



in conjunction with



MORETON BAY
TRAILER BOAT CLUB

present the

AUSTRALIAN SPORTS BOAT NATIONAL TITLES

Friday 24th – Sunday 26th February 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

Event Sponsors



Organising Authorities:

Australian Sports Boat Association

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Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club

www.mbtbc.com.au

The Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club, Manly, Brisbane as the organising authority, in conjunction with the Australian Sports Boat Association (ASBA) invites entries from eligible yachts in the Australian Sports Boat National Titles to be held on the waters of Moreton Bay QLD on 24th, 25th, and 26th February 2023.

1. RULES

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- b. Other rules that will apply to all boats are as follows:
- c. The [Australian Sports Boat Association Constitution](#) available at www.asba.org.au
- d. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Australian Sailing 2021 - 2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) Blue Book.
- e. The Special Regulations Part 1 for Racing Boats (Special Regulations) shall apply. We draw your particular attention to the following specific requirements:
 - i. Section 1 - Fundamentals and Definitions
 - ii. Section 2.01.7 - Category 6
 - iii. Section 3.25 - Marine Radio
 - iv. Section 5.01 - Personal Equipment
 - v. Rule 46 - Sail Pass
 - vi. RRS and Special Regulations can be downloaded at: www.sailingresources.org.au
- f. Rule 49.1 of RRS shall not apply to Melges 24 and Magic 25 Sports Boats if racing in compliance with their respective class rules and it is noted on the Sports Boats Handicap Certificate that the racing incorporates hiking devices.
- g. The ASBA Constitution requires that boats must carry an operable motor of at least 3hp. Outboards must be permanently mounted in ready to operate position.
- h. ASBA Constitution section 4.1.13 shall not apply to Elliott 7's if racing in full compliance with their respective class rules.
- i. Competitors must wear buoyancy vest/aids to Australian Sailing Standard while racing.
- j. The Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club or ASBA may amend any detail of this Notice of Race and amendments will be published on the ASBA web site: www.asba.com.au
- k. Any boat or skipper that has not paid the nomination fees or ASBA membership fees or has no proof of payment by the 1st race will score a DNC (which will not be exonerated) in each race until payment or proof of payment is received by the ASBA.
- l. Competing boats must carry a working VHF radio. Handheld or fixed.

2. ADVERTISING

- a. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority or ASBA.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- a. The regatta is open to all boats that hold current membership of the ASBA (Clause 5 of the ASBA Constitution) and meet the Criteria for eligible boats (Clause 4 of the ASBA Constitution), or have an exemption granted by the ASBA committee.

- b. All registered boats must have a current Australian Class Based Handicap (CBH) Rating for Trailable Yachts and Sports Boats
- c. Entries can be made online via the ASBA web site: www.asba.org.au using the nominated race entry system.
- d. Acceptance of entries is conditional upon:
 - i. Acceptance of the Terms and Conditions
 - ii. Payment of fees
 - iii. Provision of the following documents that will need to be scanned and uploaded to the race entry system:
 - 1. Current, completed AS Cat 6 Audit Form, confirming compliance, and
 - 2. Evidence of Insurance which shall include valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10M per incident or the equivalent.
- e. All registered competitors may be subject to compliance testing prior to and during the regatta by the ASBA to ensure all eligibility criteria are met.

4. FEES

- a. All boats: \$295 for early entries submitted before 5pm, 3rd February 2023
- b. All boats: \$395 for entries received after 5pm, 3rd February 2023 and before 5pm, 21st February 2023.
- c. The organisers reserve the right to accept race entries after that date. Late entries may be accepted with an additional fee.

5. SCHEDULE

- a. Racing will be a series of up to 10 races conducted over 3 days; Friday 24th to Sunday 26th February, 2023.
- b. Race days will consist of up to Four (4) Windward / Leeward races, or combined Windward / Leeward races plus One (1) Short Passage Race, or One (1) Long Passage Race. The first warning signal for Friday 24th is scheduled for approx. 1300 hours.
- c. No race will be started after 1500 hours on the last day of the regatta.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the ASBA website: www.asba.org.au by 1800 hours on 24th January 2023.

7. VENUE

- a. The host club is Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club, Manly Brisbane QLD.
- b. Racing will be conducted on the waters of Moreton Bay QLD.

8. THE COURSES

- a. The courses to be sailed will be windward/ leeward returns races and passage style races and will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- a. The scoring penalty, rule 44.3, will not apply.
- b. The Two-Turns Penalty is changed to a One-Turns Penalty in all races. Except the two turns penalty will apply within the zone of a rounding mark (amends RRS 44.1 and 44.2).

10. SCORING

- a. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- b. Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- c. When from Four (4) to Six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- d. When Six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race.

11. BERTHING

- a. Dry and wet berthing options will be made available for competitors at the host club. A fee of \$50 per night per boat will be charged for all wet berth requirements. Competitors can also arrange their own berthing within the Manly Harbour area.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- a. Except in an emergency or lodging a protest while on the water, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. VHF channel numbers will be provided in the sailing instructions.

13. PRIZES AND DIVISIONS

- a. Prizes will be given as follows:
 - i. 1st, 2nd and 3rd on ASBA Primary Handicap System
 - ii. 1st, 2nd and 3rd on ASBA LTP Handicap.
 - iii. Other categories, divisions and prizes may be determined by the organising authority.
- b. Prizes will be awarded as soon as possible after racing on Sunday 26th February 2023 at the MBTBC clubhouse.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- a. Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk and responsibility.
- b. By lodging an entry, participants agree that they will release, hold harmless and indemnify ASBA and the MBTBC and their officials from all liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.
- c. The entrant shall provide each crew member with a copy of these conditions of entry.
- d. Attention is drawn to Australian Sailing Fundamental Rules 3, Acceptance of the Rules and 4, Decision to Race.
- e. As per the Special Regulations, the safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who shall do their best to ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather.
- f. Each boat skipper, or nominated representative, MUST attend the daily regatta briefing, at which time they will confirm their boat crew for that day. All crew must be registered in the race entry system.

15. INSURANCE

- a. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10M per incident or the equivalent.

16. PRESENTATION

- a. The MBTBC invites competitors, their family and friends to a presentation of trophies to be held at the MBTBC clubhouse on Sunday 26th February 2023 immediately following completion of racing. This will commence at approximately 4.00PM.

17. PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT

- a. All participants in the regatta will show due respect to MBTBC members, volunteers and staff, as well as consideration for all berth owners and marina users if accessing wet berth options. All participants will refrain from excess noise while accessing and using any and all facilities of the host club/marina, and demonstrate respect and care when using any and all Club facilities.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

- a. For further information please contact ASBA at austsportsboats@gmail.com
- b. Event website: www.asba.org.au