

**2011/12**

## **New South Wales Cherub State Championships**

### **Notice of Race**

#### **Organising Authority**

The 2011/12 New South Wales Cherub State Championships will be organised by the Sailing Clubs listed below, in association with the Cherub Association of New South Wales, under the authority of Yachting New South Wales.

- Abbotsford 12ft Flying Squadron
- Drummoyne Sailing Club
- Belmont 16ft Sailing Club
- Lane Cove 12ft Sailing Skiff Club
- Yarra Bay 16ft Sailing Club
- Queen's Lake SC, Laurieton

#### **Venues, and Program**

The State Championships will be held at the locations and dates listed below:

<b>Round</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Warning Signal not before</b>	<b>Venue and Host Club</b>
1	1 & 2	22 October 2011	1300 hrs - (2 short races)	Abbotsford 12ft FS
	3	23 October 2011	1300 hrs - (1 long race)	Drummoyne SC
2	4 & 5	26 November 2011	1300 hrs - (2 short races)	<b>1.</b> Belmont 16' SC
	6	27 November 2011	1300 hrs – (1 long race)	Belmont 16' SC
3	7	11 February 2012	1300 hrs – (1 long races)	Lane Cove 12ft SC
	8	12 February 2012	1300 hrs – (1 long race)	Yarra Bay SC
4	9&10	10 March 2012	1300 hrs – (2 short race)	Queen's Lake SC Laurieton
	11	11 March 2012	1300 hrs – (1 long race)	Queen's Lake SC, Laurieton

#### **Registration**

Registrations for the Championships Series should be made before the first heat (22nd October) by sending the completed registration forms to the NSW Race secretary with the appropriate payments.

Individual round registrations will be accepted and shall occur at the venue between 1100hrs and 1200hrs on the day of the event.

## **Rules**

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2009/2012 (RRS). These include:

- this Notice of Race,
- the Sailing Instructions,
- the prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia,
- the Cherub National Council of Australia Constitution, By-law 2 of that constitution and the Rules and Restrictions of the CNCA,
- the Cherub Association of NSW Constitution and By-laws.

The Cherub National Council of Australia Constitution and By-laws can be found on the national website: <http://www.cherub.org.au> or by contacting the national secretary.

Penalties, as described in RRS 44 will apply, except that rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, involving one tack and one gybe, is required.

Harbour control regulations laid down by the NSW Maritime Authority will apply and will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

## **Advertising**

The Cherub class is classed as Category "A" in accordance with the ISAF Advertising Code. Competitors may be required to carry event sponsors stickers as set out in the Sailing Instructions and may, at the discretion of the organising authority, be required to remove any other advertising the organising authority considers to be inappropriate.

## **Eligibility**

The regatta is open to all yachts of the Cherub class which are registered with the NSW Cherub Association.

All competitors shall comply with ISAF Eligibility Code and must be financial members of Yachting Australia, and a Club affiliated with Yachting New South Wales.

Once registered, boats may be eligible for the following trophies:

- Open: Best placed boat at the completion of the championship series.
- Junior: Best placed skipper under the age of 21 and over the age of 18 on the 1st of December in the season of the championship.
- Cadet: Best placed skipper under the age of 18 on the 1st of December in the season of the championship.
- Handicap: Best placed boat on handicap at the completion of the championship.

Eligibility for these trophies should be noted in the space provided on the entry form.

## **Entries, Fees and Measurement**

All entries, together with the appropriate entry fee per boat, shall be made on the attached entry form, and be sent in time to be received by the NSW Race secretary on or prior to the 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

A one-off payment of \$180, paid at the time of registration, includes boat registration, series entry, and all round venue entry fees. Alternatively an initial payment for boat registration and series entry of \$75 may be made and further payments for each round of \$35 made at the round venue.

All boats, equipment and sails shall be submitted for measurement and weighing at the time of registration. Measurement will be at the discretion of the Technical Officer of the Cherub Association of NSW. Only after the boat has successfully completed the measurement process, or been deemed to measure by the Technical Officer, will its registration be finalised, allowing it to compete.

Further measurement checks may be performed during the event at the technical officers' discretion.

## **Sailing Instructions**

The Sailing Instructions will be available from the Cherub website, the Race Secretary upon request and on the day of the race from Race Office two (2) hours prior to starting time of the race. The Sailing Instructions issued for Race 1 shall apply to all Races of the Championship. Changes to courses, mark descriptions or any other provision that is applicable to a particular venue or Host Club will be posted as a change to the Sailing Instructions prior to the commencement of the first race at that venue.

Changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be in writing and posted on the respective Official Notice Board at the Race Office of each Host Club two (2) hours before the scheduled start time of the race.

## **Format and Courses**

### **Short Race Format**

The short race format will consist of two Short Course with target race times of approx 45 minutes duration. The two races will be sailed back to back on expiry of the earlier of the time limit or the last finisher finishing.

### **Long Race Format**

The long race will consist of one Long Course race with a target race time of approx 90 minutes duration.

Course shall be triangular unless triangular courses cannot be sailed in the area associated with the host club. Courses shall be sailed in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

## **Schedule**

The schedule of races will be set out in the Sailing Instructions.

The first warning signal for any fleet will not be made before 1300hrs on the first scheduled day of racing.

## **Limitation to Equipment**

During any one Round a boat shall use one set of equipment only, including one set of sails only, which shall be approved at registration.

Any request for replacement of damaged equipment shall be made in writing and must receive the approval of the race committee.

## **Scoring**

The Low Point scoring system (RRS Appendix A) will apply.

A minimum of 8 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

1 drop after 7 races completed. 2 drops after 8 races completed.

## **Personal Buoyancy**

All competitors shall wear Buoyancy vests at all times whilst on the water (RRS YA Special Regulations Part 2 R1).

## **Support Vessels**

Support vessels shall be at least 25 metres from any boat which is racing. Such a vessel may only approach a boat inside this distance, with the Race committee's approval.

There shall be no communication between support vessels and boats from the time of the Preparatory Signal of a race until the competitor has finished in that race.

The Race Committee may protest boats associated with a support vessel that does not comply with this Notice of Race condition and the relevant Sailing Instruction.

The Protest Committee may disqualify or impose a scoring penalty to any boats associated with an infringing vessel.

## **Entry Disclaimer**

It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race.

Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4. Competitors shall accept that their participation in any part of the Championship is at their exclusive risk in every respect. It is the competitor's decision to enter or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry competitors shall indemnify the Organising Authorities, Coordinating Authorities and the respective Host Sailing Club(s), their officers, members, servants 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. The Organising Authorities, the Coordinating Authorities and the respective Host Sailing Club(s), their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in an event or howsoever arising in connection with the Championship.

### **Risk Warning**

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.

The Host Clubs, the Cherub Association of NSW and the NSW Maritime Authority 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 the Host Clubs and the Association.

### **Insurance**

All helmspersons shall have third party insurance cover of not less than AUD\$10,000,000 or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any accident. All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

Competitors may be required to produce evidence of such insurance and any competitor not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

## **Right to Use Name and Likeness**

In participating in the event, a competitor automatically grants to the organising authority, and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television, digital images and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

## **Replacement of Crew or Equipment**

In accordance with by-law 1.5(v), Substitution of crew will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Under no circumstances will a crew change be permitted to suit weather conditions.

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee in writing at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **Prizes**

Prizes shall be awarded as follows:

- Open Championship: 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- Junior: 1st
- Cadet: 1st,

Perpetual trophies will also be awarded to the first overall in Open, and Handicap.

Further prizes may also be awarded at the discretion of the Association.

## **Further Information**

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