



Australian 49er FX & 49er CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025



South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE

1. INVITATION

- 1.1. The South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club (SLMASC), on behalf of the Australian 9er Association Inc. (9er Assoc.), invites entries to the Australian 49erFX & 49er Championships 2025 to be conducted from Friday 14th to Monday 17th November 2025 on Lake Macquarie, NSW.

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 2.1. The Organising Authority (OA) for this event is SLMASC

3. RACING RULES

- 3.1. The regatta will be governed by the following rules:
 - a. The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and Australian Sailing Prescriptions.
 - b. Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats;
 - c. The relevant Class Rules (except where any of these are altered by the SI's); and
 - d. Sailing Instructions (SI's).
 - e. Australian Sailing may appoint a National Jury for the Australian 49erFX & 49er Championships 2025.
- 3.2. The Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
 - a. RRS Appendix P shall apply. Appendix P2.3 will not apply and RRS Appendix P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
 - b. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration shall apply.
 - c. The Notation '[NP]' denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat, this changes RRS 60.1(a).
 - d. The Notation '[DP]' denotes a rule in the NoR and SIs that is at the

discretion of the protest committee. A boat may accept a discretionary penalty before a hearing concerning the same incident by completing a form available at the jury office.

- e. RRS 63.1, 64.1 & Appendix A5 will be amended in the SI's to enable the Race Committee to apply a scoring penalty [SCP] without a hearing for some breaches of the rules.
- f. RRS 44.1 and Appendix P2.1 are changed so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by the one- turn penalty.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. The sailing instructions will be available one week prior to the event at;

[Click for Event Details](#)

5. COMMUNICATION

- 5.1. The official noticeboard [ONB] is located at;

[Click for Notice Board](#)

- 5.2. Regatta information will be pushed out via a WhatsApp group.
- 5.3. A physical noticeboard is located inside the SLMASC club house.
- 5.4. Except in an emergency, whilst racing a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. For this rule, racing is deemed to have commenced at the commencement of the starting sequence for the relevant boat.

6. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 6.1. The event is open to all boats of the 49erFX & 49er class.
- 6.2. Australian competitors must be financial members of their 9er's respective State association.
- 6.3. Australian competitors shall be financial members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 6.4. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and submitting it together with the required fee via:

[Click for Event Entry](#)

- 6.5. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 6.6. Entries close at midnight Friday 24th October 2025.
- 6.7. For all competitors under 18 years of age at any time during the event, completing the online registration form will be deemed Parental/Guardian

consent for entry to the Regatta.

7. FEES

- 7.1. Entry fees are;
 - a. Standard entry: \$150 (Midnight 24/10/25)
 - b. Late entry: Additional \$75 (Midday 14/11/25)
- 7.2. No fees are refundable after the standard entry closing date.
- 7.3. If the Australian 49erFX & 49er Championships 2025 is cancelled, for whatever reason, each entrant will receive a refund of 85% of the entry fees paid OR can have the refund contributed to the 2026 Nationals fee.
- 7.4. Regatta Tee Shirt: \$25 each
- 7.5. Regatta Welcome + Presentation dinners: \$15 each

8. ADVERTISING

- 8.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA and/or the 9er Association.

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1. Subject to paragraphs 9.2 to 9.4, the following schedule will apply:

Date	Time	Event
Friday 14th Nov	1000 – 1200	Measurement / Registration
	See 10.4	Championship Racing TBA
Saturday 15th Nov	See 10.4	Championship Racing TBA
	1800 - 2000	Social Event @ SLMASC
Sunday 16th Nov	See 10.4	Championship Racing TBA
Monday 17th Nov	See 10.4	Championship Racing TBA
	1530	Presentation & Social Event

- 9.2. The regatta will consist of a series up to 14 races.
- 9.3. The scheduled time for the first warning signal on Championship Racing days will be posted by 1800 on the previous day.
- 9.4. On any scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 17:00. On the last day of racing (17/11/25), no warning signal shall be made after 15:00.

10. RACING AREA

10.1. The racing will be on the waters of Lake Macquarie.

11. COURSES AND RACE FORMAT

11.1. Courses will be windward - leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.

11.2. The racing format may consist of the following:

- a. Racing will be conducted as two fleets - 49erFX & 49er.
- b. Race target time is 30 minutes and, unless otherwise notified, each session will be a back-to-back race format.

12. SCORING

12.1. The regatta will consist of a series up to 14 races

12.2. Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

12.4. When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

12.5. When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her two worst scores.

12.6. Results will be posted on the ONB and available online.

[Click for Results](#)

13. BUOYANCY

13.1. All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices (PFD) which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by a national authority affiliated to the International Sailing Federation, or a standards organisation, or certification authority, recognised for the purpose by its respective government.

13.2. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 1.

14. AWARDS AND PRIZES

14.1. Subject to paragraph 13.2 below, overall prizes will be awarded as follows:

- a. 49erFX Australian National Championship Perpetual Trophy - awarded to the 1st 49erFX skippered by an Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- b. 49er Australian National Championship Perpetual Trophy - awarded to the 1st 49er skippered by an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

15. MEASUREMENT

- 15.1. A Technical Committee may be appointed for the Australian 49erFX & 49er Championships 2025.
- 15.2. The 49erFX and 49er have closed class rules. Please read the class rules available on the class websites.
- 15.3. For the duration of the regatta each boat will be limited to one jib, one mainsail, one spinnaker and one forestay shall be used throughout the duration of the regatta.
- 15.4. The format for measurement will be as follows:
 - a. It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure that their boat conforms to the relevant class rules.
 - b. The self-declaration measurement form (see Addendum at the end of this NoR) is to be filled in and signed by the skipper of each boat.
 - c. The serial numbers for the foils, sails, mast sections and spreaders must be recorded on the self-declaration measurement form.
 - d. The self-declaration measurement form must be presented at the time of registration.
 - e. By presenting the self-declaration measurement form at the time of registration, each skipper warrants that the information recorded on that form is accurate.
 - f. After registration, all boats will be weighed as part of the measurement process.
 - g. All forestays will be measured and sealed by a class sticker by the team of measurers.
 - h. During the course of the regatta, boats may be selected at any time to have their measurements checked.
 - i. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will only be allowed if approved by the Class Measurer (Technical Committee). Requests for substitution shall be made to the Technical Committee at the first reasonable opportunity, including retrospectively, provided that, in the case of a retrospective application, a Request for Substitution of Equipment Form is completed and submitted to the Technical Committee prior to the protest time limit of the day in which the substitution occurred.

16. SUPPORT/COACH BOATS [DP]

- 16.1. Support and coach boats shall register at the club on the morning of the first day.

- 16.2. Except when rendering assistance to a boat in distress or under the specific directions of the race officer, all support and coach boats shall remain at least 50 metres outside areas where all fleets are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 16.3. All support and coach boats are required to have a VHF radio and maintain a listening watch. Channel to be set at skippers meeting by the Race Officer.
- 16.4. When requested by the Race Officer or his /her delegate, support and coach boats shall render immediate assistance as directed.

17. RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
- 17.2. Competitors are reminded that RRS 3 states that the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.
- 17.3. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include, but are not limited to, 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.

18. INSURANCE

- 18.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per incident or equivalent and shall be made available upon request.
- 18.2. By entering the event, each competitor declares that they have the required insurance cover. Neither the OA nor the 9er Association will be liable if a competitor declares that they have insurance and it subsequently transpires that this was not true.

19. VENUE

- 19.1. [South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club](#)

1A Sunshine Parade, Sunshine, NSW, 2264, Australia

20. MEDIA DISCLAIMER

- 20.1. Competitors agree to grant the OA and 9er Association 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 competitors during the period of the competition without compensation.

21. PARENTAL / GUARDIAN CONSENT

- 21.1. For all competitors under the age of 18 years of age at any time during the event, completing the online registration form will be deemed as Parental/Guardian consent for entry to the Regatta.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 22.1. For further information contact:

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