



NORTHLINE

37th Minnow National Championships Darwin 2016

2 to 8 July 2016

Organising Authority
The Darwin Sailing Club Inc.
in conjunction with the
NT Minnow Association Inc.

Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia

NOTICE OF RACE

(Amended v1.2)

The Darwin Sailing Club Inc. (DSC) invites entries for the Northline 37th Australian Minnow Championships (the Regatta). The Regatta will be conducted on the waters of Fannie Bay adjacent to the Darwin Sailing Club in Darwin from Saturday 2 July to Friday 8 July 2016.

The Organising Authority is the Darwin Sailing Club Inc. in conjunction with the Northern Territory Minnow Association Inc. (the Association).

1.0 RULES

1.1 The championships will be governed by the rules as defined in:

1.1.1 *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 to 2016*

1.1.2 The Minnow Class Rules

1.1.3 The Equipment Rules for Sailing, and

1.1.4 The Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Prescriptions and Special Regulations (SR) of Yachting Australia Inc will apply.

1.3 The Novice Fleet will sail under the *ISAF Introductory Rules for Racing*

2.0 ADVERTISING

2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The championships are open to all Minnow class boats that comply with the current Minnow Association Rules of Measurement. Eligibility for each division shall be as follows:
- Novice:** Any Minnow sailor competing in his or her first Australian Championship will be considered for inclusion in the novice division. Further guidelines are included in the addendum. Novice division competitors will sail a separate course and therefore not be eligible to win the open or junior divisions
- Junior:** Any Minnow sailor under twelve years of age on the day of the first scheduled race of the championships, and who is not competing as a novice.
- Open:** All Minnow sailors (including juniors) who are not competing as a novice will compete in the open division.
- 3.2 Boats shall enter either the Open or Novice Fleet. The Novice Fleet is to encourage participation and enjoyment of the Australian Championship for inexperienced sailors. It is expected that sailors skilled enough to sail in the Open Fleet will enter in the Open Fleet to maintain the spirit of the Novice Fleet. Final acceptance into the Novice Fleet will be at the discretion of the Organising Authority guided by the advice of the State and Territory Presidents.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter online. Online entry portal details will be provided by no later than 31 March 2016.
- 3.4 At the discretion of the Organising Authority, late entries may be accepted after the closing of on-line entries until the end of the inspection and measurement period. A late entry will be subject to a late entry fee as mentioned in clause 4.1.
- 3.5 Competitors must be current financial members of a yacht or sailing club affiliated with Yachting Australia, and their State or Territory Minnow Association, and supply their YA sailor identification number.

4.0 FEES

- 4.1 Required entry fees are as follows:
 \$220.00 for the first child in a family
 \$195.00 per child for 2nd child of the same family
 \$185.00 for 3rd child of same family
 \$ 50.00 late entry fee - T-Shirts for these late entries will be subject to availability.

5.0 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 As below:

Date	Activity
Saturday 2 July	Registration and Measurement 1100-1600
Sunday 3 July	Registration and Measurement 0900-1100
	Competitors Meeting 1200
	The Northline Invitation Race 1400
	Minnow Muster and Welcome BBQ dinner 1730
Monday 4 July	Races – expectation of running no more than 3 races
Tuesday 5 July	Races – expectation of running no more than 3 races
Wednesday 6 July	Races – expectation of running no more than 3 races
Thursday 7 July	Lay day, however racing may occur
Friday 8 July	Races - last day of racing no warning signal after 1300
	Presentation night and dinner 1800

- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is not before 0900.

6.0 MEASUREMENTS

- 6.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate with their entry. In addition, the following measurements may be taken: Hull Weight, Hull Dimensions, Templates, and Sail Area. A safety inspection will also be carried out to ensure boats have the equipment required by the class rules.
- 6.2 Only one sail shall be used for the regatta.
- 6.3 Damaged equipment that needs to be replaced requires the sign off of the Organizing Authority on the Application Form available from the Regatta Office.
- 6.4 Measuring may be carried out on any boat during the Championships. If directed by the Measurer a competitor must proceed immediately to the measurement station after racing finishes.

7.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available via DSC and Australian Minnow website by early June 2016 and at registration. A copy will also be posted on the Regatta Notice Board.

8.0 COURSES

- 8.1 The courses to be sailed will be as per Sailing Instructions.

9.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 The penalty system will be as per the Sailing Instructions. A boat may make a one turn penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing. This changes Rule 44.1.

10.0 SCORING

- 10.1 10 races are scheduled, of which 5 races must be completed to constitute a series.
If 5 races are completed, all scores will count.
If 6 races are completed, a competitor's worst score will be excluded.
If 9 races are completed, a competitor's 2 worst scores will be excluded.
- 10.2 Within the Open Fleet, two Divisions will be scored; Open and Junior. Any sailor who is less than 12 years of age on 3 July 2016 will be scored in both the Open and Junior Divisions.

11.0 SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1 **Open and Junior divisions.** Support boats shall be registered with the Organizing Authority and display a distinguishing flag supplied at Registration prior to the Invitation Race. On water coaching is not allowed during the following periods:

Approximately five minutes before the commencement of the start sequence for each race, indicated by the raising of an orange flag. On this signal, coach boats and support boats must promptly depart the race area and proceed to a designated area for the duration of the race, unless called on to assist by the race committee. Failure to abide by this instruction may result in penalties being applied to the Minnow class boat or boats involved as specified in the Sailing Instructions. The designated areas are:

- (a) at least 100 metres clear of all courses and start marks including committee vessels; and
- (b) at least 100 metres outside the course area.

This instruction continues to apply if a general recall or postponement is signaled but not after a race is abandoned. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in disqualification after protest of any or all boats associated with the infringing persons.

- 11.2 **Novice Division.** The above Open and Junior Division regulations apply with the exception of official safety boats registered with the National's Committee approved to provide on course support.

12.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION

12.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

13.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1 Competitors participate in the championships entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race (*Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 to 2016*). The Organizing 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 championships.

14.1 INSURANCE

14.1 All competitors competing in the Regatta shall have third party insurance cover of not less than \$5,000,000 Aus.

All competitors and parents/guardians who lodge the Registration Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover and shall continue to hold such cover for the duration of the Regatta.

Competitors may be required to produce evidence of such insurance and any competitor not holding this cover may be required to withdraw their entry.

15.0 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

15.1 In participating in the 37th Minnow National Championships, a parent/guardian unless they opt out in writing at Registration, automatically grants the National's Committee, the Association and the sponsors of the Championships, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said Championships in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said Championships without compensation.

16.0 AMENDMENTS

16.1 Any amendments to this Notice of Race shall be posted on the following websites no later than 15 June 2016.

Darwin Sailing Club www.dwnsail.com.au Sailing, then Regattas

NT Minnows <http://ntminnows.org.au/>

Australian Minnows www.minnow.org.au

17.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1 For more information please contact NT Minnows Association Executive at

ntminnow@gmail.com

Addendum:

A. Novice Fleet Guidelines

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- A.1 Whether a sailor is to sail in the Novice or Open fleet at a State or National Championships can be a difficult decision for parents. Here are some guidelines for when entering such an event. They are guidelines only as 'hard and fast rules' in this situation do not cater for everyone.
 - A.1.1 8 years of age or less on the day of the invitation race.
 - A.1.2 A sailor 9 years or more on the day of the invitation race, competing in their first State/National Championships.
 - A.1.3 A sailor with a medical condition that requires on-water treatment or has a recognized learning/cognitive disorder.
 - A.1.4 A sailor who has never had a podium finish in an organized Minnow race.
- A.2 The goal of the Novice fleet is to encourage participation and enjoyment of the State and National Championships for beginner sailors.
- A.3 A sailor who fits the above criteria but is skilled enough to sail the Open course is strongly encouraged to enter the Open fleet to maintain the spirit of the Novice fleet, and for that sailor to challenge themselves and build their own skills.
- A.4 Final acceptance into the Novice fleet for a State Championship event will be at the discretion of the State's/Territory's Minnow Association executive committee in conjunction with the Open Fleet Race Officer.
- A.5 Final acceptance into the Novice fleet for a National event will be made after the invitation race by the Organizing Authority following advice from the State Presidents of Victoria, NT and WA (or their nominated representative)