



51st National Heron Championship Regatta
27 December 2009 to 4 January 2010
at Largs Bay Sailing Club, South Australia



NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The organising authority of the regatta is the Largs Bay Sailing Club on behalf of the South Australian Heron Sailing Association.
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.3 The class rules of the National Heron Sailing Association shall apply.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising will be as defined by ISAF Regulation 20.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 2.3 The organising authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by a boat or competitor when it is in conflict with an event sponsor or the laws of the South Australian or Australian Governments.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all A class boats registered with the National Heron Sailing Association of Australia.
- 3.2 Competitors must be current members of a yacht club affiliated with the State/Territory Yachting Association and the National Heron Sailing Association of Australia.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and sending it, together with the required fee, to Karina Moore, c/- PO Box 309, Semaphore SA 5019 by 1 December 2009
- 3.4 Late entries will be accepted up until 28 December 2009 with payment of the late entry fee described in 4 (ii).
- 3.5 There shall be no change of helmsperson of a boat during the regatta. Boats sailing with a replacement helmsperson shall constitute a new entry, which will be scored as DNS for all previous races in the regatta.
- 3.6 Changes to crew during the regatta can be made. Changes must be notified to the Race Committee in writing.
- 3.7 Eligibility for Junior Skipper and Crew - both skipper and crew must be not more than eighteen (18) years of age at 29 December 2009.
- 3.8 Eligibility for Veteran Helmsperson – the skipper must not be less than fifty five (55) years of age on 29 December 2009.
- 3.9 Eligibility for Heavyweight Helmsperson and Crew - combined skipper and crew weight shall be 135 kg or greater. Weighing will take place at registration with helmsperson and crew attired in dry shorts and “T” shirts.
- 3.10 Eligibility for family crew – skipper and crew must be from the same immediate family (spouse-spouse, parent-child, child-child or grandparent-grandchild).

4. FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee for the regatta is \$140.
- 4.2 A late fee of \$60 will apply to entries received after 1 December 2009.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Boats shall register between 1000 and 1600 hours on 27 December 2009 and 1000 and 1200 hours on 28 December 2009 at Largs Bay Sailing Club.

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5.2 Racing is scheduled on the following dates:

Day	Date	Event	Warning signal for first race
Monday	28 December 2009	Invitation	Not before 1330 hrs
Tuesday	29 December 2009	Racing	Not before 1330 hrs
Wednesday	30 December 2009	Racing	Not before 1330 hrs
Thursday	31 December 2009	Racing	Not before 1030 hrs
Friday	1 January 2010	Lay Day	No Racing
Saturday	2 January 2010	Racing	Not before 1330 hrs
Sunday	3 January 2010	Racing	Not before 1330 hrs
Monday	4 January 2010	Racing	Not before 1030 hrs

5.3 Seven races are scheduled, but no more than two races will be sailed on any day.

5.4 Resails will be held back to back with scheduled races if required.

5.5 A program of proposed heat dates may be posted on the noticeboard, but the Race Officer may re-schedule races on any of the racing days shown in NOR 5.2.

5.6 No warning signal shall be made after 1330 hours on 4 January 2010.

6. MEASUREMENTS

6.1 Each boat at registration shall produce a valid A class measurement certificate issued by the National Heron Sailing Association of Australia.

6.2 At registration, a measured set of sails must be presented by each competitor for inspection and identification. Substitution of sails during the regatta is not permitted unless an identified sail has been damaged and a request to the Race Committee in writing to allow substitution has been approved.

6.3 Random measurement checks of competing boats will be carried out throughout the regatta

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Sailing instructions will be available at registration on 27 December 2009 at Largs Bay Sailing Club.

7.2 Sailing instructions will also be posted after 1 December 2009 on the official website at <http://www.héronsailing.com.au/>.

8. REGATTA VENUE

8.1 The venue is Largs Bay Sailing Club and the racing will be conducted in Gulf St Vincent off Largs Bay, South Australia.

8.2 Attachment 1 shows the location of the regatta venue and the approximate location of the racing area.

9. THE COURSES

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be triangular format.

9.2 Course diagrams, 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 will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

10.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

10.2 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

(a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11. SAFETY

- 11.1 All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by a national authority or standards organisation and branded in the country of origin or manufacture.
- 11.2 Attention is drawn to Rule 1.2 and Rule 4
- 11.3 Discretionary penalties will apply to Rule 41 – Outside Help. Actions of the Race Committee in retrieving crews from the water and returning them to their boats may not be penalised.

12. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By submitting an entry in this event, a competitor grants 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 their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

14. PRIZES

- 14.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:
- (a) First placed boat; Perpetual Trophy, Silver Platter & First Crew
 - (b) Second to sixth placed boats; skipper and crew trophies
 - (c) Highest placed boat with a Lady Skipper and Crew; perpetual trophy, skipper and crew trophies
 - (d) Highest placed boat with a Junior Skipper and Crew; skipper and crew trophies
 - (e) Highest placed boat with a Veteran Skipper; skipper and crew trophies
 - (f) Highest three placed boats with a Heavyweight Skipper and Crew; skipper and crew trophies
 - (g) Highest three placed boats on Handicap; skipper and crew trophies
 - (h) Highest placed boat with a South Australian Skipper and Crew skipper and crew trophies
 - (i) Highest placed boat with an Interstate Skipper and Crew; skipper and crew trophies
 - (j) Highest placed boat with a Family skipper and crew; skipper and crew trophies
 - (k) 51st placed skipper and crew; skipper and crew trophies
 - (l) Encouragement Award (last placed skipper and crew combination that completes all heats together); skipper and crew trophies
- 14.2 The winners of prizes in categories (a) and (b) will not be eligible to win another prize in categories (c) through to (j).
- 14.3 Other prizes may be awarded by the Organising Authority.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race.
- 15.2 The organizing 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.

16. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUS\$5 million or the equivalent. All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

17. AMENDMENTS

Any amendment to this Notice of Race will be posted on the event web site at <http://www.héronsailing.com.au/>

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact: Richard Gibson 08 84491700 or rgibson@scorpex.net
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Attachment 1: Adelaide Map.

This map shows the location of the regatta host club as a black dot and the circle indicates the approximate location of the racing areas.

Largs Bay Sailing Club is located 200 metres north of the Largs Jetty, which is on the foreshore at the western end of Jetty Road, Largs Bay. Distance from Adelaide City is 15 km.

