SHARP AUSTRALIAN YOUTH MATCH RACING CHAMPIONSHIP 2018
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CRUISING YACHT CLUB OF AUSTRALIA // 8—12 OCTOBER 2018
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1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY
The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA) in conjunction with Australian Sailing (AS).

2 VENUE
The venue will be held at the CYCA, 1 New Beach Road, Darling Point, 2027. Racing will be conducted on the waters of Sydney Harbour, NSW.

3 EVENT GRADING
The event is a World Sailing Grade 3. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM
4.1 Schedule
(a) Race office will be open from 0800 – 1730hrs on event days.
(b) Registration from 0900 – 1300hrs on Monday 8 October 2018.
(c) Crew weighing from 0900 – 1300hrs on Monday 8 October 2018.
(d) Practice session from 1300 – 1600hrs on Monday 8 October 2018.
(e) Breakfast from 0800 – 0900hrs on each race day.
(f) Daily Briefings at 0830hrs on each race day.
(g) Welcome Function will be at 1730hrs in the Freya Room at the CYCA on Monday 8 October 2018.
(h) First meeting with umpires will be at the Welcome Function.
(i) Racing days are 9 to 12 October 2018.
(j) Time of the first warning signal each day will be 1000hrs.
(k) Daily de-briefs approx. 30mins after docking on each race day.
(l) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be approx.. 1630hrs.
(m) Prize giving will be approx. 1730hrs on Friday 12 October 2018.

4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:
(a) Registration & weigh in.
(b) Daily briefing for skippers.
(c) Welcome Function.
(d) Umpire de-briefs & boat draw.
(e) Prize giving.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY
5.1 Ten (10) skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. A competitor wishing to be invited should register their intention with the OA by completing an online application for invitation.
Applications will close on Friday 17 August 2018. Successful applicants will have their entry confirmed by Friday 24 August 2018.

5.2 The selection process is as follows:
(a) All applications shall be ranked by the skippers World Sailing Ranking.
(b) The highest ranked skipper in each state that an application is received from shall be given an entry.

(c) If sufficient places still remain, the second highest ranked skipper from each State shall be given an entry.

(d) This process will continue until a maximum of three places from each state are entered, following this, any places remaining will be awarded to the highest ranked skipper from applications received.

5.3 International competitors are eligible to complete; however, they will not be eligible for the Australian Championship title or perpetual trophies.

5.4 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

5.5 To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation by completing the online registration form to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.

5.6 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2.

5.7 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafssailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID on their application for invitation.

6 ENTRIES

6.1 Entering

(a) The team shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card/invoice/wire transfer.

6.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of $1,100.00 AUD shall be paid to the CYCA by 1700hrs on Friday 31 August 2018. Entries will not be accepted until payment has been received.

6.3 Withdrawal

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2)

6.4 Damage deposit

(a) An initial damage deposit of $1,100.00 AUD shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.

(b) If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.

(c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days after the event.

6.5 Insurance

All competitors are required to have adequate third-party insurance.

7 RULES

7.1 (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.
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(b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.

(c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.

7.2 Major Alterations to the RRS

(a) Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.

(b) RRS C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the sailing instructions.

7.3 The OA may place an observer on each boat to provide information to the umpires.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

8.1 The event will be sailed in Elliott 7 type boats.

8.2 Ten (10) boats will be provided.

8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, and Spinnaker.

8.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each stage as decided by the Race Committee.

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four or five. All registered crew shall sail all races.

9.2 The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 350kg, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.

9.3 Crew weight may be checked during the regatta. At any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 8 kg. Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit shall not be penalised, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased weight limit before racing again.

9.4 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.

9.5 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10 EVENT FORMAT

10.1 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event.

10.2 The event will consist of the following stages:

    Stage 1 – A double round robin
    Stage 2 – Quarter Finals
    Stage 3 - Semi Finals
    Stage 4 – Petit Finals & Finals

10.3 The RC may change the format, terminate any stage of the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Initial stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.
11 COURSE
11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
11.2 Leeward gates may be used.
11.3 The intended course area will be in the vicinity of Rushcutters Bay, Sydney Harbour, NSW.

12 ADVERTISING
12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, World Sailing regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
12.2 As boats are supplied by the competitors the advertising category of the Class will apply.
12.3 The OA reserves the absolute right to require any competitor to remove any advertising displayed by competitors on clothing, boats or equipment (while racing or attending official functions), within the boundary of the regatta venue which may be in contravention of moral decency or government regulation.
12.4 Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.
12.5 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13 PRIZES
13.1 The principal prize for first place will be a perpetual trophy. The winner will also receive an invitation to the World Sailing Grade 2 – Musto Int. Youth Match Racing Championship 2018, hosted by the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia from Monday 26 November to Friday 30 November 2018.
13.2 There will be prizes for all podium places, subject to funding.
13.3 These prizes have been approved by the National Authority.
13.4 World Sailing has been notified of these Prizes.
13.5 The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND
14.1 If required by the OA:
   (a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
   (b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
   (c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.
14.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.
14.3 The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.
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15 COACH BOATS
15.1 Coach boats shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.
15.2 The OA will provide berths for coach boats. Teams with coach boats must notify the OA by Friday 15 September 2018 requesting berthing during the event.
15.3 Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the Protest Committee to the associated skipper or team.

16 OTHER REQUIREMENTS
16.1 Should competitors wish to avail themselves of the CYCA clubhouse, club dress regulations apply.
16.2 The OA will provide breakfast & lunches to all competitors on the days that they are racing.
16.3 The CYCA, through the generosity of members, will endeavour to provide accommodation on board members boats at the CYCA Marina, if requested by interstate and international competitors.
16.4 The OA will issue all competitors and officials of the Sharp Australian Youth Match Racing Championship 2018 temporary membership to the CYCA for the duration of the regatta. Temporary membership will be issued on the basis that competitors and officials respect the rules and regulations of temporary membership and can have this privilege revoked should such request be ignored.
16.5 All competitors are required to wear an approved Personal Floatation Device (PFD) which complies with Australian Sailing SR Part 2, R 5.01 whilst afloat (this amends RRS 40).
16.6 All single use water bottles are banned from the Youth Sailing Academy and this event.

17 DISCLAIMER
All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

18 INVITATIONS
Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited, please register your request for an invitation as soon as possible with the OA by completing the online application for invitation form which can be found here.

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