



NOTICE OF RACE

MARICAT 4.3, M 5.0 National Championships 09/10

Conducted by:
Maricat Association of NSW & ACT Inc
(Organising Authority)

Hosted by:
Tanilba Bay Sailing Club
King Albert Avenue
TANILBA BAY NSW 2319
(Conducting Authority)

Saturday 27 February to Sunday 28 February 2010

The Maricat 4.3, M5.0 National Championships 09/10 will be held at Tanilba Bay Sailing Club (TBSC), King Albert Avenue TANILBA BAY from 8:00am to 4:00pm Saturday 27 to Sunday 28 February 2010.

The rigging area is to the western side and front of the clubhouse. Boats may be left overnight onsite. It is recommended that all detachable equipment be removed and stored in a secure place. No responsibility is accepted by the Maricat Association of NSW & ACT Inc or TBSC for the loss or damage caused should the owner/skipper elect to leave their boat on the foreshore.

1. Rules

The National Championships and the regatta shall be governed by the following:

- a. 2009/2012 Racing Rules of Sailing
- b. The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia
- c. The rules of relevant Class Associations (for competing classes) except as amended by the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions
- d. The Sailing Instructions as amended from time to time
- e. Attention is drawn to RRS4 – Decision to Race
- f. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence

2. Advertising

This event is conducted under ISAF Regulation 20, Category C, however the Sailing Committee reserves the right to caution any boat that is in breach of this code and openly displays signage inappropriate or disrespectful toward the event's primary sponsor/s and/or Organising/Conducting Authority.

Any boat entering displaying signage NOT relevant to the event must include a fee of \$50.00 to be made out to the Conducting Authority. A declaration of signage is required to be submitted with the application for race entry.

The Conducting Authority reserves the right to waive the \$50.00 signage declaration fee.

A boat shall display the sponsor's bow decals (if supplied by the Conducting Authority) at all times during the regatta.

3. Eligibility and Entry

The regatta is open to all boats of Maricat 4.3 and M 5.0 classes.

Eligible boats may enter on the Entry Form, which shall be lodged with the Maricat Association of NSW & ACT Inc at TBSC accompanied by the required fees.

Insurance – Responsibility for personal and boat insurance belongs with the nominated skipper. All boats shall have Third Party Insurance of not less than AUD\$10,000,000. All owners/competitors who sign the entry form are deemed to have made a declaration they hold such cover.

The Conducting Authority reserves the right to refuse any entry.

The Conducting Authority reserves the right to consolidate divisions if less than 5 boats enter in any one division.

4. Fees

Entrants must pay their entry fee prior to competing in any race or their result will not be recorded.

National Championship fees:

Cat, Super Sloop, Sloop rigged & M 5.0:	\$65.00
Juniors:	\$45.00

Other fees:

Association Membership fees

Adult:	\$40.00
Student:	\$20.00

5. Schedule of Events

Events:

Event Date	From	To
<i>Saturday 27 February 2010</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Registration, Measurement, Inspection & Weigh inSailors briefingRacesAfter sailing drinks	8:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	10:30am 11:00am
<i>Sunday 28 November 2010</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">RacesPresentation	9:00am After sailing	9:00am

The race program is subject to change at any time taking into account the prevailing conditions.

6. Measurements

Each boat may be inspected at sign on to check compliance to its respective class specifications.

It is the responsibility of each skipper to ensure their boat complies with the Maricat Class Association rules.

Measurement checks and inspections may be carried out at any time during and after the racing has finished.

7. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be given at the Sailors briefing on Saturday 27 February 2010.

8. Safety Regulations

Sign on & Sign off

- Proper entry must be made in respect to the catamaran on the prescribed entry form.
- Each catamaran must conform in every respect to the respective class rules.

- c. Each catamaran must have on board a financial member of their respective Association.
- d. All boats intending to race shall be entered by the helmsperson or their representative on the entry sheet provided (sign on sheet) at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of each session of racing.
- e. It is the responsibility of all helmspersons or their representatives to complete the declaration sheet (sign on/off sheet) as to whether or not the boat completed the course as soon as possible after finishing.
- f. Representatives of retiring boats, which enter but do not start, shall also complete this declaration sheet.
- g. Boats failing to comply will be subject to protest (Penalty: Disqualification).

The class Association reserves the right to refuse any entrant.

Personal Flotation Devices

- All competitors shall wear whilst racing personal flotation devices, which are in good condition and in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by a National Authority affiliated to the International Sailing Federation, a Standards Organisation or Certified Authority recognised for the purpose by its respective government. Race signal 'Y' will not be flown and no sound signal made but is assumed to be in effect at all times when on the water.

All competing boats are required to be fitted with righting ropes.

The skipper of a rescue boat shall have the right to render assistance if he/she deems such action prudent. He/she may also order the skipper and crew to leave any disabled or capsized boat if he/she deems this action necessary for safety reasons. The safety of persons shall always take precedence over the recovery of boats.

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

9. Equipment & Measurement Checks

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions.

On the water a boat can be instructed by a Race Official to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

10. Sail numbers

All boats must display sail numbers and be the same for the titles.

11. Presentation & Prizes

The declaration of results and presentation of trophies will take place at TBSC at approximately 4:00pm on Sunday 28 February 2010.

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Maricat Association Committee.

12. Meals

BBQ dinner may be held on Saturday depending on numbers.

Lunch Saturday and Sunday will be available at the clubhouse.

13. Accommodation

Accommodation is available at the Sailing Club, Koala Shores Holiday Park, Lemon Tree Passage Motel.

14. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the Championships entirely at their own risk (*See RRS4 – Decision to Race*). The Organising Authority, Conduction Authority, Officer of the Day, Race Committee and Rescue Boat Committee will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the Titles.

15. Risk Warning

This Risk Warning is issued jointly by the Maricat Association of NSW & ACT Inc (Organising Authority), Tanilba Bay Sailing Club (Conduction Authority) and the NSW Maritime Authority pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by the Organising and Conducting Authorities.

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.

The Organising and Conducting Authorities 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 all risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event.

16. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured. The minimum requirement is third party personal insurance and third party property insurance that is valid for racing. Liability cover shall be for at least AUD\$10,000,000. Entering the boat on the sign on sheet indicates that the skipper has acknowledged that the boat is insured as per this requirement.