

2020/2021

**International Moth Class Australian
National Championships**

Wangi RSL Amateur Sailing Club

10th to the 14th April 2021

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY
Wangi RSL Amateur Sailing Club
INTERNATIONAL MOTH CLASS ASSOCIATION OF
AUSTRALIA

COVID Condition

The Regatta shall ONLY be considered the Australian National Championships if prior to the start of the regatta and a sufficient time prior to permit travel, there are no travel restrictions preventing movement between states as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic. If travel restrictions are in place, the event will continue, but be referred to as an interstate championship and a National Champion shall NOT be awarded. The event will however be branded a National Championships.

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 documentations shall be interpreted using the literal English meaning.
- 1.3 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 as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 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 Any other change to the racing rules will be documented in the sailing instructions.
- 2.5 The Australian National Authority Prescriptions will apply.
- 2.6 In accordance with the Moth Class AGM 2019, the race committee will assess whether to;
 - (a) Increase the 3-boat length rule at the mark to 5 boat lengths
 - (b) Assess the right of way requirements for when two boats on the same tack converge with one heading upwind and one heading downwind.Confirmation of these updates shall be documented in the sailing instructions.

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.
- 4.4 The helmsperson named on the boat entry form shall be the same for all races
- 4.5 Eligible boats wishing to enter, must do so with IMCA Australia, by completing the online entry process using the following link.
<https://moth.asn.au/event-4082466>
- 4.6 Copies of your Measurement Certificate and Insurance Policy must be either emailed to the Class Secretary at secretary@moth.asn.au, attached to the online entry form or uploaded to your profile on the class association site prior to 31st March 2021.
- 4.7 To be accepted, entry fees as set out below must accompany the on-line entry. Entries close on 31st March 2021.
- 4.8 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority until end of registration on 10th April 2021, with payment of the late fee.

5. Fees

- 5.1 Entry fee is \$350AUD. Late entry fee, payable after 31st March 2021, is an additional \$100AUD.
- 5.2 The entry fee is not refundable, 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 a maximum of 15 races over the period, with no more than 4 races to be sailed in any one day.
- 6.3 The first warning signal shall not be before 1200 on any day of the regatta (10-14 April).
- 6.4 One day during the regatta (10-14 Apr), will be designated as a Lay Day. The Lay Day will be determined by the Race Committee based on current weather forecasts and competitors will be advised of the Lay Day no later than 1800 hours the day before it comes into effect.
- 6.5 There will be no Warning Signal made after 1530 on the last day of the regatta.

7. Schedule of Events

- 7.1 The Full schedule is as per below

Date	Event	Time
Saturday 10 th April	Measuring and Registration	From 0900
Saturday 10 th April	Competitor Briefing	From 1200
Saturday 10 th April	Racing	From 2pm (minimum 1.5 hours after briefing)
11th – 14 th April	Racing each day unless designated as a lay day	From 1200 unless advised otherwise
Wednesday 14 th April	Presentation and Prize Giving	From 1800

- 7.2 The organising authority may reassess timing of the first warning signal for each following day's racing based on daily weather forecasts. The approximate times of warning signals for the following days racing will be placed on the club noticeboard prior to 1800 hours on the day before it comes into effect.

8. Measurement

- 8.1 All boats equipment and sails must be pre-measured and passed before competing in this regatta. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate for all equipment and sails for inspection at the registration.
- 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 race committee. The race committee will reserve the right to withhold any broken equipment that has been replaced for the remainder of the regatta.
- 8.5 Boats found to exceed the equipment limitations will 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 on the 10th April and may be published prior to that on the IMCA Australia website.

10.1 Penalty System

- 10.1 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 on an upwind leg, or one tack when on a downwind leg.

11. Venue

- 11.1 The racing area will be on Lake Macquarie between Fishing Point, Coal Point and Wangi Point.
- 11.2 In the event of predicted strong wind conditions, on instruction from the organising authority all competitors are required to secure their boats using appropriate tie down straps.
- 11.3 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park.
- 11.4 All competitors shall follow all club directions with regard to COVID safety protocols.

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 If sufficient lowrider boats enter to constitute a separate fleet, the race committee can elect to run an alternate course in discussion with the lowrider fleet, however in this instance lowriders will not be eligible for the Australian Open Championship.

13. Scoring

- 13.1 **FIVE(5)** races are required to constitute a valid championship.
- 13.2 (a) When **five or six** races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) 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.
- (c) 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.
- 13.3 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 and will be required to be registered with the organising authority and shall confirm to requirements defined by them. Drivers may be required to attend a briefing.

15. Prizes

- 15.1 The Australian National championship will be awarded ONLY if there are no state restrictions on travel that would prevent a competitor from attending. If restrictions are evident, the regatta shall award a regatta champion but not the Len Morris Open National Champion.
- The following prizes will be awarded;

Australian National Championships;

- First placed Australian – Australian Champion (subject to state border travel restrictions)
- 1st to 3rd places – Open Championship
- First Australian Female
- First Australian Junior Master (aged 40-45 years of age, based on your age as at the 31st December 2020).
- 1st Australian Master: (Member of IMCA Aust aged 45 - 55 years of age based on your age as at the 31st December 2020).
- First Australian Grand Master (aged 55 years of age or older, based on your age as at the 31st December 2020).
- First Australian Junior (aged 21 years of age or younger, based on your age as at the 31st December 2020).
- First Australian Non Foiler

Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

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 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 present a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage of at least \$10,000,000 AUD or equivalent.

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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