MPASC
Big Catamaran Regatta

5th and 6th December 2026

The MPASC Big Catamaran Regatta 2026 will be conducted on the waters of Southern Lake Macquarie on the 5th and 6th December 2026. Owners 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, and

1.1.4. The sailing instructions as amended from time to time

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

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

2. **ADVERTISING**

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

breach of this code and 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 Sailing Committee reserves the right to waive the $50 signage declaration fee.

2.4. A boat shall display the sponsor's bow decals (if supplied by the Organising Authority) at all times during the Regatta

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1. Eligible boats may enter online through Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club's website into Humantix.

3.2. Entry Fees are;

3.2.1. Senior Boats – Double Handed (Over 21) - $200

3.2.2. Senior Boat – Single Handed (Over 21) - $180

3.2.3. Junior boat – Double Handed (Under 21) - $160

3.2.4. Junior Boat – Single Handed (Under 21) - $140

3.3. The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse any entry.

4. DIVISIONS

4.1. Entries will be taken for two Catamaran divisions.

4.1.1. Division 1 – Australian Sailing Catamaran Yardsticks 2025-2026 (ASCY) less than 71

4.1.2. Division 2 – ASCY 71 to 86

4.1.3. The Organising Authority reserves the right to determine the yardstick of any boat.

4.1.4. The Organising Authority reserves the right to alter the Division Specification or combine Divisions if less than 10 boats within Division.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Saturday 5th December 2026

5.1.1. 1100 – Competitor Briefing.

5.1.2. Race 1 Warning Signal not before 1300

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

5.1.4. No Warning Signal will be made after 1700.

5.1.5. 1830 (or after conclusion of racing) – Dinner for all competitors included in registration, extra purchases available at clubhouse.

5.2. Sunday 6th December 2026

5.2.1. BBQ Breakfast will be available from 0830.

5.2.2. Warning Signal not before 1000.

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

5.2.4. No Warning Signal will be made after 1500.

5.2.5. Presentation of prizes will take place as soon as possible after completion of the last race

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1. Sailing instructions will be available on the club website and at Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club Notice Board on Saturday 5th December 2026

7. COURSES

7.1. Races will be conducted on the southern end of Lake Macquarie in the vicinity of Mannering Park.

7.2. Course diagrams will be available with the sailing instructions.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

9. SCORING

9.1. Australian Sailing Catamaran Yardsticks 2025-2026 will be used.

9.2. Final allocation of yardstick rests with the Organising Authority.

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

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

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

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

9.4.3. 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.

10. PRIZES

10.1. Prizes will be given to the first three boats in each division.

10.2. Additional prizes may be given at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

11.1. All those taking part in the MPASC Big Catamaran Regatta 2026 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, death 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.

11.2. Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3, which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

12. INSURANCE

12.1. 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.

12.2. .Entering into the regatta indicates that the skipper has acknowledged that the boat is insured as per this requirement.

13. GENERAL INFORMATION

13.1. Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club is located at the end of Grace Street, Mannering Park on the eastern side of Vales Point Peninsula. The rigging area is east of the club. Mannering Park has general shops to purchase groceries, fuel & other items. During the regatta meals, light snack and refreshments will be available from the club canteen.

14. LATE REGISTRATIONS

14.1. Sailors registering on the second day of the Regatta to notify the Race Office