

Vee Ess Sailing Association Inc.

2018-2019 N.S.W. State Championships

Vee Ess 15' Skiff

Notice of Race

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, the Prescriptions and the Special regulations Part 2 of Yachting Australia & the rules of the Vee Ess Sailing Association.

1.2 Attention is drawn to Fundamental RRS 4 – Decision to Race

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Vee Ess class that have registered their capitation for the current season with the Registrar of the V.S.S.A. Inc.

2.2 Further to the requirements of RRS 46 & 55, all competitors must be financial members of the VSSA Inc. The registrar may accept membership of the VSSA Inc. after receiving a completed Membership Application and prescribed membership fee at least ninety minutes before the start of the day's racing.

2.3 All boats shall have third party insurance cover of not less than AUD\$5,000,000 (recommended AUD\$10,000,000) for any accident. All owners/competitors who enter the series are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors may be required to produce evidence of such insurance and any competitor not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

2.4 Each Vee Ess whose entry is accepted shall be sailed by the skipper & crew nominated on the Entry Form. In special circumstances only, the Race Committee may, at their discretion, allow for changes of this skipper & crew where a legitimate reason exists. In all circumstances the replacement sailors shall meet the eligibility requirements of the series.

The intention of this clause is to ensure fair competition and this will be considered if any crew application change is lodged. The decision of the Race Committee is final.

2.5 Eligible boats may enter the series by ticking the appropriate box on the membership form. **Entries close 1 hour prior to the first race of the series.**

2.6 The entry fee for the State Championship regatta series is \$0. However each host club may impose a race fee, for which payment is deemed an essential requirement to be eligible for State Championship points from that race.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be posted on the VS association web page prior to the start of the series. Limited hard copies will also be available from the Race Secretary.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The NSW State Championship Series will be sailed over 5 races.

Race 1	Neranie Sands nationals (race 5 of nationals series)	10 January 2019
Race 2	Sunshine	9 February 2019
Race 3	Sunshine	10 February 2019
Race 4	Hawkesbury River	16 March 2019
Race 5	Hawkesbury River	17 March 2019

5. COURSES

The course for each race will be determined by each host club and notified accordingly. The target race time is 80-120 minutes, however longer or shorter actual race times shall not be considered as grounds for redress.

6. SCORING

6.1 Five (5) races are scheduled of which two shall be completed to constitute a series. In the event of only four races or less being completed then all races shall be summed for each boat's total score otherwise a boat's **one** worst race can be discarded from her total score.

6.2 The low point scoring system, Appendix A will apply

6.3 The VSSA handicap system will apply for handicap results.

6.4 The VSSA handicap committee reserves the right to change a boat's handicap at any time and without notice.

7. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for places for the N.S.W. State Title and also for the N.S.W. State Handicap Title. A perpetual trophy will also be presented to the champion crew of both Titles.

Daily prizes will also be presented in the clubhouse after the completion of the day's racing. For each heat prizes will be awarded to the scratch & handicap winners.

8. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

It is the competitor's decision to enter or to start and continue in any race.

Competitors shall accept that their participation is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry competitors shall indemnify the Organising Authorities, Coordinating Authorities and the respective Host Sailing Club(s), their officers, members, sponsors, servants and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation.

The Organising Authorities, the Coordinating Authorities and the respective Host Sailing Club(s), their officers, members, sponsors, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in an Event or howsoever arising in connection with an Event.

9. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please visit the VSSA website www.vs.asn.au or contact the Race Secretary, John Hodda jhodda@ausgrid.com.au