



LAKE MACQUARIE O'PEN SKIFF & ICLA DOLPHIN CHASER REGATTA

NOVEMBER 7th & 8th 2026

HOSTED BY

MANNERING PARK AMATEUR SAILING CLUB

The organising Authority is the Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club Inc.
Owners and charterers of eligible boats are invited to enter the regatta on the conditions of this Notice of Race.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ABOUT THE REGATTA

- 1.1 On the weekend of 7th and 8th November Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club will be conducting the 2026 Lake Macquarie O'pen SKIFF & ICLA Dolphin Chaser Regatta. Sailors of all skill levels are invited to attend in what will be a unique event consisting of both games and competition with the emphasis on our motto **"Sailing for fun"**.
- 1.2 Saturday will consist of division fleet racing in the morning followed by lunch and weather permitting we will have an adventure race after lunch. Following the adventure race, division fleet racing for both the Open Skiff and ICLA.s will be sailed. Off the beach sailing for the Green fleet will be run while the Skiff and Lasers are fleet racing.
- 1.3 Saturday evening the club will host a free BBQ for the sailors with reasonably priced BBQ food and drinks for the family.
- 1.4 Sunday will see the running of the Dolphin Chaser race followed by competitive racing for the Gold and Silver Open Skiff and ICLA fleets and off the beach sailing and games for the Green fleet.



2. RULES

2.1 **GOLD FLEET**

- 2.1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 and the O'pen SKIFF and ICLA Class Rules.
- 2.1.2 RRS Appendix P, Immediate Penalties for breaking Rule 42, will apply but in accordance with limitations provide by 2014 Class Rules.
- 2.1.3 The Australian Sailing Regulations Part 2 (for off the beach boats) shall apply.

2.2 **SILVER FLEET**

- 2.2.1 The regatta will be governed as defined in World Sailing Introductory Rules for Racing. Refer to (Attachment 1).
- 2.2.2 RRS Appendix P, Immediate Penalties for breaking Rule 42, will apply but in accordance with limitations provide by 2014 Class Rules.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all competitors under 18 as of 7th November 2026 sailing an O'pen SKIFF or ICLA Class boat. Entry may be made by completing the online entry form. Competitors under 18 must have a parental consent.
- 3.2 Sailors competing in the Open Skiff Gold, Silver and ILCA Divisions should be members of Australian Sailing
- 3.3 Entries may be made by completing the online entry form at <http://www.manneringparkasc.org.au/temp/documents.php>
- 3.4 Entries may be made online at the registration desk at Mantering Park Amateur Sailing Club from 0800-1000 on the 7th November 2026
- 3.5 Entry fee - \$80 which includes the Saturday evening dinner for competitors
- 3.6 Charter fee – BIC Australia will have boats for charter at a cost of \$290 for the regatta. Charters can be booked at <https://raceroster.com/registration/80786/efa9kupnutw2ynwy/registrant/1>



4. SCHEDULE

The schedule of events during the weekend could be changed depending on the current and forecast weather conditions.

Saturday 7 th Nov.	0800	Registrations Open
	1000	Briefing and get to know fellow competitors, confirmation of Gold and Silver divisions
	1100	Open Skiff Gold & Silver Fleet racing ICLA 4.7 and Radial fleet racing Green Fleet off the beach sailing
	1200	Lunch
	1300	Adventure race
	1400	Fleet racing
	1730 - 1930	Competitors, family and friends Dinner (competitors free) The bar will be open for welcome drinks and nibbles for all competitors, families and friends.
Sunday 8 th Nov.	0800 – 0930	Breakfast BBQ at the Clubhouse:
	1000	Briefing
	1030	Dolphin Chaser Race
	1130	Fleet racing day 2
	ASAP after racing	Presentation

No warning signal will be made after 1500 on the 8th November

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 The sailing instructions will be available for download from the Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Clubs website www.manneringparkasc.org.au or at the registration desk on 7th November 2026

6. VENUE

- 6.1 Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club is located on the southern shores of Lake Macquarie at 27 Grace Street Mannering Park

7. THE COURSES

- 7.1 The format and course configurations to be sailed will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions and at the daily briefings during the regatta.

8. SCORING

- 8.1 The Low Point Scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply to the gold and silver division and ICLA fleet races.
- 8.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.



- 8.3 If four or less races are completed then all races will count towards a boats series score. If five or more races are completed one race may be discarded from a boats series score.

9. SUPPORT BOATS

- 9.1 Support and coach boats will be permitted on the course to provide coaching and assistance to the silver fleet as required.

10. AUDIO COMMUNICATION

- 10.1 Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club uses VHF channel 77 for all communications. Support and coach boats are requested to maintain a listening watch on this channel to render assistance if required.

11. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows for the Overall results of both divisions:

- Open Skiff Gold Fleet:
 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd.
- Open Skiff Silver Fleet:
 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- Open Skiff Green Fleet
 - As decided by the Organising Authority
- ICLA 4.7
 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- ICLA Radial
 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Prizes will also be awarded for the Adventure race, the Dolphin Chaser race and other prizes as the Organising Authority deems suitable.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1 All those taking part in the regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Organising Authority, the Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club and any other organisation connected with the event, their officials, employees, agents and any sponsors, disclaim any and every responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience that may occur to persons or things, both ashore and on the water, as a consequence of their participation in any way in the race.
- 12.2 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule RRS Clause 3, Decision to Race. The organizing 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.



13. INSURANCE

- 13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party property liability insurance with a minimum policy cover of \$5 million for any one incident over the period of the Regatta, event or equivalent

14. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

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

15. AMENDMENTS

Any amendments to this Notice of Race will be posted on line at:

www.manneringparkasc.org.au

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1 Accommodation next door to the Club at Big4 Lake Macquarie Monterey Tourist Park 02 4359 1033 email: big4lakemac@ahp.com.au or www.ahp.com.au/big4lakemac
- 16.2 Houses available through internet and holiday rental through the local real estate agents.
- 16.3 The local Sea Scout Hall with its own cooking facilities, well-kept showers and toilets, may be available to house a group of sailors, wanting hall type accommodation. The Scout Hall is on the water front reserve and provides easy access to the lake and club. Contact Sharon Kely 02 43591147

For further information please contact:

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Attachment 1



Introductory Rules for Racing

Version 1.01 - February 2008

Some Explanations

Windward and Leeward: The *leeward* side of your boat is the side where your mainsail lies. The *windward* side is the other side.

Port and Starboard tack: You are on *port* or *starboard tack* according to your *windward* side.

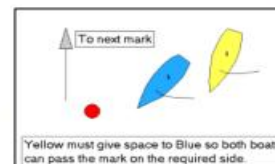
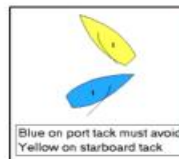
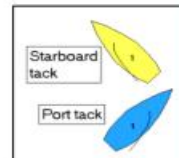
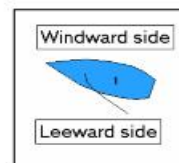
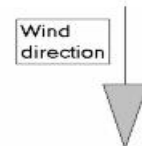
Advisor: A person appointed by the race organizers to assist competitors in understanding the rules and, when appropriate, to penalize a boat.

Basic Rules

1. You must comply with the principles of good sportsmanship.
2. You must try not to collide with another boat.

Rules When Boats Meet

3. When you and the other boat are on opposite *tacks*, if you are on *port tack* you must avoid the boat on *starboard tack*.
4. When you and the other boat are on the same *tack*, you must avoid the other boat
 - (a) if she is in front of you, or
 - (b) if she is on your *leeward* side.
5. After starting, when you and the other boat approach a mark or an object that both boats need to avoid, and the other boat is between you and the mark or other object, you must give her sufficient space to pass it safely on the same side. However, when the boats are on opposite tacks at a windward mark, this rule does not apply.
6. When the other boat is required to avoid you, if you change course, you must give the other boat an adequate opportunity to avoid you.



Other Rules

7. At the starting signal you must be behind the starting line.
8. After the starting signal, you must sail the course described by the race organizers.
9. You must not touch a mark of the course.
10. If you think you or another boat has broken a rule or if you are unclear about the rules at any time during the race, you must describe the incident to the *advisor* after the race. The *advisor* may then add two points to the score of any boat that has broken a rule. If the offence is serious, the *advisor* may add extra points to the boat's score.



Responsibilities of Race Organizers

- (a) To run fair, enjoyable and safe races.
 - (b) To inform all the competitors about the sequence of starting signals, the starting and finishing lines, the course to be sailed and the marks to be rounded.
 - (c) To score each boat points equal to her finishing position, after adjusting for handicaps when appropriate.
 - (d) To appoint an *advisor* on the rules and procedures for racing.
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Introduction and Use

These rules are designed to stand on their own so that sailors who are starting to race can compete using only these few rules and without the need to learn the many details of the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). They are appropriate for small boats in sheltered waters; they are not intended for boats over 6 metres (20 feet) long when an experienced person should be alongside and able to instruct the novice helm. These rules are compatible with the principles and fundamental rules in the RRS. However, they are neither a guide to nor an abbreviated form of the RRS.

The rules are intentionally minimalist and they omit as many complications of the RRS as possible. They are written for sailors who are starting to race and with no more than 2 years of racing experience. After this period these sailors should be encouraged to sail races under the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Boats racing under these rules should race on their own course and should not share the course area or marks with boats racing under the RRS.

Unlike normal racing, there is an obligation on the race organisers to verbally brief all competitors about the marks, the course and all relevant race management matters.

The role of rules advisor is a vital part of teaching the rules. Ideally the rules advisor should be afloat and should watch the racing but, as a minimum, the advisor must be available for discussion immediately the sailors return ashore. The rules advisor may be the same person as the race officer.

The standard penalty for breaking a rule is necessarily small at this learning stage and the difficulties of penalty turns are avoided. As it is only the advisor that imposes a penalty, possible pressure on a less confident competitor while racing is avoided. Note this two place penalty applies to all errors (including starting and course errors) although there is provision for increasing the penalty to avoid any advantage being gained from the error.

Feedback

These rules are 'experimental'. Please let ISAF have your comments, criticisms and suggestions at www.sailing.org/contactisaf. The rules will be updated as required and the latest version published on the ISAF website www.sailing.org.