

GOSFORD SAILING CLUB

2023-2024 Season

NOTICE OF RACE

For

ALL FLEETS

[Senior and Junior Centreboard Classes, Etchells, Sports Boats and Yachts]

Organising Authority

Gosford Sailing Club,
Gosford, New South Wales
Australia

Event Website

www.gosfordsailingclub.com

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Gosford Sailing Club Limited (GSC) is the Organising Authority (OA) for the events as listed in the 2023/24 GSC fleet Program of Races and/or Calendar.

Additional events may be scheduled by the OA and details will be posted on the GSC web site and/or the relevant fleet notice board in the downstairs club foyer at least 24 hours prior to the event.

It is the intention of the GSC Race Committee to conduct the races as per the program and/or calendar, but it may change the program of races as required. Details of any changes will be posted on the GSC web site and/or the relevant notice board in the downstairs club foyer at least 24 hours prior to the race.

GSC conducts events for senior and junior centreboard classes, Etchells and Sports Boats (referred to as the 'Saturday Fleet') and yachts (referred to as the 'Yacht Fleet').

Racing will be conducted on the dates scheduled in the abovementioned program and/or calendars which will be posted on the GSC Web site.

The events will be conducted on Brisbane Waters.

RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by:

- a. The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) unless changed by the Sailing Instructions.
- b. The current Prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS), and
- c. The Special Regulations of AS Parts 1 & 2 as follows:
 - i. Part 1 shall apply to Etchells class, Sports Boats and yachts including Multihulls.

- ii. Part 2 shall apply to junior and senior centreboard Classes.

 - d. The current class rules for classes entered unless changed by the Sailing Instructions.

 - e. The ORC Club rating system.

 - f. Department of Transport (Maritime) requirements.
- 1.2 The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. Any breach of such a rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a)
- 1.3 All of the documents mentioned in this paragraph are available on the Gosford Sailing Club website at <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/gosfordsc/>

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES

- 2.1 Entry is open to the following boats:
- a. Centreboard Classes
 - i. Junior Classes: Sabots, Optimist's PJs, and F11s

 - ii. Senior Classes: ILCA 4, 6 and 7, 16ft Skiffs, Contenders, Fireballs and other monohull centreboard classes.

 - b. Keel Boat Classes: Sports Boats, International Etchells Class boats and Yachts.

AS Special Regulations

2.2 Each keel boat shall comply with Part 1 of the AS Special Regulations for category 7 races (except that Etchells class boats shall comply with those regulations as amended by the Etchells Class rules). Boats may be self-audited for compliance with Category 7.

2.3 Each Centreboard Class boat shall comply with Part 2 of the AS Special Regulations.

2.4 For all races where Category 7 compliance is required a boat shall have a minimum crew of two (2), one of a minimum age of eighteen (18) years and another of a minimum age of fourteen (14) years.

2.5 [DP] Yachts shall not carry anchors protruding beyond the bow while racing in all events.

Insurance

2.6 All boats shall have racing insurance cover including \$10M public liability covering both liability for death, injury and damage to property.

Handicap/Rating Systems

2.7 A performance handicap system (PHS) shall apply to boats in all fleets which utilise a handicap system. The PHS shall be arbitrary in that a TCF for a boat is determined by the Race Committee or by the relevant class committee and shall not be subject to protest or constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1 and 62.

2.8 Notwithstanding the above:

- a. The AS Class Based Handicap (CBH) Rating System for Trailable Yachts and Sports Boats published at <https://www.sailingresources.org.au/cbh-rating/> will be used to establish a boats initial TCF and thereafter the PHS will be used.

b. The AS yardstick system will be used to determine a Mixed Fleet boats TCF.

2.9 Yachts must hold a current ORC Club measurement certificate if the boat is to be scored under this rating system. Rating certificates will be applied from the date provided to the OA or the Race Committee, whichever is the earlier, and will not be back dated for previous races. Any modification to a boat, rig or sails that effects its performance, shall be rerated by the appropriate authority and a new certificate submitted to the Race Committee.

2.10 All competitors must be sailing members of Gosford Sailing Club, Sail Pass members and visitors (as set out below) are excepted.

2.11 A Sail Pass member shall be deemed to be a sailing member up to and including four (4) races in any sailing season.

2.12 A visiting boat shall be counted as a starter, with all rights accorded to the boat while racing, and have its finishing details recorded, but shall not be counted in the series finishing positions. All persons on board a visiting boat while racing shall be members of a club affiliated to Australian Sailing and have an Australian Sailing number or hold a valid Sail Pass. A visitor who subsequently joins Gosford Sailing Club or who has lodged an application for membership which is being processed, shall be considered to be a financial member for up to three races competed in as a visitor.

Special Eligibility Requirements for Etechells Class boats

2.13 In any Etechells club championship race, a change of helmsperson shall be permitted, provided the new helmsperson is a regular member of the crew. (The regular crew should be determined prior to the commencement of the championship series.)

2.14 An Etechells crew may elect to sail either 3 or 4 up with a maximum crew weight of 285kg. This crew configuration must then be maintained until the end of the series. A change in the crew configuration will be permitted during the season from series to series.

2.15 A completed online registration form signed by the boat owner, owners representative or person in charge (see RRS 4.4, 46 and 78), together with the required fee is to be sent to the OA before 28 October 2023 at 23:59.

2.16 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA and it reserves the right to refuse any entry.

2.17 Exemption from these eligibility rules may, in the event of extenuating circumstances, be granted by the Race Committee.

2.18 Gosford Sailing Club sailing members race entry fees are described in the fleet online race entry form.

2.19 To be considered an entry in the event a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

WARNING SIGNALS

3.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the event are as set out below. These warning signal times are approximate and may be subject to variation on the day by the Race Officer in charge of course.

Yacht Fleet

Event	Time of First Warning signal	Start Area
Spring, Summer and Sprint series	Not before 1325hrs	Boat or Club
Winter series	Not before 1255hrs	Boat or Club
Twilight Racing	Not before 1725hrs	Club
Other events	As per separate event SIs	As per separate event Sis

Saturday Fleet

Class	Time of First Warning signal
16ft Skiffs	Not Before 1355
Etchells	Not Before 1400
ILCA	Not Before 1405
Mixed Fleet	Not Before 1410
Sports Boats	Not Before 1415
Other events including combined events	As per separate event SIs

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 6 September 2023 on the GSC website and/or from the Sailing Office.

DIGITAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

5.1 By taking part in this event, all persons on board a boat give the OA and the event's sponsors the right to use and show at any time photos or videos of them and/or their boat made during this event using any materials, on any webpages, and on any social media in support of or in connection with the event, including the publication of results.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & RISK WARNING

6.1 Participation in sailing races conducted by Gosford Sailing Club Ltd, is at the risk and responsibility of each competitor. It is the competitors decision to enter or to start and continue in any race. Gosford Sailing Club Ltd takes no responsibility for the safety or health of any competitor during any race,

6.2 Specific attention is drawn to the following:

RRS 3 "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is theirs alone",

RRS 46 "A boat shall have on board a person in charge designated by the member or organization that entered the boat..."

AS Special Regulations 1.02.1 "The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge..."

6.3 By participating in sailing races the subject of this notice 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.

6.4 By way of entry in the event, competitors indemnify the Organising Authority, namely Gosford Sailing Club Ltd, its officers, members, staff, sponsors and agents in respect of all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with, or howsoever arising from, their participation in the event.

6.5 This RISK WARNING is issued jointly by Gosford Sailing Club and Transport for NSW (Maritime) pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by Gosford Sailing Club.

6.6 Participants are also advised that although Gosford Sailing Club is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover DOES NOT extend to participants. Any participant who considers that they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Competitors are invited to the Gosford Sailing Club's Sailors Bar afterwards for after race presentations which will be made as soon as possible after the last race of the day.

FURTHER INFORMATION

To enjoy the facilities GSC has to offer, see the club website www.gosfordsailingclub.com. If you need berthing for the night before or after the race, please contact the Sailing Office on sailing@gossail.com.au or by phone on 4325 7216 or 0448257216.