7.2 Each Crew shall register and prove their J24 Membership at registration. Non-members can join at Registration. All crew must register prior to 1000hrs Saturday 3rd October 2020. Failure to do so shall invalidate the entry.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 Sailing Instructions will be available upon registration at the GSC and will be available online on the National J24 website prior to the event.

9 RACING AREA

- 9.1 The races will be conducted on Brisbane Waters.

10 COURSES

- 10.1 All courses will be Windward/Leeward. Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

11 PENALTY SYSTEMS

- 11.1. The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 of the RRS shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements occurring within the Zone as defined in the current RRS the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

12 SCORING

- 12.1. Six (6) races are scheduled of which Three (3) completed races are required to constitute the series. Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with one drop allowed.
- 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 rule RRS 62.1(a).

13 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1 Boats shall remain in the water from 1100hrs on Saturday 3rd October 2020 until completion of racing. Rudders shall remain affixed to the boat in their normal position during this time.
- 13.2 The Race Committee may approve a written request for a boat to be hauled out at any time provided it is satisfied that this is required for essential repairs. When haul out is approved no other work shall be done other than work that could not have been done while afloat.

14 PLASTIC POOLS AND DIVING EQUIPMENT

- 14.1 Underwater breathing apparatus, closed plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats after 1000hrs on Saturday 3 October 2020 until the completion of racing.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 15.1 In accordance with rule 41, the Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of OCS boats, and/or any other information of interest to competitors. Any failure of, or defect in, such a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. For this purpose boats may carry a handheld VHF radio. Boats may transmit on VHF radio to communicate in the event of an emergency, upon retiring from a race or at the request of the Race Committee.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & RISK WARNING

- 16.1 It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry in the Event competitors must indemnify the Organising Authority their officers, members, staff and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Event.
- 16.2 This RISK WARNING is issued jointly by Gosford Sailing Club and NSW Maritime, pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by Gosford Sailing Club.

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:

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

Gosford Sailing Club 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 with Gosford Sailing Club.

Participants are also advised that although Gosford Sailing Club 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 Yachting NSW entitles you to personal accident insurance cover.

17 INSURANCE

17.1 Participants are advised that GSC's third party liability insurance cover does not extend to participants. Participants must make their own private arrangements with an insurer.

17.2 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000.

17.3 Attention is drawn to the Australian Sailing insurance program at www.ynswinsurance.com, through which a proportion of insurance premiums paid by members is rebated to GSC.

18 PRIZES

18.1 Prizes will be awarded to boats placed first to third overall and first to third on PHS handicap.

19 CRANE, TRAILER STORAGE & YACHT BERTHS

19.1 GSC does have crane access for competitors. Please contact GSC on 02 4323 4488 to organise boat launching.

19.2 GSC will provide berths for all competing yachts from 2nd -5th October 2020

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Saturday TBA

Addendum 1

Safety and COVID 19 Health Orders

2020 Information for Competitors

Recreational boating is now permitted under the NSW Government Public Health Orders; however these orders may be reversed if boaters are seen to be disregarding the requirements for social distancing or clubs become a source of transmission.

Gosford Sailing Club is pleased to be able to re-commence sailing in June, **but COVID-19 is still with us** and therefore we need to adapt the way we sail. We are all obliged to work together to fight the transmission of the virus, so the club has introduced some new requirements for racing.

At Home

- Any tasks that can be done at home, should be done at home (e.g. debriefing etc).
- It is strongly recommended that all sailors download the Australian Government COVID -19 contact tracing app (COVID Safe) and keep it active at all times.
- It is also recommended that sailors be tested for COVID-19.
- If you are a person with high risk of COVID-19, or have symptoms of the Virus (even if mild), stay at home.

Before Racing

To provide for possible tracing, all competing boats are now required to register all their crew details (Crew Name and AS Number or SailPass Number) before each race. The penalty for not registering before the finish time of the last boat is disqualification from the race.

To register: Sign ON

All Skippers and crew shall fill out the online form from the QR link.

While we are all missing the usual social atmosphere of our club, it will be open with limited capacity and there will be no prizegiving get-togethers after sailing. The "new normal" for sailing at GSC and other NSW clubs is GET IN, SAIL & GET OUT

- Arrive dressed and ready to sail
- No use of change rooms, bathrooms and communal areas at this stage
- Shower at home instead of at the club
- The 4m² rule applies ashore and sailors should maintain at least 1.5m distance
- Avoid congregating at the Marina, Boatshed and on the beach
- Hand hygiene stations will be available at a number of locations