



**Scow and Lowrider Moth
National Championships 2024**

NOTICE OF RACE

Sunday 14 - Saturday 20 January 2024

Hosted by:

**Lake Cootharaba
Sailing Club**

Organizing Authority:

Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club

In conjunction with International Moth Class Association of Australia



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1. Preamble

- 1.1 The Regatta shall ONLY be considered the Australian Lowrider National Championships if prior to the start of the regatta and a sufficient time prior to permit travel, there are no travel restrictions preventing movement between states. If travel restrictions are in place, the event will continue, but be referred to as an Interstate Championship and a National Champion shall NOT be awarded. The event will however be branded a National Championships.
- 1.2 All times are in Australian Eastern Standard Time (Local Queensland time)

2. Rules

- 2.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 Blue Book: Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 – 2024.
- 2.2 The Class and Championship Rules of the International Moth Class Association will apply except for those altered by the Notice of Race OR the Sailing Instructions.

3. Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 The Sailing Instructions may be available after 2nd January 2024 from the Australian International Moth Association website under the “events” banner. (<https://www.moth.asn.au/>)
- 3.2 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that may be on the official notice board located at Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club adjacent to the club stairs.

4. Communication

- 4.1 The official notice board is located at Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club adjacent to the club stairs.

5. Eligibility

- 5.1 The regatta is open to boats of the International Moth Class that comply with the Moth Class Rules and be registered with through the International Moth Class of Australia register. Copies of your Measurement Certificate and Insurance Policy must be provided when requested.
- 5.2 All Scow and Lowrider Moths boats registered as sailing with a Australia Sailing affiliated sailing club.
- 5.3 All sailors must be members of the Lowriders Chapter of the International Moth Class Association of Australia. Only Australian resident members will be eligible for prizes.

6. Entry

- 6.1 Eligible boats and sailors can enter for the Scow and Lowrider Moth National Championships 2024 by completing the entry form and submitting it with the required fee. The entry form and required fees may be posted on the Australian International Moth Association website (<https://www.moth.asn.au/>) or the Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club website <https://lcsc.org.au/>.
- 6.2 The helmsperson named on the boat entry form shall be the same for all races.
- 6.3 To be accepted, entry fees as set out below must accompany the on-line entry. Entries close on Sunday 17th December 2023.
- 6.4 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority until end of registration on Monday 8th January 2024, with payment of the late fee.



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7. Fees

- 7.1 General entry fees is \$200.
- 7.2 Juniors (under 21 year old) \$150.
- 7.3 Late entry fee, payable after 17th December 2023, is an additional \$100.
- 7.4 The entry fee is not refundable, however special dispensation may be considered by the Organising Authority upon application

8. Advertising / Sponsorship

- 8.1 Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 8.2 The Organising Authority is currently seeking sponsorship for the following:
 - (a) Regatta Sponsor
 - (b) Race / Race Day Sponsors
 - (c) Prize Category Sponsors

9. Schedule of Events

- 9.1 The Scow and Lowrider Moth National Championships 2024 shall consist of up to ten (10) races sailed over the period Sunday January 14th 2024 to Saturday January 20th 2024. The Invitation Race is an additional race and does not count towards the Championship.
- 9.2 All sailors are to register at the Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club. Registration hours are from 1400 hours Saturday 13th January 2024. Registration is to be completed prior to the participation in the regatta.
- 9.3 Racing shall not start before 1200 hours on Sunday 14th January 2024. All races on a day may be sailed on a back to back basis.
- 9.4 On the last scheduled day of racing, Saturday 20th 2024, no warning signal will be made after 1300.
- 9.5 The schedule for the Scow and Lowrider Moth National Championships 2024 is as follows:

Date	Activity	Racing Sessions	Comments
Sat 13 th January	Registration	N/A	Registration from 1400
Sun 14 th January	Registration	N/A	Registration from 1000
	Invitation Race	Yes	No start before 1400
	Welcome BBQ*	N/A	At LCSC
Mon 15 th January	Championship Races	Yes	No start before 1100
Tues 16 th January	Championship Races	Yes	No start before 1100
Wed 17 th January	Reserve Day	To be confirmed	Races subject to completion of Day 1/ Day 2
Thurs 18 th January	Championship Races	Yes	No start before 1100



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Date	Activity	Racing Sessions	Comments
Fri 19 th January	Championship Races	Yes	No start before 1000
Sat 20 th January	Championship Races	Yes	No start before 1000 No start after 1400
	Prizegiving	N/A	From 1800 – Location TBC

* Note the social functions are not included in the entry fee.

- 9.6 The Organising Authority will schedule the daily number of races to target a 10 race series, based upon existing and forecast weather.
- 9.7 The Organising Authority may assess timing of warning signals in consideration of current and forecast weather.

10. Measurement

- 10.1 Each boat may be registered with IMCA.
- 10.2 In keeping with the spirit of the Scow and Lowrider chapter of IMCA Australia, although the Organising Authority may invoke 10.3 of this NOR, the intent is that any boat that is recognized as a moth may participate. Recognition as to being a moth is based upon:
- (a) Recognised historical design
 - (b) Previous (or lapsed) registration
 - (c) Discretion of the Organising Authority in conjunction with a state measurer
- 10.3 The Organising Authority will reserve the right to request a valid measurement certificate or do a cross check on the measurement of hulls, equipment and sails at anytime during the regatta.
- 10.4 Competitors shall not change rudders, dagger boards or other foils while afloat. Any change of rig or foils shall be made ashore at the regatta venue.
- 10.5 Equipment can be replaced on gear breakage only with permission from the Organising Authority.
- 10.6 The Organising Authority will reserve the right to withhold any broken equipment that has been replaced for the remainder of the regatta.
- 10.7 Boats found to exceed the equipment limitations will be scored, at the discretion of the Organising Authority, a Ten (10) place or higher penalty for any races completed using equipment in violation of the rule.
- 10.8 Boats may be subject to measurement inspection at any time before or after a race.

11. Venue

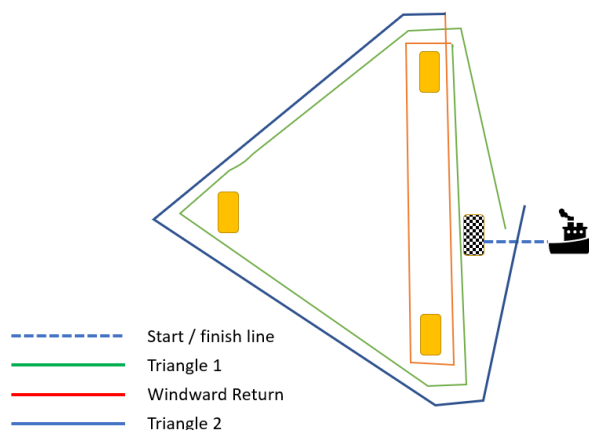
- 11.1 Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club is a family oriented, friendly club. Located on a large salt water lake on Queensland's Sunshine Coast, with predominant sea breezes, providing some of the best flat water sailing conditions in the world. The Club is owned and operated by members who over the years have volunteered their time to ensure that it runs smoothly and efficiently. Further information as to the Club is available at <https://lcsc.org.au/>.
- 11.2 Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club is located at 24 Boreen Parade, Boreen Point.
- 11.3 Racing areas will be within the boundaries of Lake Cootharaba.

12. Courses

12.1 Courses will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions and may consist of:

Leg	Description	Comment
Start	Windward start	Located between Leeward and Windward Mark
Triangle 1	From start to a windward mark, a reach to a gybe mark, a reach to a leeward mark	
Windward return	From leeward mark to windward mark and return to leeward mark	
Triangle 2	From leeward mark to a windward mark, a reach to a gybe mark, a reach to a leeward mark	
Finish	Windward finish	Located between Leeward and Windward Mark in vicinity of start line

12.2 The course outline map is as per below:



12.3 A description of the marks, starting / finishing vessel will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions or in applicable briefings.

12.4 The process for the shortening of courses as per Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 – 2024.

12.5 The start / finishing line is a course obstruction except for the purposes of starting or finishing.

13. Scoring System

13.1 Six (6) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2 A boat's series score will be the total of all her races excluding:

- (a) When fewer than, or equal, to seven (7) races are completed, their worst score; or
- (b) When greater than seven (7) races are completed, their two (2) worst scores.

13.3 Yardsticks for the various designs and different configurations will be determined using the Modified Stevenson System (as developed by Philip Stevenson). Participation in Yardstick scoring will be subject to the correct provision of information in the entry form. Further details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

13.4 Handicap scoring methods will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions.



14. Coach and Support boats

- 14.1 Private coach or support boats will be required to be registered with the Organising Authority and be marked with identifying flags issued by the OA. Boats may be required to display identifying flags at all times while they are acting as a coach or support boat. Registration and any required flags will be available before the commencement of the regatta.
- 14.2 Drivers may be required to attend a briefing/s.
- 14.3 Drivers shall hold a powerboat license from an Australian State Authority.
- 14.4 All registered coach and support boats will carry on board and operate while on the water at least one VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF Channels and agree to assist the RC if directed to do so.
- 14.5 Competitors shall not be tied or raft to a support boat from the first warning signal (or any other time the OA considers appropriate) of the day until racing has been concluded for the day. Between races, coach and support boats shall not transfer equipment to or from their supported boats unless in a medical or emergency requirement threatening the health of the skipper or the flotation of the boat and only with the expressed permission of the RC. (This does not include food or refreshments).
- 14.6 Specific coach and support boat instructions may be stated in the Sailing Instructions or provided via a briefing from the Organising Authority.

15. Insurance

- 15.1 Each participating boat shall present a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third party liability coverage of at least \$10,000,000.

16. Prizes

- 16.1 Prizes may be awarded for each of the following divisions:
 - (a) First placed Australian 2023 Scow and Lowrider Moth Scratch Champion "National Champion"
 - (b) First placed Australian – 2023 Scow and Lowrider Moth Handicap Champion
 - (c) First places Australian - 2023 Scow and Lowrider Moth Yardstick Champion
 - (d) First Australian 2023 Scow and Lowrider Moth Female
 - (e) First Australian Junior (aged 21 years of age or younger, based on your age as at the 31st December 2023)
 - (f) First Australian Master (aged 40 - 55 years of age based on your age as at the 31st December 2023)
 - (g) First Australian Grand Master (aged 55 years of age or older, based on your age as at the 31st December 2023)
 - (h) State Team Championship based upon the performance of the top three (3) boats from a state or territory.
- 16.2 Yardstick prizes will be calculated through the 'Modified Stevenson Yardstick', based upon hull and sail design and construction parameters. All sailors eligible for the yardstick prize(s) will need to have supplied the required parameters. The Sailing Instructions will outline the 'Modified Stevenson Yardstick'.
- 16.3 Handicap prizes may be calculated based upon a progressive handicapping system. The Sailing Instructions will outline the progressive handicapping system.
- 16.4 Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.



17. Rights to Use Name and Likeness

- 17.1 Any sailor participating under this Notice of Race, automatically grants to the International Moth Class Association of Australia the right in perpetuity, to make use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still motion pictures and live taped or filmed television, digital images and other reproductions of the competitor and/or their boat during the period of the competition under this Notice of Race.

18. Sustainability

- 18.1 Competitors will be encouraged to limit the use of single use water bottles with refill facilities on club grounds.
- 18.2 Support boats will be able to supply and retrieve water bottles, and general refuse from competitors between races.
- 18.3 Competitors caught deliberately disposing waste into the water may be subject to disqualification.
- 18.4 All competitors are expected to dispose of any refuse appropriately at the venue.

19. Liability Disclaimer

- 19.1 All those participating in this regatta do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility. Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club and the International Moth Class of Australia will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Scow and Lowrider Moth National Championships 2024.
- 19.2 Attention is drawn to RRS Decision to Race. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

20. Further Information

- 20.1 For further information as to the regatta, please refer to the Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club webpage <https://lcsc.org.au/>, the International Moth Class of Australia webpage. <https://www.moth.asn.au/> or the Scow Moth and Lowriders Australia Facebook page.