



Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club

Phil Johnston Memorial 14ft Catamaran Regatta

17th – 18th October 2026

The Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club Phil Johnston Memorial 14ft Catamaran Regatta 2025 will be conducted on the waters of Southern Lake Macquarie over the Weekend, 17th – 18th October 2026. Owners and charterers of eligible boats are invited to enter the regatta on the conditions of this Notice of Race. The races are organised and conducted by the Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta shall be governed by the following;

1.1.1. 2025/2028 Racing Rules of Sailing,

1.1.2. The Prescriptions and Special regulations of Australian Sailing,

1.1.3. The rules of relevant Class Associations (for competing classes) except as amended by the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

1.1.4. Attention is drawn to Fundamental RRS3 – Decision to Race

1.1.5. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1. This event is conducted under World Sailing Regulation 20, Category C, however the Sailing Committee reserves the right to caution or disqualify any Boat that is in

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breach of this code and openly displays signage inappropriate or disrespectful toward the events primary Sponsor/s and/or Organising/Conducting Authority.

2.2. Any boat entering, displaying signage NOT relevant to the event must include a fee of \$50 to be made out to the Organising Authority. A declaration of signage is required to be submitted with the application for race entry.

2.3. The Organising Authority reserves the right to waive the \$50 signage declaration fee.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1. Eligible boats may enter online via the link on the MPASC website.

3.2. Entries will be taken for all 14ft Catamarans up to and including 15ft

3.3. Entry Fees are;

3.3.1. Seniors – Entrants over 18 years of age at 30 September 2026

3.3.1.1. Senior boats - \$110

3.3.2. Juniors – Entrants under 18 years of age at 30 September 2026

3.3.2.1. Junior boats -\$80

3.6 The Race Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry.

4. SCHEDULE

4.1. Saturday 17th October 2026

4.1.1. Competitor Meeting – Approximately 1030.

4.1.2. Race 1 Warning Signal not before 1200.

4.1.3. Subsequent race Warning Signals will be made as soon as possible after the completion of previous race/s or expiry of the previous race/s time limit. No Warning Signal will be made after 1700.

4.1.4. Sunday 18th October 2026 Warning Signal not before 1000.

4.1.5. Subsequent race Warning Signals will be made as soon as possible after the completion of previous race/s or expiry of the previous race/s time limit.

4.1.6. No Warning Signal will be made after 1500.

4.1.7. Presentation of prizes will take place as soon as possible of the last race.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1. Sailing instructions will be available on the entry link via the MPASC website.

6. COURSES

6.1. Races will be conducted on the southern end of Lake Macquarie in the vicinity of

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6.2. Courses will be as per Sailing Instructions.

7. PENALTY SYSTEM

7.1. Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one complete turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

8. SCORING

8.1. Australian Sailing Yardsticks - Catamarans 2025-2026 will be used unless Australian Sailing supersedes these Yardsticks by publication.

8.2. Adjustment to yardstick can be claimed:

8.2.1. All sloops over 120kg crew weight, +1 per 10kg or part thereof.

8.2.2. Cat rigged, super sloop, turbo with crew weight over 90kg, +1 per 10kg or part thereof.

8.3. Yardstick alteration disputes to be referred to Race Committee

8.4. Final allocation of yardstick rests with the Organizing Authority.

8.5. The low point scoring system of Appendix A of RACING RULES will apply.

8.6. A minimum of 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

8.6.1. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

8.6.2. When 5-7 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

8.6.3. When 8 or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores.

9. PRIZES

9.1. Prizes will be given to the first three boats on the Australian Sailing Yardsticks – Catamarans 2025-2026, will be used unless Australian Sailing supersedes these Yardsticks by publication

9.2. Prizes will be given to the first three boats on a skipper's personal yardstick calculated during the regatta.

9.2.1 A boat given a prize within the first three boats on Australian Sailing Yardstick is not eligible for a prize on the skipper's personal yardstick.

9.3. Additional prizes may be given at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

10.1. All those taking part in the Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club Phil Johnston Memorial 14ft Catamaran Regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. The

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Organizing Authority, the Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club and any other organization 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.

11. INSURANCE

- 11.1. Each participating boat shall have third party insurance cover of not less than \$5,000,000 (\$10,000,000 recommended) for any accident during the regatta. All owners/charterers/competitors who complete the online entry form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

12. Entry Declaration

- 12.1. By payment of the entry fee: I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of the International Sailing Federation and all other rules that govern the event. I acknowledge that **Rule 3 (Decision of Race)** places me solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing. I further acknowledge and agree that in consideration of the MPASC Phil Johnston Memorial 14ft Cat Regatta Notice of race, Clause 10 (Disclaimer) that my participation is entirely at my own risk. I acknowledge that I have insurance cover of a level sufficient to cover my racing activities