



Sanctioned 17 July 2012

S.A. Sailing Dinghy Youth National Championship 2012

Will be sailed at

Swartvlei Lagoon

8th to the 14th December.2012

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the **Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-12**.
- 1.2** The following prescriptions of South African Sailing will apply: **"The SA Sailing Requirements for National Championships"**.
- 1.3** Boats participating in this regatta shall conform to the **Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2009-12**, the **Class Rules of the relevant Classes**, this **Notice of Race**, and the **Sailing Instructions**.
- 1.4** All dinghies, 15 foot and under and catamarans 16 foot and under are eligible to participate in this regatta – see point 11 below – subject to 10 valid entries in each Class having been received by close of registration. In the event of a Class not having complied with this requirement, all entries from an unsuccessful Class received will be transferred to an 'O' Class.
- 1.5** Rule 44.1 is changed such that, for multihull classes only, the two turn penalty is replaced with a one turn penalty.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1** Advertising is permitted subject to the limitations of ISAF Regulation 20.
- 2.2** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supported by the Organising Authority, in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1** In accordance with the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Regulation 19 (Eligibility Code), all competitors (Helmspersons and crew) shall be members in good standing of a Yacht Club affiliated to and in good standing with SA Sailing or their Member National Authority in the case of non-South Africans. The Yacht Club name and membership details shall be stated on the entry form or crew list. Current valid South African Sailing Membership Cards or similar proof of MNA Membership in cases of non-South Africans shall be presented at Registration.
- 3.2** Entrants in this event shall have birth dates not earlier than 1 January 1993 (i.e. U19 on 1st January 2012 or as specified by class rules).
- 3.3** Entrants having birth dates on or after 1 January 2002 will be scored in a silver fleet in each class, as defined in the Sailing Instructions. However, if the entrant has previously sailed in Youth National Championships main fleet, this clause shall not be applicable. There will be a separate novice course.
- 3.4** The regatta is open to all boats as per the contents of para 1.4 above.

- 3.5** Eligible boats may enter by completing the accompanying entry form and sending it, together with the required fee, to:
 The Regatta Secretary,
 P O Box 613 Fax: 086 684 8311
 Knysna 6570 E-mail: info@youthnationals.co.za
 by 17:00 on 5th November 2012
- 3.6** In cases of electronic or faxed entry, confirmation of payment as outlined in 3.3 above shall clearly bear the following reference number SAS YN – (skipper surname) and be faxed or e-mailed, together with the Entry, to the Regatta Secretary.
- 3.7** Online entry can be done via the event website www.youthnationals.co.za/
- 3.8** Late entries will be accepted up to one hour before the close of registration on 9 December 2012

4 FEES

- 4.1** Discount for early entries applies, if completed Entry Form and payment in full, is received by 17:00 on 5 November 2012.

Class	Fee
Single handed	R300.00
Double handed	R380.00

Families with 2 or more entries are entitled to 5% discount per entry if paid in time for early entry discount 5 November 2012.

- 4.2** After 5 November, fees are as follows:

Class	Fee
Single handed	R400.00
Double handed	R500.00

- 4.3** Other Fees:
 All Entry Fees and Class subscriptions shall be paid prior to the close of Registration. Failure to meet this requirement will result in the affected yacht being recorded as Did Not Compete until such time as the required payment/s is/are made. This changes rule A11 (DNC)

5 SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Sailing Times	Activity
8 December	Saturday	11:00 to 17:00	Registration, Measurement & Inspection
9 December	Sunday	09:00 to 16:00 14:00 18:00	Registration, Measurement & Inspection Tune Up Race Opening Ceremony
10 December	Monday	Warning signal of 1st race: 11:00	Start of Nationals
11 December	Tuesday		Racing
12 December	Wednesday		Racing
13 December	Thursday		Racing
14 December	Friday	No race shall start after 14:00	Racing. Prize Giving Ceremony – time will be announced after the last race.

- 5.1** **Registration:** From 11:00 to 17:00 on Saturday 8 December and from 09:00 to 16:00 on Sunday 9 December 2012

5.2 Measurement and Inspection: From 11:00 Saturday 8 December to 17:00, and Sunday 9 December 09:00-16:00 2012

5.3 Maximum number of races: All Classes: 15

5.4 Provision shall be made for a lay day as well as inter-regional team racing for the Optimist, Dabchick and Laser Radial classes, at the discretion of the Race Committee – to be advised during the event, but will not be on the last day of racing. The inter-regional Team Racing event schedule will be posted by the Race Committee as a separate Notice to Competitors, published at the venue.

5.5 The prize-giving gala function shall take place as soon as possible after the last race of the Championship.

6 MEASUREMENTS

Measurement/Registration Certificates shall be presented on registration. The entire provisions of RRS 78 shall apply.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available from the Regatta Secretary on completion of registration formalities.

8 VENUE

Racing will take place on Swartvlei Lagoon, Sedgefield, with the nearby Island Lake as an extra sailing area if required.

9 THE COURSES

Courses to be sailed by the classes are described in the Sailing Instructions.

10 SCORING

10.1 Low Point System of Appendix A4.1 will apply.

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

- 10.3**
- (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races excluding her two worst scores.

11 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

In order to qualify as a National Class Championship the following criteria shall be satisfied:

- A minimum of ten valid entries have been received no later than the closing time for entries. Note the provisions of para 1.4 above.
- At least ten finishers in any two races of the series.
- At least four races completed.
- The class must be recognized as a SAS-affiliated National Class as per the SAS constitution

12 SAFETY

12.1 Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.

12.2 All competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid capable of supporting a 5 kg steel weight at all times while afloat in a yacht.

12.3 Wet or dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy!

13 SUPPORT BOATS

Coach or individual support boats shall be marked with a self supplied white flag no less than 60cm x 40cm in size and remain no less than 150m from areas where boats are racing, between the Preparatory Signal and the last competitor finishing the race. Failure to comply shall result in action from the Protest Committee.

14 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.

15 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

SAS Medals will be awarded in accordance with the following subject to complying with all National Championship requirements:

10 to 14 yachts finishing at least two races – Gold

15 to 19 yachts finishing at least two races – Gold and Silver

20 or more yachts finishing at least two races – Gold, Silver and Bronze

Other prizes and trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority or the classes.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Neither the Organizing Authority nor its officials or other persons associated with the organization of the event will 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 participating boat is encouraged to carry sufficient valid third-party liability insurance to cover any liability arising during the event.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

18.1 There will be social events after racing each day.

18.2 Accommodation – For accommodation at Pine Lake Marina, contact info@pinelakemarina.co.za
For other accommodation in the Sedgefield area go to <http://www.visitsedgefield.com/>

18.3 For further information please contact Anthony Parker 079 510 7239, or Andrew Finn 082 556 4604.