

NOTICE OF RACE

AUSTRALIAN CONTENDER CHAMPIONSHIP

09 to 13 January 2023

50TH INTERNATIONAL CONTENDER CLASS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

15 to 20 January 2023



Organising Authority is Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club

1. RULES

- 1.1. (DP) Protocols relating to COVID-19 may be published at any time and will state if they have the status of a rule.
- 1.2. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.3. No National Authority Prescriptions apply.
- 1.4. Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42 apply.
- 1.5. Decisions of the International Jury (if appointed) will be final.
- 1.6. If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.
- 1.7. In all rules governing this event;
 - 1.7.1 (SP) denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5; and
 - 1.7.2 (NP) denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the event webpage no later than Monday 02 January 2023.

Event webpage: <https://rfbyc.asn.au/50th-contender-world-championship/>

3. COMMUNICATION

(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.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the International Contender Association and their World Sailing Member National Authority (MNA).
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee by 30 November 2022.
- 4.3. Boats may enter the event by registering online at:
<https://rfbyc.asn.au/50th-contender-world-championship/>
- 4.4. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5. Entries received after 30 November 2022 will be charged an additional AUD 100.00.

5. FEES

5.1. Entry fees are as follows:

Standard Entry Fee	Late Entry Fee
Australian Championship (Pre-Worlds) AUD 250	Additional AUD 100
World Championship AUD 650	Additional AUD 100

- 5.2. The entry includes tickets for each competitor to the Welcome and Prize Presentation functions for the respective events as well as event merchandise.
- 5.3. Refer to International Contender Championship Rule 4.4 for details on rebates on entry fees for competitors under 25 years of age.
- 5.4. If the event is cancelled due to Government COVID-19 restrictions, entry fees will be refunded in full.

6. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. Minors will be exempt from displaying advertising relating to alcohol.

7. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

The maximum number of boats racing in one fleet is 120. If the number of boats exceeds 120, the regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series. Refer to International Contender Championship Rules Addendum B Qualifying Series – 3 day Qualifying Series, 2 races per day, fleet assignment and race management.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1. The schedule is as tabled below.

Date	Time	Event
Monday, 09 January	1200 - 1700	Registration
Tuesday, 10 January	1200 - 1600	Registration / Practice
	1830	Welcome Function
Wednesday 11 January	1400	Nationals Race Day 1 (1 st warning signal)
Thursday 12 January	1400	Nationals Race Day 2 (1 st warning signal)
Friday 13 January	1400	Nationals Race Day 3 (1 st warning signal)
	1830	Nationals Presentation Ceremony
Saturday 14 January		Lay Day
Sunday 15 January	0900 - 1700	Equipment inspection & measurement
Monday 16 January	1400	Worlds Race Day 1 (1 st warning signal)
Tuesday 17 January	1400	Worlds Race Day 2 (1 st warning signal)
Wednesday 18 January	1400	Worlds Race Day 3 (1 st warning signal)
Thursday 19 January	1400	Worlds Race Day 4 (1 st warning signal)
Friday 20 January	1000	Worlds Race Day 5 (1 st warning signal)
	1500	Last possible warning signal
	1830	Worlds Presentation Ceremony

- 8.2. Six (6) races are scheduled for the Australian Championship series and ten (10) races are scheduled for the World Championship series.
- 8.3. Two races are scheduled for each racing day. One extra race per day may be sailed at the discretion of the race committee.

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION & MEASUREMENT

- 9.1. Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.
- 9.2. (DP) Boats shall be available for equipment inspection from 0900 on Sun 15 Jan 2022.
- 9.3. Boats may be inspected at any time.
- 9.4. The following equipment will be inspected or measured:
- One (1) only mast, one (1) boom and one (1) centreboard.

- b) No more than two (2) rudders.
 - c) No more than two (2) sails.
 - d) A floating tow rope of minimum length of fifteen (15) metres with a minimum diameter of eight (8) millimetres capable of towing several boats, shall be kept onboard at all times.
- 9.5. (DP) Boats shall also comply with RRS 78.1 when presented for inspection.

10. VENUE

- 10.1. NoR Addendum A shows the plan of the event venue.
- 10.2. NoR Addendum B shows the location of the racing areas.

11. COURSES

Courses to be sailed will be triangle windward leeward.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. The intention is to appoint an international jury as provided by RRS 70.5.
- 12.2. The right of appeal from an international jury decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.5(a).

13. SCORING

- 13.1. Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.3. When from five (5) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 13.4. When nine (9) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

14. (DP)(NP) SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 14.1. All support person vessels shall be registered with the organising authority and will be required to comply with local legislation. The organisation authority may refuse registrations and/ or accept later registrations at their sole discretion online at the event webpage.
- 14.2. The support person vessel shall only be moored in the location as directed by a RFBYC representative.
- 14.3. Support person vessels shall keep to leeward of the starting area until all boats have started and more than 50 metres clear of any racing boat or mark of the course.
- 14.4. Support boats are not allowed inside the course area of the triangle.
- 14.5. Registered support person vessels shall fly a flag with their three-letter national code (see RRS G1.1) clearly displayed, or shall carry a sticker of their three letter national code on each side of the boat or engine cover. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200mm. The flag or stickers will not be provided by the Organising Authority.

15. BERTHING

- 15.1. (DP) Boats shall be kept in their assigned places on the lawn in front of the DTC as described by the Organising Authority during registration.
- 15.2. Trailers shall not be left on the DTC lawn. Trailers must be stored in the areas designated by the Organising Authority. Any trailers left outside the designated areas may be moved/relocated at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 15.3. On-site shipping container storage will be available for the duration of the events at no cost to competitors.

16. CHARTERED OR LOAN BOATS

A chartered or loan boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules provided that the race committee or technical committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

17. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue 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.**

18. MEDIA RIGHTS

Participants at this Event 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 their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of them during the period in which they participate, and in all material related to the Event without compensation.

19. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD 5,000,000 (recommended AUD 10,000,000) per incident or the equivalent.

20. PRIZES

20.1. Prizes in the Australian Championship will be awarded as follows:

- a) The National Champion will be the first ranked Australian competitor.
- b) Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place Australian competitors of the National Championship.
- c) The Junior Champion will be the first ranked Australian competitor 21 years of age or under on the date of the first scheduled race in the series.
- d) The Masters Champion will be the first ranked Australian competitor over the age of 51 years on the date of the first scheduled race in the series.
- e) The Grand Masters Champion will be the first ranked Australian competitor over the age of 61 years on the date of the first scheduled race in the series.
- f) The Peter Murphy Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the Australian competitor who placed closest to mid-fleet.

20.2. Prizes in the World Championship will be awarded as follows:

- a) The World Champion will be the winner of the series.
- b) Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place competitors of the World Championship.
- c) The Youth World Champion will be the first ranked competitor under the age of 24 on the date of the first scheduled race of the series.
- d) The Master World Champion will be the first ranked competitor over the age of 50 years on the date of the first scheduled race of the series.

- e) The Grand Master World Champion will be the first ranked competitor over the age of 65 years on the date of the first scheduled race of the series.
 - f) The Women's World Champion will be the first ranked female competitor.
- 20.3. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

21. AMENDMENTS

This NoR may be changed. Changes will be posted on the event webpage.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

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