



# 61<sup>st</sup> National Heron Championship

28th December 2019 – 3rd January 2020

## Notice of Race

**Organized & Hosted By**  
Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club

**On Behalf of**  
Queensland Heron Sailing Association, and the  
National Heron Sailing Association of Australia

## **1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The Organising Authority is the Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club (LCSC) in conjunction with the Queensland Heron Sailing Association and the National Heron Sailing Association of Australia (NHSAA).

## **2. RULES**

2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2.2. Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 Off the Beach Boats will apply.

2.3. The Class rules of the National Heron Sailing Association of Australia (NHSAA).

## **3. ADVERTISING**

3.1. The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by any boat, if it is considered offensive to public taste or if it contravenes the laws of the governments of Queensland or Australia.

3.2. Boats may be required to display event advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies (DP).

## **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

4.1. The Regatta is open to all financial "A Class" boats registered with the National Heron Sailing Association of Australia.

4.2. This Regatta permits the use of a Genoa subject to meeting the following conditions:

- Eligible to enter the Heavy Weight division (Crew weight exceeds 135kg)
- OR
- Crew weight exceeds 125kg and the boat is carrying at least the difference between the crew weight (carrying sailing gear) and 135kg as additional ballast (Lead Weight Correctors fixed under the front thwart).
- Crew intending to use the genoa must be weighed at the competitor briefing wearing underwear, shorts and a T-shirt and carrying their sailing gear. "Sailing gear" is defined as; PFD, spray jacket, booties and gloves.
- Crew may be reweighed at any time during the series.
- Competitors using the genoa shall do so in all races.

4.3. Eligible boats must submit entries and payment via the Queensland Heron Sailing Association's (QLDHSA) online Try Booking registration system. The link to the booking system for the event can be found on the NHSAA website [www.héronsailing.com.au](http://www.héronsailing.com.au)

4.4. Late entries will be accepted up until 27/12/2019 with payment of the late entry fee (refer fees 5.2).

- 4.5. Competitors must be a current financial member of the NHSAA and a financial member of a Yacht Club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 4.6. Junior Skipper and Crew – both Skipper and Crew must be under 18 years of age at 29<sup>th</sup> December 2019.
- 4.7. Veteran Helmsperson – the Skipper must be not less than 55 years of age at 29<sup>th</sup> December 2019.
- 4.8. In the event of dispute or protest it is the sole discretion of the Organising Authority to determine a boats eligibility to compete.

## 5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee for the regatta is \$160 if received by 30/11/2019.
- 5.2. A late entry fee of \$40.00 will apply for all entries received after 30/11/2019.

Entries via Try Booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/BEXKH>

## 6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1. Up to eight Races are scheduled.
- 6.2. It is anticipated that two races will be scheduled on each of the race days 1,2,3 and 4. Additional races may be sailed on any day at the Race Committee's discretion.
- 6.3. The Race Committee may elect to change the start time of the following day's racing. A notice advising of any such change will be posted no later than 1800 hours on the preceding race day.

Day	Date	Time	Event	Social
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	a.m.	Registration (Open 10:00am Close 16:00pm)	
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	a.m.	Registration (Open 9:00 Close 12:00)	Welcome Dinner and famous Toad Racing event
		p.m.	Opening Ceremony and Briefing Invitation Race	LCSC club house
Monday	30 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	As Per SIs	Racing Day 1	Race day 1 social debrief – at the Apollonian Hotel <i>Meals and refreshments at Hotel.</i>
Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2019	As Per SIs	Racing Day 2	New Year's Eve Boreen Point community event and street food event.
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2020		Lay Day	Games evening for those with reserve energy. LCSC Clubhouse.
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2020	As Per SIs	Racing Day 3	Heron Idol LCSC club house (BBQ - BYO food)
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2020	As Per SIs	Racing Day 4	Presentation Night. (River Deck Restaurant. Tewantin.)

## **7. MEASUREMENT**

7.1. All boats may be weighed and inspected at registration at the discretion of the organising authority.

*Measurers will be available during registration to measure boats and sails as required.*

7.2. All boats shall be subject to a measurement check at any time.

7.3. Only one suit of sails may be used during the series. Only sails which comply with the measurement rules and have been approved and initialled by an official class measurer will be accepted.

7.4. Applications may be made to the race committee to replace damaged sails or equipment.

## **8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available when registering at the regatta office at Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club and may be available earlier on the Association website.

## **9. SUBSTITUTION OF CREWS AND EQUIPMENT**

Substitution of crews will be allowed provided there is written notice posted on the official regatta noticeboard notifying the race committee and competitors of such change prior to leaving the beach on any race day.

The nominated helm shall not be substituted. Boats sailing with a replacement helm will constitute a new entry and will be scored as DNS for the previous races in the regatta.

## **10. VENUE**

The regatta site will be Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club (LCSC) and the racing area shall be the waters of Lake Cootharaba.

## **11. THE COURSES**

The courses will be sailed as described in the Sailing Instructions.

## **12. SCORING**

12.1. The low point scoring system of Appendix A shall apply.

12.2. Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

12.4. When five to eight races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score.

## **13. SUPPORT BOATS**

13.1. Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel ("Support Boats") shall not be in the racing area, which is defined as within 50 meters of a competitor or a mark of the course. This will apply from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished that race, or the Race Committee signals a postponement,

general recall or abandonment, except in the case of an emergency. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be disqualification of all boats associated with the Support Boat who infringes.

- 13.2. Operators of Support Boats shall hold a current Power Boat Licence at the time of the event and have a working VHF Radio on board their vessel and other applicable Safety Gear. It is also a requirement for all personnel on a Support Boat to wear an appropriate PFD at all times while afloat.
- 13.3. Support Boats shall make themselves available at all times while afloat to assist the Organising Authority in the case of an emergency or rescue, as directed in person by the relevant race officer or via VHF Radio.

#### **14. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 14.1. Except in an emergency, 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.

#### **15. PRIZES**

- 15.1. Prizes shall be awarded as follows:

- First Place: Perpetual Trophy and First Placed Skipper and Crew Trophies.
- Second to Sixth Place: Skipper and Crew Trophies.
- First Lady Skipper and Crew: Perpetual Trophy and Skipper and Crew Trophies.
- First Junior Skipper and Crew: Perpetual Trophy and Skipper and Crew Trophies.
- First Unplaced Veteran: Skipper and Crew Trophies
- First Unplaced Family Combination: Skipper and Crew Trophies
- First to Third Unplaced Handicap: Skipper and Crew Trophies

#### **16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race 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.

#### **17. INSURANCE**

Each competitor shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of AUD\$10,000,000 per incident or equivalent. Entering this event confirms currency of this insurance.

#### **18. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

In participating in the regatta, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the regatta, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time and 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 regatta in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said regatta without compensation.

## **19. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE**

Any changes to this Notice of Race will be published on the Heron Website  
[www.héronsailing.com.au](http://www.héronsailing.com.au)

## **20. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact

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Or through the 2019-20 NATIONALS page on the NHSAA website [www.héronsailing.com.au](http://www.héronsailing.com.au)

**FOR ENTRY TO THE RAGATTA AND PAYMENT OF FEES, PLEASE VISIT:**

<https://www.trybooking.com/BEXKH>