2015
49erFX & 49er Class
Oceania Regional
Championships

NOTICE OF RACE
6th – 11th January 2015

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club in association with the Australian 49er Class Associations.
1 **Rules**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); The prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia Inc. (YA) – Part 2; Relevant Class Association Rules

2 **Advertising**

2.1 Boats may be required to display Event sponsor's name(s)/logo(s). If required, the Organising Authority will supply these items and they shall be affixed and/or worn as prescribed at registration.

3 **Eligibility and Entry**

3.1 Entry is open to all boats of the 49er FX and 49er classes, with no restrictions on gender.

3.2 Competitors shall be financial members of the International 49er Class Association.

3.3 All competitors shall comply with ISAF Eligibility Rules.

3.4 Australian competitors shall be financial members of a club, affiliated to Yachting Australia through their relevant MYA.

3.5 Eligible boats shall enter on line via the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club website: [http://www.rfbyc.asn.au/content/on-water/regattas.php](http://www.rfbyc.asn.au/content/on-water/regattas.php)

3.6 Each participating boat shall be registered and measured before the first warning signal of the event. Boats that have a measurement certificate from the 2014/15 Australian Championships do not need to be measured unless using different equipment from what was used during the 2014/15 Australian Championships.

3.7 Entry Fee for 49er and 49er/FX is AUD $300 if received by midnight 1700 on Friday, 5 December 2014.

3.8 Entries received after 1700 on Friday, 5 December 2014 shall incur an additional late fee of $50.

3.9 Entries close 1200 on Tuesday, 6 January 2014.

4 **Format of Racing**

4.1 The 49er and 49erFX classes will race on the same course area.

4.2 The regatta series will consist of Qualification Races and Finals Races.

4.3 At the completion of the Qualification Races boats placed 1st through to 10th overall for each fleet will compete in 3 Finals Races.
5 Scoring

5.1 The Low Points Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
5.2 Four races are required to be completed to constitute the regatta.

6 Schedule of Events

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6.1 The start times for the second and succeeding races on each day will be as soon as practical after the conclusion of the preceding race.
6.2 The organising authority may reschedule races at its discretion.
6.3 No more than 5 qualification races will be sailed in one day.
6.4 No warning signal shall be made after 1830 on Sunday, 11 January 2015.

7 Measurement

7.1 Boats that do not have a measurement certificate/stamp from the 2014/15 Australian Championships shall be available for inspection and measurement checks from 1000 – 1300 on Tuesday, 6 January 2015. Any boats that wish to use different equipment from what was measured at the 2014/15 Australian championships must have that equipment measured in the time prescribed in the schedule.

7.2 Spot checks on equipment may be made at any time during the regatta. It is the owner’s responsibility to ensure that their boat conforms to their class rules.

7.3 Only one set of sails and one forestay shall be used throughout the duration of the Championship.

7.4 Equipment shall only be replaced with the written permission of the Race Committee or event measurer.
8 Sailing Instructions
8.1 The sailing instructions will be available via the 49er.org website prior to the first day of the regatta and also at registration.
8.2 The racing area will be on the waters of the Swan River, Western Australia; primarily in Freshwater Bay and Melville Water.

9 Courses
9.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward courses with race target times of 30 minutes for courses in Melville Water East and 20 minutes for courses conducted in Freshwater Bay.

10 Penalty System
10.1 RRS rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

11 Support Boats
11.1 If called upon support boats will be required to act as rescue boats.

12 Prizes
12.1 Prizes shall be awarded to;

For the 49erFX class:
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd Overall (Open)
- 1st Overall all female crew

For the 49er class:
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd Overall (Open)

Further Prizes will be given at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

13 Entry Disclaimer
13.1 It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority, and the host club, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in this Event or howsoever arising in connection with this Event.
14 Insurance

14.1 All boats shall have third party insurance cover of not less than $AUD10 million (or equivalent thereof in any other currency) for any accident.

14.2 By signing the Entry Form, helmspersons and crew are deemed to have made a declaration that they have such cover.

15 Further Information

15.1 For further information, please contact the following:

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