



2016-2017 General Notice of Race

Lake Samsonvale Water Sports Association, Inc

Scope

This Notice of Race applies to regular club events published in the LSWSA Sailing Calendar, including the Club Championship Series, A & B Series Handicap events, and the Marathon. Other events at the lake may have a separate NOR, which will take precedence over this document.

Racing Rules

- The race or regatta will be governed by YA Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions and special regulations of YA, the rules of each Class Association and by the Sailing Instructions (except where altered by the Sailing Instructions).
- The Rules and By-Laws of LSWSA shall apply.

Eligibility and Entry

- Yardsticks will be determined by the race committee prior to the sailing season and will be based on but not necessarily identical to VYC yardsticks. Handicap series will start with the LSWSA yardstick and be indexed on performance.
- Events are open to all boats in the following LSWSA club divisions
 - Division J Juniors 16 years and under on 1st September of the current year
 - Division A Monohulls with yardstick 126¹ and above
 - Division B Monohulls with a yardstick below 126¹
 - Division T Monohull and Multihull trailerboats
 - Division C Off-the-beach Multihulls with yardstick 82² and above
 - Division D Off-the-beach Multihulls with yardstick below 82²

¹monohulls with a yardstick greater than 120 may choose to sail in either A or B division.

²multihulls in the yardstick range 78 – 84 may elect to sail in either C or D division

Note: skippers choosing to sail outside their designated division may be at risk of not finishing a race in the required time limit, scoring a DNF.

- Eligible boats must enter for each event on the Race Nomination Entry Form at Race Control. The helmsperson and boat shall constitute the basis of an entry. A boat which is altered, or sails outside its class rules will be regarded as a separate entry unless approved by the race committee before the event.
- The helmsperson must sign-on for the event on the Entry Form before each race, recording the name of the forward hand. Sign-off will be performed as soon as possible after each race, if races are sailed back to back, sign off will be after the last race of the day.

Fees

- Junior - \$1.00 per day
- Members - \$10.00 per day
- Visitors - \$10.00 per day (Visitors who are not a member at another sailing club will be permitted to sail 3 times before becoming a member of LSWSA.)
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Schedule of Events

- Registration - up to 1 hr before each race. Late entries may be excluded.
- Measurement and Inspection - up to 1 hr before each race, if appropriate, as negotiated with the Sailing Committee.

Races - as published in the LSWSA Sailing Calendar

- A briefing alert will sound at 11:40am, and a race briefing will be held at Race Control at 11:45am. The Race Officer for the day will announce the course layout & start times at the briefing. The start of the first race will not occur before 12:30pm.
- On completion of the first race, code flag AP will be raised with 2 sound signals. When the Race Controller is ready, code flag AP will be dropped with 1 sound signal. Approximately 5 minutes later will be the first warning signal for the next race.

Measurements

- Measurements may be required prior to any race

Sailing Instructions

- The sailing instructions will be available prior to each race at Race Control

Racing Area

- The racing area will be on Lake Samsonvale within the defined area and not within the prohibited area under the powerlines.

Courses

- The course will be as described in the Sailing Instructions and defined by the Race Officer.

Penalty System

- Skippers breaching a regulation may accept a DSQ, but are encouraged to substitute a turns penalty and continue racing
- Penalties and protests will be in accordance with the Sailing Instructions
- Skippers who are unable to right a capsized vessel without assistance from the Safety Boat may accept a DSQ or substitute a Two-Turns Penalty (one turn for multihulls) and continue racing.

Scoring

- The low point scoring system will apply
- At the end of Handicap A & B Series, all races will be included in the final score
- For the Club Championship Series and Winter Series, one race will be discarded for the final score.

Prizes

- Trophies will only be awarded when there are three or more finishers in the division. Only members of LSWSA will be eligible for club trophies and series prizes ... LSWSA members and visitors will be eligible for prizes at regattas and non-series events.
1 – 3 starters, 1st place only
4 – 5 starters, 1st and 2nd places
6 or more starters, 1st 2nd and 3rd places

For further information, please contact enquiries@lswsa.org.au

Disclaimer

- LSWSA, its officers, members and volunteers accept no liability for the loss of life or property, personal injury or damages, caused by or arising out of participation in or the conducting of any event. Each boat shall carry third party insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000