

Vee Ess Sailing Association Inc.
2018-2019 N.S.W. State Championships
Vee Ess 15' Skiff
Sailing Instructions

1. Organisation

The organising authority is the V. S. Sailing Association in association with the respective host clubs.

2. Rules

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.

3. Advertising

Advertising is restricted to Category A.

4. Conditions of Entry

4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Vee Ess class that have been measured and found acceptable under the V.S.S.A. rules and have registered their capitation for the current season with the Registrar of the V.S.S.A.

4.2 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.

4.3 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.

4.4 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.

5. Notices to Competitors

Where practical, notices to competitors will be placed on the official notice board located in the clubhouse of the host sailing club for each race.

Where a notice board is not available competitors will be notified verbally by a committee member of VSSA.

6. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted or notified at least 1 hour prior to the race affected.

7. Scoring

7.1 **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.

7.2 The low point scoring system, Appendix A will apply

7.3 The VSSA handicap system will apply for handicap results.

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

8. Schedule of Races

8.1 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

9. 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.

10. Marks

Rounding marks will be laid by each host club and shown to competitors at each race briefing.

11. The Start

The host club's starting procedure will be used.

12. The Finish

The host club's finishing procedure will be used.

13. Time Limit

The time limit for each heat will be three(3) hours and should the first boat finish within the time limit then the time limit for all other boats will be three and one half(3.1/2) hours. **This may be amended by each host club.**

14. Protests

Protests shall be written on forms available at the race office or race secretary and lodged within thirty (30) minutes of the finish of the last boat. Amends RRS 61.3. Protests will be heard as soon as possible on the day of racing in the sailing office at the Clubhouse. The Race Committee may extend the time for submission of protests in exceptional circumstances.

15. Race Committee.

The race committee will comprise the host club's nominated officials and one or more of the following VSSA committee:

- Race secretary
- Registrar/ Treasurer.
- Measurer
- President

16. Safety Regulations

16.1 The maximum wind speed limit for starting or continuing a race shall be gusts of 25 knots for more than 30 seconds, assessed by the race control officer in the course area, or such lesser wind strength if, in the opinion of the race control officer, conditions are unsafe for racing.

The Race Control Officer may also postpone or cancel racing if there is, in his opinion, insufficient or erratic wind conditions that are unsuitable for fair racing.

16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

16.3 Each skipper intending to sail the course shall follow the host club's procedure for signing On and Off. Failure to adhere to this requirement may lead to disqualification from the race without a hearing.

17. Equipment and Measurement Checks

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

18. 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.

19. Liability

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