

2023
International Moth Class
NSW State Championships
& NSW Traveller Series

Port Kembla Sailing Club
25th/26th November 2023
Toronto Amateur Sailing Club
9th/10th December 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

INTERNATIONAL MOTH CLASS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

In conjunction with the host venues Port Kembla S.C. and Toronto Amateur S.C.

1. Language

- 1.1 The governing language of the regatta, and all communication shall be in English.
- 1.2 Any dispute over the rules and class documentation shall be interpreted using the literal English meaning. All disputes shall be heard and arbitrated over in English.
- 1.4 In any conflict between languages, the English language will take precedence.

2. Rules

- 2.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules defined in the Racing rules of Sailing 2021-2024.
- 2.2 The Class and Championship Rules of the International Moth Class Association will apply except for those altered by the Notice of Race OR the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.3 Rule 44.1 and Appendix P2.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a 270-degree penalty consisting of one gybe when sailing an upwind leg, or one tack when sailing a downwind leg.
- 2.4 Scoring Rule **A5.3** will apply.
- 2.5 Any other change to the racing rules will be documented in the sailing instructions. The Sailing Instructions will prevail in the event of any Document or Rules conflict.
- 2.6 The Australian National Authority Prescriptions will apply.

3. Advertising, Media, Rights and Camera Equipment

- 3.1 Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 The regatta is open to boats of the International Moth Class that comply with the Moth Class Rules and carry a valid measurement certificate.
- 4.2 All competitors shall be fully paid-up members of the International Moth Class Association of Australia.
- 4.3 The helmsperson named on the boat entry form shall be the same for all races.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form on the Australian International Moth Class Website 'EVENTS' and paying the required entry fee.

5. Fees

- 5.1 The entry fee for both weekends of competition is: \$220 AUD.
- 5.2 The entry fee competitors to compete in only the Port Kembla event is: \$140.
- 5.3 The entry fee for competitors to compete in only the Toronto event is: \$100.
- 5.4 The entry fee is not refundable within 2 weeks of the first event, however special dispensation may be considered by the Organising Authority upon application.

6. Format of Races

- 6.1 Six races shall constitute a valid championship.
- 6.2 Number of races: it is intended to conduct 12 races over the period of two weekends with 6 races per weekend. It is intended to conduct three races per day.
- 6.4 One additional race per day may be sailed provided the program does not get more than two races ahead of schedule.

7. Schedule of Events

- 7.1 Racing at Port Kembla will be held on the 25th and 26th of November.
 - 7.1.1 Race Time: 25th November – 1st race P.M.as per Sailing Instructions.
 - 7.1.2 Race Time: 26th November – 1st race P.M.as per Sailing Instructions.
 - 7.1.3 Warning signals will not sound later 4:30pm on the 26th of November.
- 7.2 Racing at Toronto Amateur Sailing Club will be held on the 19th and 20th of November.
 - 7.2.1 Race Time: 9th Of December – First Race P.M.as per Sailing Instructions.
 - 7.2.2 Race Time: 10th of December – First Race P.M.as per Sailing Instructions.
 - 7.2.3 Warning signals will not sound later than 4:30pm on 10th of December.
- 7.3 Indication of any substantial changes to warning signal times will be placed on the club noticeboard.
- 7.4 The organising authority in consultation with the Race Committee will assess timing of the first warning signal in consideration of the weather forecast.

8. Measurement

- 8.1 Each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate for all equipment and sails available for inspection at each regatta.
- 8.2 Competitors shall not change rudders, dagger boards or T-foils while afloat. Any change of rig or foils shall be made ashore at the regatta venue.
- 8.3 Only 2 sails, 2 masts, 2 front foils (horizontal) and 2 rear foils (horizontal) shall be used.
- 8.4 Equipment can be replaced on gear breakage only with permission from the IMCA as the regatta organiser.
- 8.5 Boats found to exceed the equipment limitations may be scored a two (2) place penalty for any races completed using equipment in violation of the rule.
- 8.6 Boats may be subject to measurement inspection at any time before or after a race.

9. Sailing Instructions

- 9.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration for each regatta and may be published prior on the IMCA Australia website. Email notifications will be sent to all registered competitors.

10. Arbitration

- 10.1 Appendix T4 Arbitration applies.
The Arbitrator will not perform the role of Chairman on any subsequent Protest Hearing.

11. Venue

- 11.1 The racing area will be held at:
- Port Kembla Sailing Club – On the northern area of Lake Illawarra, course area determined by the club. See map on IMCA Event page.
 - Toronto Amateur Sailing Club – Course area to the East of the Toronto / Carey Bay shoreline. See map on IMCA Event page.
- 11.2 In the event of predicted strong wind conditions, on instruction from the venue all competitors are required to secure their boats using appropriate tie down straps.
- 11.3 Boats shall be kept within the designated areas within the boat park.
- 11.4 Port Kembla Sailing Club Information
- <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/portkemblasc/>
 - Club Canteen and Licensed Bar.
 - Camping available at the Venue incl. toilet and shower facilities.
- 11.5 Toronto Amateur Sailing Club Information.
- <https://www.tasc.org.au/home/>
 - Adjacent to town centre with full services.
 - Canteen and refreshments at club, Dining at associated venues.

12. Courses

- 12.1 Courses will be windward/leeward races with exact details to be included in the Sailing Instructions.
- 12.2 Racing shall be conducted using Grand Prix style finishes.
- 12.3 At the Toronto (2nd) weekend Scow and Lowrider entries will be catered for with a separate Start, suitable course format, race schedule and appropriate Scoring. Details at briefing.

13. Scoring

- 13.1 Six races are required to constitute a valid championship.
- 13.2 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.3 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- a) When from seven to ten races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - b) When eleven or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
 - c) The "Grand Prix" (Lapped Finish) finishing practice shall be used. This procedure will be described in full in the Sailing Instructions.
- 13.4 Failure to sign on and off for a race shall be assigned a penalty as defined in the sailing instructions.

14. Support boats

- 14.1 Private support boats will be required to be registered with each venue and shall confirm to requirements defined by them. Drivers may be required to attend a briefing. Unregistered Support boats / persons will also be bound by the RRS.
- 14.2 Support boats and Support Persons to stay clear of the racing course from the Warning signal until the race completes.
Attention is drawn to RRS **60.3(d)**, RRS **64.5** penalties.
- 14.3 Drivers shall hold a powerboat license from their home jurisdiction.

15. Prizes

- 15.1 Prizes and awards (including Division awards) for the series will be provided at the discretion of the International Moth Class Association (Australia),

16. Radio and Cellular Communications

- 16.1 A boat shall not be permitted to send or receive radio transmissions or phone calls whilst racing.
- 16.2 A boat is permitted to receive data whilst racing from public freely available data sources
- 16.3 Data signals associated with tracking systems supplied by the organising authority, or camera equipment to support media coverage by official media representatives are exempt from this requirement.

17. Insurance

- 17.1 Each participating boat shall be required to have the appropriate insurance cover for the event.

18. Risk Statement

- 18.1 **RRS 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.**
- 18.2 Sailing is by its nature, an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
 - b) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission.
 - c) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
 - d) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organisers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
 - e) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as it can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - f) It is the competitor’s responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the event and to attend any safety briefings held for this event.

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

19. Sustainability

- 19.1 Competitors will be encouraged to limit the use of single use water bottles with refill facilities on club grounds.
- 19.2 Support boats will be able to supply and retrieve water bottles, and general refuse from competitors between races.
- 19.3 Competitors caught deliberately disposing waste into the water may be subject to disqualification.
- 19.4 All competitors are expected to dispose of any refuse appropriately at the venue.

20. Further Information

Further Information shall be made available on the International Moth class Website or contact

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Port Kembla Sailing Club Weekend	See IMCA website Events page also ‘Contact’ form https://www.revolutionise.com.au/portkemblasc/
Toronto Sailing Club weekend	See IMCA website Events page. also Contact form https://www.tasc.org.au/contact/
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