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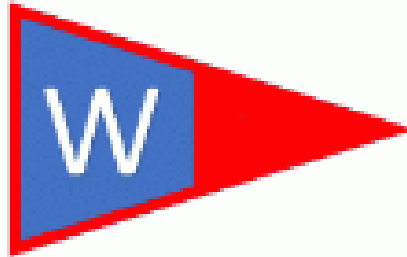
NOTICE OF RACE **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA**

On Lake Macquarie from

SUNDAY 12th till THURSDAY 16th
JANUARY 2025

THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY IS

Wangi Amateur Sailing Club
275 Watkins Rd, Wangi Wangi, NSW 2267



In conjunction with
NSW NS14 ASSOCIATION

VERSION 3

Any supporters/sponsors will be announced on the Sailing Instructions

NSW NS14 ASSOCIATION – 55TH AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, 2025,
HOSTED BY **Wangi Amateur Sailing Club**, on the waters of Lake Macquarie.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS) will apply.
- 1.3 The NS14 Class Rules apply except Rule 87 is amended as follows to allow registered MG14 Class Boats whose crew satisfies the eligibility criteria set out in point 3 below.
 - a) The MG14 must meet the NS14 Class Measurement Rules with the following allowances granted under the NS14 Constitution:
 - b) 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.
 - c) Mainsail shall be capable of being lowered from sailing position from within the boat afloat and upright.
 - d) The sail number must be unique.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen by and supplied by the organising authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Regatta is open to all boats of the NS14 Class or MG14 class that comply with Point 1-3 above:
- 3.2 The boat is sailed by a crew of two (2) or more persons, all of whom are current financial members of a club affiliated with AS.
- 3.3 At least one member of the crew must be a current financial member of an Australian State or Territory NS14 Association.
- 3.4 Eligible boats are required to enter by completing the online entry process on the NS14 website including the payment of the entry fee.

4. ENTRY FEES

- 4.1 Entry fee for newer boats built after the year 2000 will be \$150
- 4.2 Entry for older boats built prior to the year 2000 will be \$100,
- 4.3 Entry for any boat with an "All Youth Crew" (this being where both Skipper and crew are under the age of 19) will be free
- 4.4 If entries are lodged after 24:00 on 31/12/2025 an additional late entry fee of \$50 will apply to all categories mentioned above.
- 4.5 No entries will be accepted after 14:00 hours on 12/01/2025

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1 The National Championship series consists of a maximum of 8 Races over 4 days schedules as follows:

DAY	DATE	SESSION	TIME
SUNDAY	12/01/2025	Registration Measurement and Safety Checks	10.00 to 16:00
MONDAY	13/01/2025	Registration Competitor Briefing RACING	Up to 10am 12:00 Warning Signal not Before 14:00
TUESDAY	14/01/2025	RACING	Warning Signal not Before 14:00
WEDNESDAY	15/01/2025	RACING	Warning Signal not Before 14:00
THURSDAY	16/01/2025	RACING Presentation of Prizes	Warning Signal not Before 13:00 To be Advised

5.2 A maximum of 3 races may be sailed in any one day.

5.3 Races will be sailed in a back to back format within each session with subsequent races starting soon after the completion of the previous race.

5.4 There will be no warning signal made after 15:00 on the last scheduled day of racing.

6 MEASUREMENT & EQUIPMENT

6.1 A completed Safety Checklist & Measurement form for all declared equipment must be returned to the registration desk prior to the close of registration.

6.2 Equipment to be declared:

One (1) set of spars

One (1) set of foils

Two (2) Jibs and One (1) Mainsail

6.3 Boats with a build date after January 2000 will be weighed as part of the registration process.

6.4 Competing boats shall be available for inspection or measurement by the measurer at any time during the event.

6.5 Replacement of individual sails, spars and foils which are damaged may be permitted only with the written approval of the measurer.

6.6 Change of helmsperson will not be allowed.

6.7 Change of crew may be allowed by the Race Committee upon consideration of a written request.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available online prior to registration.

8 VENUE, COURSES & RACE AREA

Races will be conducted on the waters of Lake Macquarie in an area bounded by Wangi Point, Fishing Point and Coal Point

9 SCORING

- 9.1 The Low Point scoring system will apply.
- 9.2 A maximum of eight (8) races to be scheduled and three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.3 If four (4) or less races are completed, each boat's series score shall be the total of its races without a discard.
- 9.4 If five (5) or more races are completed, each boat's series score shall be the total of its race scores after discarding the worst single race score.
- 9.5 A handicap scoring system will also be maintained for the regatta.

10 SUPPORT BOATS

Team Leaders, Coaches, and other support personnel shall not be within 50 metres of competitors or the course, including the Start and Finish Lines, from the time of the preparatory signal until each boat has finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will be discretionary and may be disqualification (after protest by the Race Committee Only) of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

12 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

12.1 MAJOR PRIZES

Perpetual trophies and prizes will be awarded as listed below:

SCRATCH prizes awarded to – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

HANDICAP prizes awarded to – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

DIVISION 1– First Pre 2000 Built design

FEMALE SKIPPER – 1st Female Skipper on Scratch

YOUTH SKIPPER – 1st Skipper Both Skipper and crew are to be under 19 years of age as at 13/01/2025

12.2 DIVISION PRIZES

Husband and Wife

Veteran Boat (where the skipper and crew have a combined age of 110 years)

150+ (combined crew weight of 150kg or more)

12.3 Major Prize winners in 12.1 above are not eligible for Division Prizes (12.2 above)

12.4 A boat and her crew are only eligible to win one prize

12.5 Further prizes may be awarded at the organizer's discretion.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 13.1 All those taking part in the regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility.
- 13.2 Neither the Organising Authority nor the NSW NS14 Association is responsible for any competitor or any boat that participated in the regatta. Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3 “The responsibility of a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is theirs alone”.
- 13.3 Any person who participated in the regatta releases the Organizing Authority and its Officers, employees and agents from all claims and demands of every kind resulting from any accident, damage, loss, death, or injury occurring in respect of the regatta.

14 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance cover of not less than \$10 million per event or equivalent. All owners/entrants who sign the entry form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

CONTACT DETAILS

NSW NS14 ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT –
Steve Jones – NSW
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Supplementary information

SOCIAL INFORMATION

Post race each day ASAP after racing a Sausage Sizzle

Sunday Breakfast 9.00am

ASAP after racing Presentation of Trophies

Information for Visiting Sailors to Wangi

Wangi is situated on the western shores of Lake Macquarie approximately 1.5 hours drive north of Sydney. Lake Macquarie is Australia's largest coastal saltwater lake and is over double the size of Sydney Harbour. The lake has an average depth of 8 metres but is around 20 metres deep in places. There are no ferries, commercial shipping or commercial fishing on the lake making it ideal for sailing and recreational boating. The lake is connected to the ocean by a narrow winding entrance and as a result there is no tidal effect in the lake itself.

The Wangi Sailing Club is situated in the heart of the town adjacent the RSL club car park.

Competitor's boats can be rigged on the grass in front of the club and trailers can be stored there as well. Trailers are not allowed in the car park and cars are not allowed on the grass.

There is a power boat launching ramp close by just behind the Petrol Station in the main street.

The wharf in front of the club is owned by Lake Macquarie City Council and does have time limits so please check the signs.

The town of Wangi has a chemist, IGA supermarket, newsagents, post office and a small hardware shop. It also has a licensed RSL club and hotel which both serve meals along with a Thai restaurant and Italian restaurant, a pizza shop, bakery and fish and chip shop. The nearest ship chandlery is Marine Outlet (0414 286-3 933) at Morisset, which is a 20-minute drive south of the club and nearest sailmaker is MEB Sail Design (0425 244 008) at Warner's Bay and is about 20-25 minutes' drive north. The nearest Bunning's Hardware store is at Morisset around 20 minutes south of Wangi.

Upstairs in the club is used for registration, briefings and race control, whilst the canteen, sign/off sheets, official notice board, toilets and showers are all located downstairs. Please follow the signs and instructions of club officials when unloading and loading boats so that congestion is minimized and enjoy the Wangi experience.

Hope you enjoy the village atmosphere of Wangi and the great sailing conditions on the lake

ACCESS TO THE RIGGING AREA & CARPARK

When arriving at Wangi Sailing Club, please enter the Carpark between the RSL and Sailing Club on the left-hand side (western side) closest to the RSL. Drive though the carpark near the children's play equipment and onto the grass area, disconnect trailer and exit the grass near the sailing club on the eastern side.

Trailers can be stored on the grass in an orderly fashion but will **not be allowed in the car park**. Conversely cars can drive onto the grass briefly but cannot park there. The carpark is shared with the RSL club and the western side is reserved for RSL patrons, so you may need to park in the street once the eastern side is full.

RIBs can be launched at the boat ramp just behind the main street near the service station.

Please do not enter the RSL / Sailing club car park with RIBs or Rib trailers.

Please follow the directions of the volunteers, be patient and exercise social distancing and enjoy the weekend.

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