



2023-2024

Cherub

**New South Wales
State Championship**

Notice of Race

1. Organising Authority

1.1 The 2023-24 New South Wales Cherub State Championship will be organised by the Sailing Clubs listed below, in association with the Cherub Association of New South Wales.

- Belmont 16ft Skiff Club
- Lane Cove 12ft Skiff Club
- Saratoga Sailing Club

2. Rules

2.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (World Sailing). These include:

- This Notice of Race,
- The Sailing Instructions,
- The prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing,
- The Cherub National Council of Australia Constitution, By-law 2 of that constitution and the Rules and Restrictions of the CNCA,
- The Cherub Association of NSW Constitution and By-laws.

2.2 Harbour control regulations laid down by the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) will apply to all rounds held on Sydney Harbour.

2.3 Penalties, as described in RRS 44 will apply, except that RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, involving one tack and one gybe, is required.

3. Schedule of Events

3.1 The State Championship will be held at the locations on the dates listed below:

Round	Race(s)	Date	Time	Event	Venue / Host
1		21 October 2023	1200 hrs	Briefing	Belmont 16ft Skiff Club
	1 & 2	21 October 2023	Not Before 1400 hrs (2 short races)	Racing	Belmont 16ft Skiff Club
	3 & 4	22 October 2023	Not Before 1400 hrs (2 short races)	Racing	Belmont 16ft Skiff Club
2	5 & 6	10 February 2024	1400 hrs (2 short races)	Racing	Lane Cove 12ft Skiff Club
	7 & 8	11 February 2024	1400 hrs (2 short races)	Racing	Lane Cove 12ft Skiff Club
3	9 & 10	9 March 2024	1400 hrs (2 short races)	Racing	Saratoga Sailing Club
	11	10 March 2024	1300 hrs (1 long race)	Racing	Saratoga Sailing Club
		10 March 2024	As soon as practical after racing	Presentation	Saratoga Sailing Club

4. Entry

4.1 Eligible boats shall enter online via TryBookings <https://www.trybooking.com/CAUKT>

4.2 Championship entries (all rounds) close at midnight on Friday 20 October 2023.

4.3 Individual round entries close at 1200hrs on the day of the event.

4.4 A completed entry form and relevant payment is classified as a valid entry.

- 4.4.1 Boats who experience financial hardship and cannot meet the financial criteria before the defined entry cut off time may contact the President with the details outlined in item 20 to discuss a payment plan.

5. Advertising

- 5.1 Boats may be required to display bow numbers and / or advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

6. Eligibility

- 6.1 The regatta is open to all yachts of the Cherub class, which are currently registered with the NSW Cherub Association.
- 6.2 All competitors must be financial members of Australian Sailing, and a Club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 6.3 Once registered, boats may be eligible for the following trophies:
- Open: Best placed boat at the completion of the championship series.
 - Handicap: Best placed boat on handicap at the completion of the championship.

Eligibility for these trophies should be noted in the space provided on the entry form.

7. Fees and Measurement

- 7.1 Championship entry (all rounds) \$120.00.
- 7.2 Individual round entry \$40.00 per round.
- 7.3 All boats, equipment and sails shall be submitted for measurement and weighing at the time of equipment registration. Measurement will be at the discretion of the Technical Officer of the Cherub Association of NSW. Only after the boat has successfully completed the measurement process, or been deemed to measure by the Technical Officer, will its entry be finalised, allowing it to compete.
- 7.4 Further measurement checks may be performed during the championship at the Technical Officers' discretion.

8. Sailing Instructions

- 8.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available from the Cherub website. Racing areas, changes to course, mark descriptions and any other provision that is applicable to a particular venue will be posted as a Notice to Competitors prior to the start of the first race at that venue.

9. Format and Courses

- 9.1 Short Race Format
The short race format will consist of races with a target time of approx. 45 minutes duration per race. The races will be sailed back to back, on expiry of the earlier, the time limit or the last finisher.
- 9.2 Long Race Format
The long race will consist of one race with a target time of approx. 90 minutes duration.
- 9.3 Courses shall be described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. Scoring

- 10.1 Eleven (11) races are scheduled for the Championship
- 10.2 Six (6) races are required to constitute a series.
- 10.3 When six (6) or fewer races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.4 When from seven (7) to nine (9) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score
- 10.5 When ten (10) or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 10.6 All division prizes will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the overall results.

11. Support Vessels

- 11.1 Support vessels shall be at least 50 metres from any boat which is racing. Such a vessel may only approach a boat inside this distance, with the Race committee's approval.
- 11.2 There shall be no communication between support vessels and boats from the time of the Preparatory Signal of a race until the competitor has finished in that race.
- 11.3 The Race Committee may protest boats associated with a support vessel that does not comply with this Notice of Race condition and the relevant Sailing Instruction.
- 11.4 The Protest Committee may disqualify or impose a scoring penalty to any boats associated with an infringing vessel.

12. Risk Warning

- 12.1 Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.

As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
- The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
- The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
- The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
- Exposure to the elements for extended periods.

The Cherub Association of NSW, Belmont 16ft Skiff Club, Lane Cove 12ft Skiff Sailing Club, Saratoga Sailing Club and the NSW Roads and Maritime Service also warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with the Host Clubs and the Association.

Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer.

13. Disclaimer

15.1 It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated on the entry form complies with the 'rules' as defined in the RRS.

All competitors who complete the entry form, in doing so, have made a declaration to the Organising Authority that the nominated boat will, at all times while racing, comply with the requirements of Australian Sailing, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, including:

- (a) RRS 46 and it is the responsibility of the person in charge of the boat to ensure that the crew complies with RRS 46.
- (b) The Australian Sailing Special Regulations;
- (c) Adequate current Third Party Property Liability Insurance and Third Party Personal Liability cover of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars) for any one incident. All insurance shall be maintained during the period of racing;
- (d) The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment
- (e) The person who completes and lodges the entry form with the Organising Authority, warranting to the Organising Authority that he or she will draw to the attention of any person who competes on the yacht, the subject of the entry form in any event conducted by the Organising Authority of the risk warning above; and
- (f) The person who completes and lodges this entry form with the Organising Authority, acknowledging receipt of the risk warning above and releasing the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him, or by any person claiming through him, in any event conducted by the Organising Authority.
- (g) All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 3, which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The Cherub Association of New South Wales, Abbotsford 12ft Sailing Club, Belmont 16ft Skiff Club, Drummoyne Sailing Club, Port Kembla Sailing Club, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury, either a float or ashore prior to, during or after the event.

15.2 It is the responsibility of each individual competitor, supporter and official to ensure they comply with Federal Government, NSW Government, Local Government, Australian Sailing, Cherub Association of New South Wales and each Host Club's COVID-19 safe plans and restrictions at all times throughout the event.

14. Insurance

14.1 All helms persons and/or boat owners shall have third party insurance cover of not less than AUD\$10,000,000 or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any accident. All owners/competitors who complete the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover by providing an insurance reference number on the form.

14.2 Competitors may be required to produce evidence of such insurance and any competitor not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

15. Right to Use Name and Likeness

15.1 In participating in the event, a competitor automatically 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 motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television, digital images 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.

16. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 16.1 During any one round a boat shall use one set of equipment only, including one set of sails.
- 16.2 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Under no circumstances will a crew change be permitted to suit weather conditions.
- 16.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee in writing at the first reasonable opportunity.

17. Prizes

- 17.1 Prizes shall be awarded as follows:
- Open Championship - First Overall
 - Open Handicap - First Overall

Perpetual trophies will also be awarded to the first overall in Open and Handicap.

Further prizes may also be awarded at the discretion of the Association.

18. Cancellation

- 18.1 To the extent that the organising authority is prevented from holding the event, or considers it unsafe to hold the event, due to any cause beyond its reasonable control (including but not limited to a natural disaster, fire, flood, accident, war, riot, terrorism, an epidemic, pandemic, law or any government direction or restriction related to the foregoing), then the organising authority reserves the right to cancel the event at its sole discretion. If the organising authority cancels the event then it will refund all entry fees paid by competitors for the event. The organising authority will not be liable for any loss or liability suffered or incurred by competitors as a result of the cancellation of the event pursuant to this clause beyond the refund of entry fees paid by a competitor.

19. Further Information

For further information please contact:

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or refer to the Australian Cherub Website <https://cherub.org.au/>