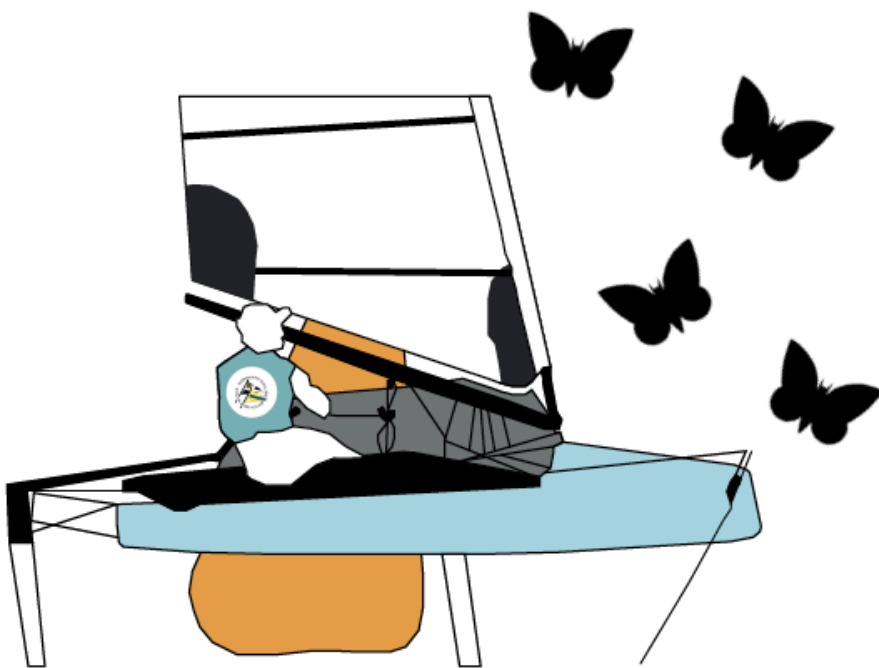


2022

**International Moth Class Australian
National Championships
Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club**

26th January to the 30th January 2022

NOTICE OF RACE



ORGANISING AUTHORITY

**Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club in conjunction with
INTERNATIONAL MOTH CLASS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA**

1. COVID CONDITION

If there are interstate travel restrictions that prevent any competitors from 2 or more Australian states or territories competing in the event, then the regatta shall award a regatta champion, but not the Len Morris Open National Champion.

2. RULES

2.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

2.2 The Australian National Authority Prescriptions will apply including the Special Regulations Part 2

2.3 A version of Appendix HS – High Speed rules will be used at the event. Other rules changes may be made to test their value for the class.

2.4 Rule 44.1 and Appendix P2.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a part turn penalty consisting of one gybe when sailing an upwind leg, or one tack when sailing a downwind leg.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 1700 on 24/1/2022 on the Official Notice Board link at www.sscbc.com.au/moths

2.2 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located at www.sscbc.com.au/moths

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online official notice board (ONB) is located at www.sscbc.com.au/moths

3.2 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

3.3 Data signals associated with tracking systems supplied by the Organising Authority, or camera equipment to support media coverage by official media representatives are exempt from this requirement.

3.4 Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

4. Eligibility and Entry

4.1 The regatta is open to boats of the International Moth Class that comply with the Moth Class Rules and carry a valid measurement certificate.

4.2 All competitors shall be fully paid-up members of the International Moth Class Association of Australia.

4.4 The helmsperson named on the boat entry form shall be the same for all races

4.5 Eligible boats wishing to enter, must do so by completing the online entry found here

www.sscbc.com.au/moths

4.6 Copies of your Measurement Certificate and Insurance Policy must be emailed to sailadmin@sscbc.com.au prior to 15th January 2021.

4.7 To be accepted, entry fees as set out below must accompany the on-line entry. Entries close on 15th January 2021.

4.8 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority until end of early registration on 25th January 2022, with payment of the late fee.

5. Fees

5.1 Entry fee is \$300AUD. Late entry fee, payable after 15th January 2022, is an additional \$100AUD.

5.2 The entry fee is not refundable, unless the boat was not able to compete through no fault of her own due to a Covid Restriction.

6. Format of Races

6.1 Six races shall constitute a valid championship

6.2 Number of races: It is intended to conduct a maximum of 12 races over the period, with no more than 4 races to be sailed in any one day.

6.3 The first warning signal shall not be before 1000 on any day of the regatta

- 6.4 One day during the regatta will be designated as a Lay Day. The Lay Day will be determined by the Organising Authority based on weather forecasts and competitors will be advised of the Lay Day no later than 1800 hours the day before it comes into effect.
- 6.5 There will be no Warning Signal made after 1530 on the last day of the regatta.

7. Schedule of Events

7.1 The full schedule is as per below

Date	Event	Time
Tuesday 25 th January	Equipment Inspection and Registration	From 1400
Wednesday 26 th January	Arriving on the day Equipment Inspection and Registration Australia Day Ceremonies Competitor Briefing 1 st Warning Signal	9.30 – 11.30 TBC TBC Not before 1400
27 th – 30 th January	Racing each day unless designated as a lay day	From 1400 unless advised otherwise
Sunday 30 th January	Presentation and Pack Up Party	After Racing

7.2 The Organising Authority may reassess timing of the first warning signal for each following day's racing based on daily weather forecasts. The approximate times of warning signals for the following days racing will be posted on the official notice board prior to 1800 hours on the day before it comes into effect.

8. Equipment Inspection

- 8.1 All boats equipment and sails must be pre-measured and passed before attending this regatta. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate for all equipment and sails for inspection at the registration.
- 8.2 Competitors shall not change rudders, dagger boards or T-foils while afloat. Any change of rig or foils shall be made ashore at the regatta venue.
- 8.3 Only 2 sails, 2 masts, 2 front foils (horizontal) and 2 rear foils (horizontal) shall be used. 8.4 Equipment can be replaced on gear breakage only with permission from the race committee. The Technical Committee will reserve the right to withhold any broken equipment that has been replaced for the remainder of the regatta.
- 8.5 Boats found to exceed the equipment limitations will be scored a two (2) place penalty for any races completed using equipment in violation of the rule.
- 8.6 Boats may be subject to measurement inspection at any time before or after a race.

10.1 Penalty System

- 10.1 Rule 44.1 and Appendix P2.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a part-turn penalty, consisting of one gybe when on an upwind leg, or one tack when on a downwind leg.
- 10.2 [DP] The penalty for a breach of RRS 47 Trash Disposal is a Discretionary Penalty

11. Venue

- 11.1 The racing area will be off the club between the Sorrento Chanel and the South Chanel
- 11.2 In the event of predicted strong wind conditions, on instruction from the Organising Authority all competitors are required to secure their boats using appropriate tie down straps.
- 11.3 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park.
- 11.4 All competitors shall follow all club directions with regard to COVID safety protocols.

12. Courses

- 12.1 Courses will be windward/leeward races described in the sailing instructions.
- 12.2 Racing shall be conducted using Grand Prix style finishes.

- 12.3 If sufficient lowrider boats enter to constitute a separate fleet, the race committee can elect to run an alternate course in discussion with the lowrider fleet, however in this instance lowriders will not be eligible for the Australian Open Championship.

13. Scoring

- 13.1 Six races are required to constitute a valid championship.
- 13.2 (a) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When from seven to ten races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
(c) When eleven or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 13.3 The "Grand Prix" (Lapped Finish) finishing practice shall be used. This procedure will be described in full in the sailing instructions
- 13.4 [SP] Failure to sign on and off for a race shall be assigned a penalty as defined in the sailing instructions.

14. Support Person Vessels

- 14.1 Support Person Vessels are required to register with the Organising Authority and shall conform to the Support Person Vessel Regulations available on the ONB.

15. Prizes

- 15.1 If there are interstate travel restrictions that prevent any competitors from 2 or more Australian states or territories competing in the event, then the regatta shall award a regatta champion, but not the Len Morris Open National Champion.

The following prizes will be awarded;

Australian National Championships;

- First placed Australian – Australian Champion (subject to state border travel restrictions)
- 1st to 3rd places – Open Championship
- First Australian Female
- First Australian Junior Master (aged 40-45 years of age, based on your age as at the 31st December 2021).
- 1st Australian Master: (Member of IMCA Aust aged 45 - 55 years of age based on your age as at the 31st December 2021).
- First Australian Grand Master (aged 55 years of age or older, based on your age as at the 31st December 2021).
- First Australian Junior (aged 21 years of age or younger, based on your age as at the 31st December 2021).
- First Australian Non Foiler

Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

17. Insurance

- 17.1 Each participating boat shall present a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage of at least \$10,000,000 AUD or equivalent.

18. Risk Statement

- 18.1 RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".
- 18.2 Sailing is by its nature, an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
 - b) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission.

- c) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- d) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organisers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- e) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as it can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- f) It is the competitor's responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the event and to attend any safety briefings held for this event. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, Decision to Race. The Organising 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.
- g) RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

19. Sustainability

- 19.1 A breach of these expectations are not protestable by a boat, but may be considered misconduct.
- 19.2 Competitors will be encouraged to limit the use of single use water bottles with refill facilities on club grounds.
- 19.2 Support Vessels will be able to supply and retrieve water bottles, and trash from competitors between races.
- 19.3 All competitors are expected to dispose of any refuse appropriately at the venue.

20. Further Information

Further information is available on the www.sscbc.com.au/moths or contact

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