



**THE APOLLONIAN HOTEL**



# **Fourth Australian Wētā Class National Championship**

29<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## **Notice of Race**

**Organized and Hosted by**  
Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club

**On Behalf of**  
The Australian Weta Class Association Inc.

## 1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is the Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club (LCSC).  
In conjunction with the Australian Weta Class Association Inc (AWCA).

## 2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.
- 2.2. Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 Off the Beach Boats will apply.
- 2.3. The Class Rules of the Australian Weta Class Association Inc will apply.
- 2.4. Appendix T, Arbitration, will be available at this event.

## 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 Wētā 4.4 class boats.
- 4.2. Eligible boats must submit entries and payment online at <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/lcsc/eventsregister/204120/>.  
Entries are now open for fees listed in Cl 5.1 up until 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023.
- 4.3. Late entries may be accepted after 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and will include a late entry fee (refer fees 5.2).
- 4.4. Competitors must be a current financial member of the Australian Weta Class Association Inc, and a financial member of a Club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 4.5. Ancient Mariner – the Skipper must be not less than 70 years of age at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.
- 4.6. In the event of dispute or protest it is the sole discretion of the Organising Authority to determine a boats eligibility to compete.
- 4.7. **Two-Up entries need to register and pay for additional meals if required for crew.**

## 5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee for the regatta is \$250.00 if received by 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Competitors under the age of 18 - \$190.00
- 5.2. A late entry fee of \$100.00 will apply for all entries received after 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Late entries will close at 11am at the LCSC Clubhouse on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2023 although the AWCA reserve the right to accept entries after this time.
- 5.3. Fees will include a Welcome BBQ and a Presentation Function, One New Year's Eve "pig on the spit" dinner (Vegetarian and special dietary requirements upon request may be possible with advance notice) – extra tickets for crew and family/friends available with entry \$25 per head.
- 5.4. Merchandising items will be available for purchase prior to the event via separate arrangements.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1. Up to Twelve Races are scheduled – plus one Invitation/practice race.
- 6.2. The maximum races held in a Race Day Session at the discretion of the Race Management Team.
- 6.3. It is anticipated that one Invitation/practice race will be sailed on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2023 prior to the Welcome BBQ.
- 6.4. The Race Committee may elect to change the start time of the following day's racing. A notice advising any such change will be posted no later than 1800 hours on the preceding day.

Day	Date	Time (AEST)	Race Program	Social Program
Friday	29 Dec 2023	0900-1130	Registration & Measurement (LCSC)	
		1200	Welcome & Regatta Briefing (LCSC)	
		1330	Invitation Race	Welcome BBQ following sailing approximately 1800
Saturday	30 Dec 2023	1200	Race Day Session 1	<i>* AWCA meeting 1700 LCSC followed by Informal Pub Dinner at the Apollonian Hotel.</i>
Sunday	31 Dec 2023	1200	Race Day Session 2	<i>*Pig on the Spit - LCSC- (one dinner ticket per boat \$25 PP extras) - NYE Drinks at the Bar.</i>

Monday	1 Jan 2024		Lay-Day <i>(Provision for Re-Sail – Re-Sail notice posted not after 1800 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 23)</i>	<i>*Friends &amp; Family Social Sail to Teewah landing, walk to the Northshore beach. Free Night to recover.</i>
Tuesday	2 Jan 2024	1200	Race Day Session 3	<i>*Free Night OR informal BYO Food and cook on BBQ at LCSC – drinks at the Bar.</i>
Wednesday	3 Jan 2024	1200	Race Day session 4	<i>*Skit Night LCSC - break out the old skits from years gone by or make up new ones - drinks at the Bar.</i>
Thursday	4 Jan 2-24	1100	Race Day session 5	Presentation BBQ as soon as possible after racing.

*\* Social functions will move in line with any decisions from Race Management to change sailing days and reserve day.*

## 7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. All boats must comply with AWCA Class Rules and have an appropriate registration plaque attached. The Class measurers will be in attendance to carry out spot checks and to assist with advice on what is class legal.
- 7.2. All boats may be subject to a measurement check at any time.
- 7.3. Only one set of sails as defined in the AWCA Class Rules (1 main, 1 jib and 1 gennaker), may be used during the series. Sails to be registered with a Class Measurer/Representative prior to Race Day Session 1.
- 7.4. Applications may be made in writing to the race committee to replace damaged sails or equipment.

## 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available one week prior to the event. Copies will be available on the LCSC website at <https://lcsc.org.au/event/fourth-australian-weta-class-national-championship/>.

## 9. VENUE

The regatta site will be LCSC, and the racing area shall be the waters of Lake Cootharaba.

(Note: We will be sharing the lake with the Arrow Catamarans)

## 10. THE COURSES

The courses will be sailed as described in the Sailing Instructions. Competitors should carefully familiarise themselves with these courses and course flags.

## 11. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The official notice board shall be located at the base of the steps of LCSC Clubhouse.

## **12. SCORING**

- 12.1. The low point scoring system of Appendix A shall apply.
- 12.2. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3. When five races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.4. When nine or more races have been completed a boat series score will be the total of her scores excluding her two worst scores.

## **13. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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.

## **14. PRIZES**

Prizes shall be awarded as follows:

- 14.1. Scratch One-Up First Place: Perpetual Trophy and First Placed Trophy.
- 14.2. Scratch One-up Second and Third Place: Skipper Trophy.
- 14.3. Scratch Two-up First: Perpetual Trophy and Skipper/crew Trophy.
- 14.4. Scratch Two-up Second and Third place: Skipper/crew Trophy (at the discretion of the AWCA Committee).
- 14.5. Handicap One-Up 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> (at the discretion of the AWCA Committee).
- 14.6. Handicap Two-Up 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> (at the discretion of the AWCA Committee).
- 14.7. Ancient Mariner Prize for first Over-70 skipper.
- 14.8. She Sails Prize for first female participant.
- 14.9. Pickle Fork Award (by nomination).
- 14.10. State Teams trophy (at the discretion of the AWCA Committee).

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the AWCA Committee.

## **15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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.

## **16. 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.

**17. 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.

**18. REGATTA PHOTOGRAPHER**

The Organisers reserve the right to engage a professional photographer to cover the event. All rights to the intellectual rights of the photographer's work must be respected.

**19. FURTHER INFORMATION**

Contact Todd McVey – [todd@metromoney.com.au](mailto:todd@metromoney.com.au) Phone 0411220601

Rear Commodore LCSC – President AWCA

***Australian Weta Class Association – Statement Regarding Charter Boats for National and State Titles***

*The AWCA wishes to clarify its position regarding Charter boats for AWCA National and State Title events.*

*The AWCA has a preference to have any possible Charter boats available for regular Wētā owners from distant states and NZ or any other nation.*

*All Charterers must apply to AWCA for approval. See [www.awca.org.au/contacts/](http://www.awca.org.au/contacts/).*

*The AWCA Management and Race organisers reserve the right to accept or reject entries for Chartered boats.*

*Trailer parking will not be available at the rigging area. Cars must be parked outside once boats have been dropped off.*

*We offer secure trailer parking at the LCSC storage yard off Teewah Street. Please ask us for directions if not sure.*

Note: As we will be sharing the venue with the Arrow Catamarans, More info on rigging and launching areas to come.

***\*\* If you still have not booked accomodation and would like assitance please contact myself on the above.***