RS Aero Victorian Championships 2019

9th – 11th March 2019

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Mount Martha Yacht Club (MMYC) in conjunction with the RS Aero Australian Class Association.

1. RULES (NP)

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020 (RRS) including Australian Sail (AS) Prescriptions to the Rules and the International RS Aero Class Rules in force at the time of the Regatta.

1.2. The RRS will be changed as follows:

1.2.1. RRS 35 changed to score boats finishing outside the time limit in their observed position on the course.

1.2.2. [NP] RRS 40 changed so that RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat but flag Y will not be displayed (Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2, 5.01.1 state “All crew members shall wear, whilst afloat, a lifejacket secured about their persons in a manner appropriate to the design of the device”).

1.2.3. RRS 62.1 changed so that failure to achieve target time is not grounds for redress.

1.2.4. RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other RRS.

1.3. The notation ‘[DP]’ in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the National Jury, be less than disqualification.

1.4. The notation [NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.

2. ADVERTISING [DP]

2.1. Advertising is permitted in accordance with the class rules and World Sailing Regulation 20.

2.2. When provided by the OA, boats and competitors shall carry, display or wear the following as instructed:

2.2.1. Coloured bibs for event and/or category leaders;

2.2.2. Event and class sponsor advertising;

2.2.3. Cameras and sound equipment;

2.2.4. [NP] Tracking and timing system equipment

2.3. Allocated Competitors shall collect any tracking module from their assigned tracking desk before racing each day.

2.4. On return to shore competitors shall return the tracking module within the protest time limit to the same place that they received it.

3. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY AND REGISTRATION

3.1. The Regatta is open to all boats of the RS Aero Class sailed by a member of the class association.

3.2. Results for RS Aero 5, RS Aero 7 and RS Aero 9 will not be combined.

3.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form available at www.rsaeroaus.org.au and paying the appropriate fee.
Note that chartered or loaned boats may display the national letters of the Competitor and shall display the numbers of the hull.

3.4. Competitors shall register at MMYC. Refer to Item 6 Schedule for times.

3.5. No formal measurement will be undertaken as part of registration. However, equipment inspection will occur. Refer Section 7.

3.6. A Parent/Guardian Consent and Supervision Form must be completed and signed by the Parent or Guardian of any competitor under the age of 18 on the first day of the event and handed in at registration. Forms may be downloaded from www.rsaeroaus.org.au

3.7. If a competitor wishes to change fleets during the championship after Registration has closed (and therefore have a new entry), they will complete a ‘New Entry - Change of Rig’ form at the race office not later than two hours before the first warning signal for the race affected by the change of rig.

3.8. The new entry will be covered by their original entry fee. At the first reasonable opportunity after receipt of a completed ‘New Entry - Change of Rig’, the OA will arrange for the new sail to be stamped and for the stamp on the previous sail to be invalidated, dependant on measurement requirements of the series.

3.9. Only one change of rig will be permitted, and the new rig will then be used for the remainder of the championship. The score for all races prior to the change will be DNC.

4. FEES

4.1. The entry fee shall be as follows:

4.1.1. Entries received and paid before 28th February 2019:
Senior (over 18 years at 31st December 2019) - $120
Youth (under 18 years at 31st December 2019) - $90

4.1.2. Entries received and paid after 28th February 2019:
Senior (over 18 years at 31st December 2019) - $140
Youth (under 18 years at 31st December 2019) - $110

4.2. No late entries will be accepted, except as provided in NoR 3.8

4.3. Refunds for cancellation of entries will be as follows:

4.3.1. When requested before 15th February 2019 - 100%;

4.3.2. When requested after 15th February 2019 and before 1st March 2019 - 50%

4.3.3. No refund will be made when requested after 1st March 2019

4.4. The entry fee includes:

One function meal ticket and a regatta shirt.

5. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

5.1. If there are fewer than 60 entries in a fleet, there will be a single series.

5.2. If there are 60 or more entries in a fleet, the fleet will be split into two equal flights for the qualifying series, re-flighting each day.

5.3. The qualifying series will finish at the end of the day on which 6 races are completed for both flights.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Information on arrival procedures and practice sailing facilities will be posted on the event web site.

6.2. The schedule for onshore activities is as follows:

Date	Time	Activity	Location
8th March 2019	1730 - 1930 hrs	Registration	MMYC
9th March 2019	0900 - 01030 hrs	Registration	MMYC
9th March 2019	1000 hrs	Coaches & Support boats meeting	MMYC
9th March 2019	01030 hrs	Competitors Meeting	MMYC
11th March 2019	Asap after racing	Prize Giving	MMYC

6.3. The schedule for racing is as follows:

Date	First warning signal	Number of races
9th March 2019	1200 hrs	Up to 4
10th March 2019	1000 hrs	Up to 4
11th March 2019	1000 hrs	Up to 2

6.4. The Championship will consist of a maximum of 10 races**.**

6.5. No more than four races will be sailed on any day.

6.6. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs.

6.7. The race committee may modify the programme due to extreme weather conditions or other causes. This may include bringing scheduled races forward, except the first scheduled race.

7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

7.1. Equipment inspectors may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and/or equipment and sails before or after any race at their discretion.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1. The sailing instructions will be available by 1800 hrs on 4th March 2019 on the event website at www.rsaeroaus.org.au and on the series notice board at MMYC from 8th March 2019.

9. VENUE

9.1. The venue is Mount Martha Yacht Club, Mt Martha, Victoria.

9.2. The racing will be on Port Phillip Bay in the proximity of MMYC.

10. COURSES

10.1. The courses to be sailed will be trapezoid, windward/leeward, wl/triangle or 'Flag'. Final courses will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

10.2. Separate fleet starts for RS Aero 5, RS Aero 7 and RS Aero 9 will be determined by the OA based on the total number of competitors and number of competitors in each division. The number of starts will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

10.3. The target time for the first finisher in each race is 40 minutes on days when 3 or more races are scheduled, and 50 minutes on days when two races are scheduled. Failure to achieve these target times shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

11. PROTESTS AND PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1. RRS Appendix P will apply. RRS P2 will be changed in the sailing instructions by deleting RRS P2.2 and P2.3, and by having RRS P2.1 apply to all penalties.

11.2. There will be no on-water observers for the series.

12. SCORING

12.1. For each fleet, one race shall be completed to constitute a regatta for that fleet.

12.2. The total score of each boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:

12.2.1. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

12.2.2. When from five to nine races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13. SUPPORT BOATS & SUPPORT PERSONS [DP]

13.1. Support boats must register with the OA and pay the appropriate charge, which is $20 per day, per support boat. Support boats shall not be in the regatta precinct before this requirement has been met.

13.2. Except when responding to the prior notified official signal by the Race Officer, support boats, coaches and other support persons shall stay at least 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start on that course until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment of the last race of the day. [DP].

13.3. Requirements when competitors are afloat:

13.3.1. A competitor shall receive no outside assistance from support boats or support persons or otherwise once she has launched for the day until the competitor returns to the shore, except in the case of adverse weather conditions or when towing is permitted. For the avoidance of doubt, outside assistance includes verbal communication and the transfer of physical items including lunches, spares and advices – each boat is on their own for the day, until they get back ashore.

13.3.2. Towing is only permitted whilst Flag T is displayed, and then tows must be offered to at least six competitors. [DP].

13.4. Boats may refuel at Martha Cove Marina fuel pontoon or removable tanks may be taken off-site to be refuelled at a Service Station.

13.5. Kill cords shall be worn at all times whilst engines are running. The Course Safety Leader will be looking out for compliance on this issue. Boats will be requested to leave the race area immediately if kill cords are not being used appropriately. [DP].

13.6. All Support Boats shall attend the Support Boat Briefing, the details of which will be put advised at Registration.

13.7. All Support Boats will keep a listening watch on the VHF safety channel, which will be advised at the briefing, and if requested assist with safety operations under the instructions of the Course Safety Leader.

14. BERTHING AND TRAILER STORAGE [DP]

14.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the dinghy park for the duration of the Regatta unless instructed otherwise.

14.2. Trailers will be kept in a special area designated and will be identified on arrival at venue.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION/ RECORDING EQUIPMENT

15.1. Except in an emergency involving immediate peril to the crew or serious damage to a boat, a boat that is racing shall not make voice, data or radio transmissions and

shall not receive any voice, data or radio communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15.2. Boats may carry fixed video recording equipment attached to any part of the boat, provided this equipment is not remotely controlled.

16. PRIZES

16.1. The overall winning boat of each fleet will be awarded the first-place trophy and the title Victorian Champion 2019.

16.2. Additional prizes *may* be awarded depending on fleet size and categories (e.g. age groups etc), including the following:

16.2.1. 1st to 3rd - RS Aero 5

16.2.2. 1st to 3rd - RS Aero 7

16.2.3. 1st to 3rd - RS Aero 9

16.2.4. 1st to 3rd Junior (age under 16 years on 31st December 2019)

16.2.5. 1st to 3rd Youth (age under 19 years on 31st December 2019)

16.2.6. 1st to 3rd Masters (age 55 years or older on 31st December 2019)

17. RISK STATEMENT

17.1. Rule 4 of the RRS states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.

17.2. 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:

17.2.1. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk while taking part in the event;

17.2.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property whether afloat or ashore;

17.2.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss caused by their own actions or omissions;

17.2.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

17.2.5. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

17.2.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

17.2.7. It is their 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 venue or event and to attend any competitors briefing held for the event.

17.3. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

18. DISCLAIMER

18.1. The Class Association, its officers, and manufacturer are not liable for any direct indirect or consequential loss, damage, costs, expenses or compensation (other than for gross negligence or death) sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta.

18.2. It is for competitors to decide whether their boat, equipment, crew and clothing are fit and suitable to sail in the conditions that they might find. By launching or going to sea competitors confirm they and their boat, clothing and equipment is fit for purpose and for the conditions, and that they are competent to sail and compete in them.

18.3. This release extends to everyone helping to run the event including patrol boat personnel and beach masters.

19. INSURANCE

19.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of $10,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

20. DATA PROTECTION

20.1. In order to manage the events, information provided by competitors will be held on a database. This information will be available to the International Aero Class and MMYC.

21. UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (‘DRONES’)

21.1. Unauthorised use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles anywhere within the racing area and surrounding waters is prohibited at any time unless approved by the OA. Any boat associated with an unapproved UAV will be liable to protest and the subsequent penalty shall be Disqualification Not Excludable (DNE).

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

22.1. For further information please contact David Andrew, Australian RS Aero Class Vice President on rsaero.aus@gmail.com or go to the event website at www.rsaeroaus.org.au

23. CHARTER BOATS

23.1. RS Aeros may by available to charter for the series. Further information on cost and availability can be found at www.sailingraceboats.com.au

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