

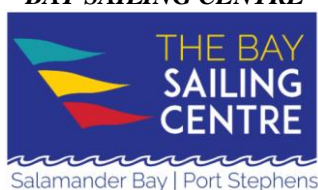


52TH NS14 ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

FRIDAY 02 APRIL 2021 TILL MONDAY 5 APRIL 2021

*ORGANISING AUTHORITY
BAY SAILING CENTRE*



*ON BEHALF OF AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH
NSW NS14 ASSOCIATION*

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NS14 ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA – 52nd NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, SEASON 2020/2021,
ORGANISED BY BAY SAILING CENTRE (NCYC) IN CONJUNCTION WITH NSW NS14
ASSOCIATION

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS) formerly Yachting Australia will apply.
- 1.3 Under Rule 87 the NS14 Class Rules are amended as follows to allow registered MG14 Class Boats whose crew satisfies the eligibility criteria in Entries in the Notice of Race to participate.
- 1.4 The MG14 must meet the NS14 Class Measurement Rules with the following allowances granted under the NS14 Constitution.
- 1.5 A fixed bowsprit stub projecting less than 60mm beyond the normal measurement length is permitted. Any pointed or sharp protuberances must be safely capped accordingly.
- 1.6 The mainsail shall be capable of being lowered from sailing position from within the boat afloat and upright.
- 1.7 If the "MG" insignia is present on the mainsail, the NS14 Class insignis shall be affixed to the opposite side of the sail (i.e. port side uppermost). The sail number must be unique.

2. NOTICE TO COMETITORS & REGATTA OFFICE

- 2.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the Official notice board located in the clubhouse
- 2.2 The Regatta Office will be located in the clubhouse

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1100hrs on the day it will take effect, except any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by the protest time limit or 1800hrs, whichever is the earliest, on the day before it is to take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Flag mast located upstairs at the Bay Sailing Centre.
- 4.2 When Code Flag "AP" is displayed ashore, '1min', is replaces with 'not less than 30min' in the race signal "AP". This changes Race Signal AP.
- 4.3 When Code Flag "AP" over "H" is displayed ashore it means; "Boats must not go afloat, wait for further instructions". This changes RRS Race Signal AP/H.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Schedule of regatta and events.

Date	Event	Time
FRIDAY 02/04/2021	Registration	9:30 -11:00
	Competitors Briefing	12:00
	Racing Session 1 First Warning Signal not before	13:30
SATURDAY 03/04/2021	Racing Session 2 First Warning Signal not before	13:00
SUNDAY 04/04/2021	Racing Session 3 First Warning Signal not before	13:00
MONDAY 05/04/2021	Racing Session 4 First Warning Signal not before PRESENTATION	11:00 ASAP After Race Session 4

- 5.2 Races will be back to back format with subsequent races starting shortly after the completion of the previous race.
- 5.3 A maximum of eight (8) races are scheduled with a minimum of three (3) to be completed to constitute a series.
- 5.4 A maximum of three (3) races may be sailed in any one day. The aim is to hold two (2) races each session, however, weather conditions may require the maximum of three (3) races to ensure the series is completed.
- 5.5 There will be no warning signal after 15:00 Hours (3.00pm) on Monday 5 April 2021.
- 5.6 Additional Competitors Briefings can be held each day at the discretion of the Race Committee.

6. CLASS FLAG

- 6.1 The Class Flag will be the NS14 insignia on a white background.

7. COURSE AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be in the waters of Port Stephens.

8. COURSES

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- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment One (1) show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks will be as follows:
- | 9.2 | MARKS | DESCRIPTION |
|-----|------------------|------------------------------|
| 9.3 | Start/Finish Pin | Black & White checkered buoy |
| 9.4 | Marks 1, 2, 3 | Yellow buoys |
| 9.5 | Substitute Mark | Orange buoy |

10. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 Boats may not pass between the Race Committee Signal Boat and the Finish mark unless finishing and whilst the blue on-station flag is displayed. (Boats may not pass between the Race Committee Signal Boat and the Finish mark whilst the blue on-station flag is displayed unless finishing.)

11. THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
11.2 The start line will be between and Orange Flag displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and the Start Pin.
11.3 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a Substitute Mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practical. When in a subsequent change, the substitute mark will be replaced with the original mark. This amends RRS33.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The Finish Line will be a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the Finish Pin.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 44.1 shall make a report on the Penalty Declaration Form available at the sign off registration desk before the protest time limit each day.

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The time limit for a race is 90 minutes.
15.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
15.3 The target time for a race will be between 45 and 70 minutes.
15.4 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

16. PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest, Request for Redress and Scoring Enquiry forms are available from the Regatta Office.
16.2 Protest, Request for Redress or Reopening will be delivered to the Regatta Office within the protest time limit.
16.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
16.4 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties or names as witnesses and the time for the first hearing. Hearing will be held in the protest room,
16.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
16.6 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 18, 19, 20, 21, 24 and 25 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decided. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for re-opening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party were informed of the decision on the previous day; but no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

- 16.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

17. ARBITRATION

- 17.1 Refer to RRS Appendix T.

18. SCORING

- 18.1 A maximum of Eight (8) races are scheduled and 3 (Three) are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 If Three (3) or Four (4) are completed, each boats series score shall be the total of its races without a discard.
- 18.3 If Five (5) or more races are completed, each boats series score shall be the total of its races with one (1) discard.
- 18.4 A Handicap scoring system will be maintained for the National Championship. An initial handicap will be determined based on the first three (3) races.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 Each competitor shall wear whilst racing, a personal flotation device that is in good condition and in accordance with the specification issues or approved by Australia Sailing. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 1.2.
- 19.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as practical.
- 19.3 Before leaving the shore, each helmsperson shall sign on at the sign on/off registration desk located near the entry door to the clubhouse.
- 19.4 After returning to shore, each helmsperson shall sign off at the sign on/off registration desk.
- 19.5 Sign off shall be completed within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the session.
- 19.6 Boats whose helmsperson fails to sign on before leaving shore and up to the Warning Signal may be penalised without a hearing an additional five (5) places, but not worse than DNF, to their score in the first race in which they should have signed on. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 19.7 Boats whose helmsperson fails to sign off before the end of the protest time may be penalised without hearing by the addition of five (5) places, but not worse than DNF, to their score in the last race for which they should have signed off. This changes RRS 63.1.

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Substitute of helmsperson will not be allowed.
- 20.2 Substitute of crew will only be allowed with the written approval of the Race Committee.
- 20.3 Substitute of equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the NSW NS14 Association Measurer or his representative.
- 20.4 Request for substitution will be made as soon as possible to the Race Committee. Forms will be available at the Regatta Office.
- 20.5 When a crew or equipment is substituted during a series of races on the same day, the request shall be made before the protest time limit for the first race in which the substitute occurred.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECK

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed directly to a designated area for inspection.

22. ADVERTISING

- 22.1 Competitors may be required to display the event sponsors logo/s. These will be provided by the organising authority at registration together with the instructions as to their fitting.
- 22.2 Advertising will be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

23. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 23.1 Official boats will be indicated by the display of the Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club burgee flag.

24. SUPPORT BOATS

- 24.1 Support boats including coach boats shall keep at least 50 mtrs clear of the course area where boats are racing, from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, except when asked to assist by an official from the race committee. Support boats shall carry a VHF radio and comply with all

local safety rules in accordance with the NSW Marine Regulations and with instructions from the Race Committee.

25. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

- 25.1 Attention is drawn to RRS 55. Rubbish may be placed aboard support and race committee boats or stored on boats and disposed of ashore after racing.

26. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 26.1 While on the water, a boat shall not carry equipment capable of making radio transmissions or receiving radio communication except for equipment provided by the organising authority. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

27. PRIZES

- 27.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

1) Major Prizes

Perpetual Trophies and Prizes will be awarded as listed below:

- a) Scratch for First (perpetual), Second and Third
- b) Handicap for First (perpetual), Second and Third
- c) Female Skipper – First on Scratch
- d) Junior Skipper – First on Scratch where skipper is under 19 as at 31/12/2020 on Scratch (as per the NOR additional perpetual trophies may be awarded)

2) DIVISION PRIZES

To be eligible for these category prizes, there needs to be three (3) boats registered in that division.

- a) Classic Division – First Aero 9 or equivalent and prior on Handicap
- b) Family Crew
- c) Heavyweight
- d) Husband & Wife
- e) Jack & Jill
- f) Veteran Skipper – Skipper over 50 years as at 02/04/2021

- 27.2 Scratch prize winners are not eligible for handicap prizes.

- 27.3 Only female skipper and youth crew can be awarded more than one major prize from 27.1 1).

- 27.4 Major prize winners are not eligible for Division Prizes from 27.1 2).

- 27.5 Division Prizes will be awarded in the order shown at 27.1 2).

- 27.6 Competitors are only eligible for one Division Prize.

- 27.7 Further prizes may be awarded at the organisers discretion.

28. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 28.1 Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk and responsibility. By participating in a race of this regatta, crews acknowledge this and release the organising authority and its Officials, Employees, Volunteers and members from all liability, howsoever arising, including from negligence.

- 28.2 Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states: “The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is his/hers alone”.

- 28.3 The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to or after the regatta. By participating in this regatta each member of the crew of a boat in such races agrees to be governed by these regulations and to accept any penalties assessed there under or any other action as may be taken there under, subject to the appeal and review procedures as provided in the RRS as a final determination of any matter arising under these regulations and agrees not to resort to a court or tribunal not provided herein with respect to such determination.

29. INSURANCE

- 29.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$5 million (recommended \$10 million) per event or the equivalent. All owners/competitors who submit an entry are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.
- 29.2 Competitors may be required to provide details and evidence that they have such cover in place for the event.

30. MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

- 30.1 By participating in this event, all competitors, parents, legal guardians and custodians automatically grant 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 the discretion, any motion pictures, still picture and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for said event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event without compensation.
- 30.2 Competitors are obliged to make themselves available to authorised media during the event if requested. Suitable notification will be given.

ATTACHMENT A - COURSES

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – Finish

All rounding marks are to be to Port.

Which course to set will be at the discretion of the Race committee

