



# NOTICE of RACE

**Hydrofoil Pro Tour (HFPT) – SYDNEY**

**8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

and

**Australian National KiteFoil Open Class and Formula KiteFoil Championships (Nationals)**

**11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**The Georges River 16ft Sailing Club, (GRSC) Sandringham, Sydney, NSW, Australia**

## **The Notice of Race and Terms and Conditions of Entry:**

*In consideration of the Organiser accepting the Participants entry and allowing them to compete and participate in the Event, along with the Participants opportunity to win the Event prizes, the Participant must fully and unconditionally agree, acknowledge and accept these Competition Rules and Terms and Conditions of Entry and Notice of Race. Participation in the Event is deemed to be an acceptance of these Competition Rules and Conditions of Entry.*

*The Organiser reserves the right to amend these Competition Rules and Conditions of Entry and Notice of Race at any time and without prior notice, if necessary for the success of the event.*

*It is the competitor's sole decision to enter this event and to start and or to continue to compete. By way of entering, competitors acknowledge and agree that participation in this event can be dangerous and accept that their participation is at their exclusive risk in every respect. In addition, by way of entering competitors shall hold harmless the organising authority, its officers, members, servants and agents and all other competitors in respect of all liability for injury to their person and or loss or damage to their property arising from their participation or intended participation in this event and acknowledge and accept that the organising authority, its officers, members, servants, agents and other competitors accept no responsibility in respect to loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of a competitors participation or intended participation in this event or arising for whatever reason in connection with this event.*

Please note that this Notice of Race includes both United States dollars and Australian dollars.

The Australian fee is for Australian Permanent residents who will be participating in both the HFPT & the Australian Nationals.

### **1 EVENT**

**1.1** The final stop of the Hydrofoil Pro Tour (**HFPT**) - SYDNEY will be held from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12th November 2017 and will be a non discardable stop of the tour.

**1.2** The Australian National KiteFoil Open Class and Formula KiteFoil Championships (**Nationals**) will be scored as a division of the **HFPT** as a combined fleet. This division is for Australian Permanent Residents only.

**1.3** The **HFPT** will be graded as a 100 point event according to the **HFPT** Ranking system.

**1.4** The **HFPT** total prize money for the **HFPT** winners is \$10,000 USD.

## 2 VENUE

2.1 The event will be based at **The Georges River 16ft Sailing Club, (GRSC)** Sandringham, Sydney, NSW, Australia

2.2 Conditions to be expected – dominant NE sea breezes.

[http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/averages/tables/cw\\_066037.shtml](http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/averages/tables/cw_066037.shtml)

## 3 RULES

3.1 The event will be governed by the following rules:

3.1.1 The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing including Appendix F as modified by the sailing instructions.

3.1.2 The Sailing Instructions (SI's), as amended to (a) limit redress to injury, damage & serious tangles, (b) the requirement to include a tack and a gybe when taking a turn penalty. The SI's may also change other racing rules.

3.1.3 No Prescriptions of Australian Sailing will apply.

3.1.4 This Notice of Race (NoR).

3.2 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

## 4 ADVERTISING & IDENTIFICATION

4.1 Competitors may be required to carry advertising for the event and class sponsors on their kiteboards, lines, and/or on a lycra vest if supplied by the organiser.

4.2 Every competitor is required to wear the nominated lycra vest if supplied by the organiser.

## 5 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

5.1 The regatta is open to equipment in the spirit of a hydrofoiling kiteboard.

5.2 The **Nationals** is open to Australian Permanent residents only who are members of Kiteboarding Australia and/or Australian Sailing.

5.3 The entry application deadline is **1200 (noon) Wednesday 4th October 2017**. Late entries in accordance with 6.5.

5.4 Entry applications shall be made before the entry deadline through the George's River Sailing Club (GRSC) event page. Link details to be provided.

5.5 a. International Competitors shall be members with their MNA and/or a member a World Sailing Club and in good standing World Sailing.

b. Australian resident entries shall be a member of Kiteboarding Australia and/or Australian Sailing

**5.6** Competitors shall provide the following documentation prior to completing registration formalities on site:

- Evidence of valid third party insurance - minimum AUD \$10 million or equivalent per incident.
- Parental/legal Guardian Assent - for those under the age of 18
- Medical Treatment Permission - for those under the age of 18 or on their parent's medical insurance policy

**5.7** Caddies, coaches and team support personnel shall provide the following documentation prior to completing registration formalities on site:

- Boat Driving Licence (if applicable)
- Evidence of valid third party insurance for drivers of coach boats, minimum AUD \$10million or equivalent per incident.

5.8 In the event a participant cannot prove adequate cover they can become an Event Member of Kiteboarding Australia.

5.9 Online registration is to be completed via Regatta Toolbox.

5.10 Registration will take place at The George's River Sailing Club from **1100am on Wednesday 8th November**. A late check-in may be provided before racing on Thursday 9th November.

## **6 FEES**

6.1 The **HFPT** International Entry Fee is \$250 AUD (\$200USD) plus the cost of the transaction.

6.2 The Australian Entry Fee is \$250 AUD which includes entry into the **Nationals and HFPT**.

6.3 Entry to the Australian National championships only is \$120 AUD.

6.4 One day entries for the Australian National will be \$80 AUD.

6.5 Late Entries - will only be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority and upon payment of a penalty fee of an additional \$100 AUD for Nationals and HFPT, \$20 AUD for Nationals only.

6.6 The Entry Fee for caddies, coaches and other team personnel is \$150 USD plus the cost of the transaction.

6.7 Entries made on site shall be made in Australian dollars only.

6.8 Cancellation and refund - 50% of entry fees may be refundable if accompanied by a medical certificate issued by a medical doctor stating a valid reason why the competitor cannot compete.

## 7 SCHEDULE & FORMAT OF RACING

### 7.1 Schedule

| Date and Day                         | Time        | Event                           |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| 8 <sup>th</sup> November – Wednesday | 1030 – 1700 | Training Day                    |
|                                      | 1100 - 200  | Registration                    |
|                                      | 1730 – 1900 | Welcoming social – Main Bar     |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> November – Thursday  | 1000 – 1100 | Volunteer/rescue briefing       |
|                                      | 1100 - 1130 | Briefing                        |
|                                      | 1300 – 1730 | Earliest warning signal         |
|                                      | 1800 – 2000 | Social – Main Bar               |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday   | 1100 – 1130 | Briefing                        |
|                                      | 1300 – 1730 | Earliest warning signal         |
|                                      | 1800 – 2000 | Social/ Highlights – Main Bar   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> November – Saturday | 1000 – 1100 | Aust. Nationals Registration    |
|                                      | 930 – 1200  | Beach Activities/Red bull wings |
|                                      | 1100 – 1130 | Briefing                        |
|                                      | 1300 – 1730 | Earliest start                  |
|                                      | 1800 – 2200 | Social/Highlight – Main Bar     |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> November – Sunday   | 1100 – 1130 | Briefing                        |
|                                      | 1200 – 1600 | Earliest start                  |
|                                      | 1800 – 2000 | Presentation -                  |

7.2 It is intended that each racer, races no more than 6 races per day with a maximum of 30 races.

7.4 On the last day of the regatta no Warning Signal will be made after 1600.

## 8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board and available on the event website, club event page and social media outlets prior to registration.

8.2 The social events schedule will be available at registration.

## 9 COURSES

9.1 The courses will be Windward/Leeward with upwind starts as described in the Sailing Instruction's (Si's)

## 10 EQUIPMENT

10.1 Competitors shall bring or arrange for use of their own equipment.

10.2 Special Notice is drawn to the use of fully functional depower and quick release systems.

10.3 The Organisers reserve the right to reject any equipment a competitor proposes to use, at their complete discretion.

## **11 BUOYANCY (PFD's) & HELMETS.**

11.1 All safety gear for Kiteboarder's required as per Department of Transport rules for 2-5 nautical miles and as defined by the Organiser

Under the Department of Transport rules for 2 – 5 nautical miles and as defined by the Organiser Kiteboarder's require the following equipment:

- PFD
- Fully functional quick release system – (Wichard shackles will be accepted)

Recommended equipment;

- Helmet – Suitable helmets are strongly recommended
- Kite line knife,
- Mobile phone in waterproof pouch or GPS.

11.2 Personal flotation devices (PFD's) shall be worn by all competitors and support boat crew members whilst afloat. PFD's must be to the Australia standard of 50S or the International Standard PFDs ISO124025-5 Buoyancy Aid 50.

## **12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

12.1 Rule (F4- 44.2) is deleted and replaced with rule 44.2 as amended in the SI's. This penalty requires a tack and a gybe.

12.2 The Sailing Instructions may alternatively specify that competitors may choose between the turn penalty and a scoring penalty. This changes rule (F4 - 44).

12.3 Arbitration & Discretionary penalties as detailed in the SI's will apply.

12.4 For the Australian championships a National Jury will be appointed in accordance with the rule 70.5. Decisions of the National jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

## **13 SCORING**

13.2 Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2 Standard World Sailing points will be allocated on an across the line basis. (1 points for first, 2 points for second. Etc)

13.3 Not starting or completing a race will award the participant the number of entrants +1 for that race.

13.3 Division and Class winners are calculated on lowest point score.

13.4 Australian National championship results shall be taken from the HFPT race finishes of the eligible entrants on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of November.

## **14 SUPPORT BOATS**

Support boats shall clearly display the Green/White flag.

## **15 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all other competitors. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

## **16 MEDALS AND PRIZES**

16.1 The HFPT & the Nationals - Medals or trophies shall be awarded as follows:

A minimum of 3 entries are required to be eligible for medals & prizes.

Male Open, Female Open, Grand Masters, Masters, Youth/Junior

Nationals only –First Season Division (commenced foiling less than 12 month prior to event)

16.2 HFPT Prize Money may be awarded as follows:

Men's Open (2/3rd of total prize money)

1. 25%, 2. 20%, 3. 15%, 4. 12%, 5. 10%, 6. 07%, 7. 05%, 8. 03%, 9. 02%, 10. 01%

Women's Open (1/3rd of total prize money).

1. 45%, 2. 30%, 3. 15%, 4. 10%

16.3 If there are less than 5 women in the fleet competing the female prize money split will be:

1/4<sup>th</sup> of prize money:

1. 55%, 2. 30% , 3. 15%

Men's open (3/4<sup>th</sup> of total prize money)

1. 25%, 2. 20%, 3. 15%, 4. 12%, 5. 10%, 6. 07%, 7. 05%, 8. 03%, 9. 02%, 10. 01%

## **17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority, LOA, AMK, HFPT, the sponsors, their officials or representatives will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

- 17.2 “Rule 4 – Decision to Race – The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.
- 17.3 Participants acknowledge that the Event is potentially a dangerous activity that may result in injury or death, and participate at their own risk. Participants must:
- a) attend, undergo and pass any appropriate training, briefings, required medical tests and other requirements of the Organiser and event organisers as determined by them in their absolute discretion;
  - b) not have any medical conditions that would make it dangerous to participate in the event;
  - c) not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol;
  - d) comply with all directions of the Organiser and event organisers at all times; and
  - e) wear all safety and other equipment required at all times.
- 17.4 Participants categorically participate in the race entirely at their own risk.

## **18 GENERAL**

- 18.2 The Organiser and its partners accept no responsibility for lost, late, stolen, damaged or misdirected registrations.
- 18.3 If for any reason this Event is not capable of running as planned, the Organiser reserve the right in their discretion to modify the terms of the Event including the prizes and this Notice of Race.
- 18.4 Any cost associated with accessing the Event website is the Participants responsibility and is dependent on the internet service provider used.
- 18.5 The Organiser, in their absolute discretion, at all times reserve the right to:
- 18.5.1 prevent any Participant from participating in the Event if, at any time, they reasonably believe that the Participant poses a safety risk or for any other reason, including but not limited to, acting in a manner which is likely to bring the Organiser into disrepute, or is likely to cause harm to participants, the Organiser employees, contractors or volunteers, or any other third party;
  - 18.5.2 change the format of the Event for any reason including but not limited to weather, number of entries, time constraints or any unforeseen incidents; and
  - 18.5.3 cancel the Event if the conditions are deemed dangerous.
- 18.6 If the Event is varied for any reason beyond the control of the Organiser it may not be rescheduled and no compensation or return of entry fees will be offered.

All entries in the Event become the property of the Organiser, who collects this personal information in order to conduct the Event and may for this purpose disclose such information to third parties. By entering this Event, unless otherwise advised by the Participant, each Participant consents to the Organiser using the Participants personal information to administer the Event, announce the winners and disclosing the Participants personal information to organisations that assist the Organiser with administering the Event, and to third parties as required by law (including authorities that regulate this Event).

## **19 INSURANCE**



19.1 Competitors shall possess valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUS\$10million or the equivalent per incident.

19.2 Coach and support boat drivers shall have valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUS\$10million or the equivalent per incident.

## **20 TELEVISION AND MEDIA**

In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to HFPT and the Organising Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of them, taken during the period of the event, for the said Championship as defined in this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates, without compensation.

## **21 OFFICIAL CEREMONIES**

20.1 Attendance at the Opening Ceremony, Prize Giving and Awards Ceremony is mandatory.

20.2 The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse entry to those whose standard of attire is not commensurate with the occasion.

## **22 INFORMATION**

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## **23 CHANGES TO THIS NOTICE OF RACE**

This Notice of Race may be subject to amendments which will be identified in the Notice of Race and noted on the official Notice Board <http://hydrofoilprotour.info/notice-board>