

Gosford J24 Spring Regatta

27th & 28th November 2021

Notice of Race



Organising Authority:

**Gosford Sailing Club
E-mail: Sailing@gossail.com.au**

On Behalf of



**Event website:
www.j24.com.au
J24 Gosford Spring Regatta 2021**

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 unvaccinated or unwell DO NOT ATTEND This Sailing Event

Contact Tracing records shall be kept as part of the sign on process

AND

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). '[DP]' denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee

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
- 1.6 The current Rules of the International J24 Class are changed as follows:
 - (a) 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.
 - (b) Class rule 2.1 (b) does not apply.

2 ADVERTISING [DP. NP]

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

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

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

- 3.1 Each helmsperson and crew shall be a member of a Club affiliated with Australian Sailing. AS Crew Club is an affiliated club (RRS 46).
- 3.2 Each helmsperson and crew shall be a financial member of their State J24 Class Association.

- 3.3 The owner of the J24 as shown on the measurement certificate shall be a member of their State Class Association.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 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 Organizing Authority at the time of entry.
- 3.6 Each boat shall hold and lodge with the Organising Authority a current valid Australian Sailing Special Regulations Compliance Certificate, minimum of Category 7.
- 3.7 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form on the GSC website under the regatta menu prior to 1000hrs on Saturday 27th of November 2021. The required fee shall be paid prior to the 10.30am on the day of the first race.

4 FEES

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

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Day	Date	Time	Event
Saturday	27 Nov	0830-1000 1130 1300	Registration Sailors Bar Competitors meeting First Warning Signal
Sunday	28 Nov	11.30 16.00	First Warning Signal Presentation

- 5.1 Six (6) races are scheduled over two (2) days of racing.
- 5.2 A maximum of three (3) races may be sailed on one day.
- 5.3 No warning signal will be made after 1430hrs on Sunday 28th of November 2021.
- 5.4 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 REGISTRATION & MEASUREMENT [DP, NP]

- 6.1 Registration will be conducted at GSC race office on the nominated days.
- 6.2 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 27th November 2021. Failure to do so shall invalidate the entry.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

8 RACING AREA

The races will be conducted on Brisbane Waters.

9 COURSES

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

10 PENALTY SYSTEMS

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.

11 SCORING

- 11.1. 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.
- 11.2 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).

12 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS [DP,NP]

- 12.1 Boats shall remain in the water from 1200hrs on Saturday 27 November 2021 until completion of racing. Rudders shall remain affixed to the boat in their normal position during this time.
- 12.2 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.

13 PLASTIC POOLS AND DIVING EQUIPMENT [DP, NP]

Underwater breathing apparatus, closed plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats after 1200hrs on Saturday 27 November 2021 until the completion of racing.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS [DP,NP]

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.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & RISK WARNING

15.1 The Organising Authority and all their officers, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the event. Competitors take part in the event at their own risk.

15.2 The establishment of the notice of race and the sailing instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of a competitor being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat he is sailing.

15.3 All competitors shall maintain their boats in a safe and seaworthy condition.

15.4 All skippers and crew shall be of good health and a competent sailor capable of racing a yacht on Brisbane Waters in all conditions including strong winds.

15.5 At-fault occurrences to other boats are the responsibility of the helmsman. Competitors are not covered by any liability insurance provided by the organising authority and should provide their own coverage for personal goods and liability protection. The organising authority recommends that competitors consult their own insurance carriers to assure they are covered at this event and regarding additional personal liability insurance coverage.

15.6 To the fullest extent permitted by law, each competitor agrees to indemnify and hold the Organising Authority, owners, affiliates, officers, employees, agents, committee persons and race officials acting in their official capacities harmless, from any third-party claim to the extent arising from a competitor's

16 INSURANCE

16.1 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.

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

17 PRIZES

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

18 CRANE, TRAILER STORAGE & YACHT BERTHS

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

18.2 GSC will provide berths for all competing yachts from 25th November - 4th December 2021 Outside these dates please contact GSC Marina Manager Peter Walsh on 0448257216

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

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SOCIAL EVENTS

BBQ sausage sizzle after each days racing.

Other events at the discretion of the AO and the J24 Association of NSW

Addendum 1

Safety and COVID 19 Health Orders

2021 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, **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 always keep it active.
- 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.