

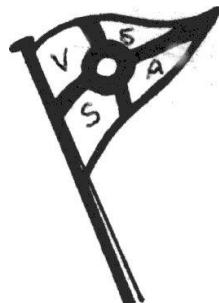
Notice of Race

For the

74th Vee Ess 15'Skiff Australian Championships

The Vee Ess Sailing Association Inc
Invites entries to race on
Myall Lake
January 6th 2019 to January 12th 2019

Web site: www.vs.asn.au



The Organising Authority for this Series is the Vee Ess Sailing Association Inc.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017 – 2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) as amended.
- 1.2 The rules and bi-laws of the Vee Ess Sailing Association shall apply except as altered by the Sailing Instructions or this Notice of Race.
- 1.3 The Special Regulations of Yachting Australia Part 2 shall apply.
- 1.4 The Prescriptions of Yachting Australia shall apply
- 1.5 If there is conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 This is a Class A Event in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter on the attached Entry Form which should be lodged with the Vee Ess Race Secretary or Registrar by 1230 hours on the 7th January 2019 with the required fee.

4 FEES

- 4.1 Entry Fee for lodgement by the 7th January 2019 is \$150.00 per boat. Note: this fee includes a t -shirt for each crew nominated on the entry form.
Make cheques payable to the Vee Ess Sailing association or direct deposit to the association BSB # 650000 A/C #9799465618

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1 The Australian Championships will consist of Ten (10) races scheduled over Five (5) days of racing plus an Invitation race scheduled prior to the start of the Championship on 6th January.

5.2 The events are scheduled for:

Date	Day	Time	Event
6 th January	Sunday	1130 – 1230	Measurement and Registration
		1300	Invitation race Briefing
		1415	Sid Peare Invitation Race warning signal
		1700	Welcome social gathering
7 th January	Monday	1100 - 1300	Measurement and Registration
		1240	Competitors Championship Meeting
		1400	Race 1 warning Signal
			Race 2 ASAP after race 1
8 th January	Tuesday	1400	Race 3 warning Signal
			Race 4 ASAP after race 3
		TBA	Social gathering – BBQ
9 th January	Wednesday		Lay Day – Racing if required
10 th January	Thursday	1400	Race 5 warning Signal (Race 1 State title series)
			Race 6 ASAP after race 5 (Race 4 of Travellers trophy series)
11 th January	Friday	1400	Race 7 warning signal
			Race 8 ASAP after race 7
12 th January	Saturday	1400	Race 9 warning Signal
			Race 10 ASAP after race 9
		1615	Last Warning Signal
		TBA	Presentation – BBQ

5.3 The Race Committee may alter the schedule and number of races sailed at any time but will only advance the Championship by not more than one (1) race per day

5.4 If any races are postponed after the lay day there will be consideration of sailing an early race. Any such race will commence no earlier than 1200hrs. Competitors will be advised no later than 1800hrs the day prior to any race starting earlier than that nominated.

5.5 No warning signal will be made after 1615hrs on Saturday 12th January.

6 REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

6.1. Eligible boats shall register with the Organising Authority prior to or at Hearts Point Picnic Area, Neranie Sands.

6.2. Time at registration is allotted for sail & other measurement checks requested by competitors. Random checks may be made at any time throughout the regatta to check compliance of items such as tow rings, pole end caps, proof of sail measurement, etc.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the VS website prior to the first scheduled race or upon registration at the Neranie Sands.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The races will be conducted on Myall Lake, south west of Neranie Head.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Race courses will be a Windward/Leeward configuration all as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 The Low points score system as described in appendix A, A4.1 RRS 2017 -2020.
- 10.2 Ten (10) races are scheduled of which Five (5) completed races are required to constitute the Championship.
- 10.3 Each boat's score will be the total of her race scores with the following discards applied depending on the number of races completed.
- 10.4 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.5 When from six (6) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 10.6 When nine (9) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 10.7 The VSSA handicap system will apply for handicap results and scoring. The VSSA handicap committee reserves the right to change a boat's handicap at any time and without notice.

11 PROTEST COMMITTEE

- 11.1 The Championship shall have a Protest committee, which will be appointed by the Principal Race Officer.

12 SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1. Team leaders, coaches, other support personnel and support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Specific coach and support boat instructions will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 12.2. Support boats must be registered with the Organising Authority and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the Organising Authority.

13 ENTRY DISCLAIMER

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

Competitor's attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4 which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue is hers alone."

13.2 Competitors shall accept that their participation in the regatta is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry in the regatta, competitors shall indemnify the Organisers, their officers, members, servants and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature, which may be made upon them in connection with the regatta. Competitors remain solely responsible for the seaworthiness of their boat and the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The Vee Ess Sailing Association reserves the right to refuse an entry.

14 INSURANCE

14.1. All yachts competing in the Regatta are required to carry current Third Party Personal and Property Liability Insurance cover of a minimum recommended Aud \$10,000,000 or equivalent thereof in any other currency for any one accident.

14.2. All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form 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.

14.3. Each Skipper and/or co-skipper is liable for any third party property and personal injury claims.

15 PRIZES

15.1 Prizes and Trophies will include:

Prizes will be awarded to the overall winners of the National Title and the National Handicap Title. A perpetual trophy will also be presented to the champion crew of both Titles.

Prizes will also be awarded to placegetters of both titles.

The Coal Board Shield will be presented to the winner of the last heat of the series on scratch.

The Sid Peare Memorial Trophy will be presented to the winning crew of the Invitation Race.

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

15.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

16 BOAT STORAGE & TRAILER PARKING

- 16.1 It is suggested that boats rig at Hearts Point Picnic Area. This is off Neranie Rd Bungwahl. There is trailer parking bay about 100m from Hearts Point. Fees may be applicable for daily entry & trailer storage. See <http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/picnic-areas/hearts-point-picnic-area>
- 16.2 Boats may be left in the rigging area overnight however all liability for loss or damage to any article left at Hearts Point remains with the owner.

17 SOCIAL EVENTS AND CATERING

The regatta venue is in a national park. There are no facilities apart from a drop toilet & two gas BBQs. Lunches are not organised & so it is up to each individual to arrange. There is no shop at Hearts Point. Bungwahl general store does have food and is approximately 5 minutes drive away.

The VS association intends to take a gazebo or two for shelter & will stock an esky with beverages for members to grab a drink from after racing each day. The association also intends to have a sausage sizzle after racing on Tuesday (before the lay day) and at the presentation which will be held at Hearts Point at the conclusion of the final days racing.

The VS association warmly thanks and acknowledges the great support and sponsorship of the T shirts and social events through:

- PPK Group (Dale)
- Rutherford Electrical Engineering Group (Roger)
- SFC Computers (Tim)

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, Visit the VSSA website www.vs.asn.au or please contact:

John Hodda jhodda@ausgrid.com.au

Or

Tim Dodds sfctech@bigbond.com

19 EXTRA INFORMATION

19.1 Accommodation

There is a variety of accommodation available in the area.

Neranie Sands Camping area

Yagon campsite (by the ocean off Seal Rocks Rd)

Violet Hill campsite, off the Lakes Way

Seal Rocks

Sand Bar

Pacific Palms

Forster

**Vee Ess 15' Skiff
2018-2019 National Championships**

FORM OF ENTRY

Organising authority: The Vee Ess Sailing Association Inc.

**To: The Race Secretary
V.S.S.A. Inc.
P.O. Box 112
TORONTO NSW 2283.**

Please accept this entry for the 2018-2019 National Championship Series for the Vee Ess 15' skiff Class.

January 6 – 12, 2019. Myall Lake

\$150 entry fee per boat applies.

REGISTERED BOAT NAME: _____

REGISTRATION NUMBER: _____

COLOUR PATCH ON MAINSAIL: if applicable please sketch an approximation.

HOME CLUB _____

OWNER NAME & ADDRESS : _____

SKIPPER'S NAME: _____ **YACHTING AUS #:** _____

SHEETHANDS NAME: _____ **YACHTING AUS #:** _____

FORWARDHAND'S NAME: _____ **YACHTING AUS #:** _____

DETAILS OF INSURANCE POLICY

Company: _____ **Policy Number:** _____

Public Liability Insurance Cover: \$ _____ **Expiry Date:** _____

I have read, understood, acknowledge and agree to the Conditions of Entry on the final page of this entry form. Please sign below

Signed : _____ **Owner/Skipper**

Dated: ____/____/____ **(office use only : _____ reg.)**

Terms and Conditions

I acknowledge and agree that:

In this Event application and declaration: "Club" means and includes: the Vee Ess Sailing Association and its committee, officers, members, servants or agents. "Claim" means and includes any action, proceeding, claim, demand, damage or expense however arising including but not limited to negligence but does not include a claim in respect of any action, suit etc made by any person entitled to compensation under a relevant Club insurance policy or under any right expressly conferred by the Club constitution.

If accepted I will be permitted to participate in the Event subject to my complying with the terms and conditions of the Event, this declaration and any reasonable direction issued by the Event organisers or their representatives.

The Event rules & this declaration comprise a contract between me and the Club and are necessary and reasonable to promote and conduct the Event. I also agree to abide by the rules and policies of Sailing Australia (copies of which are available from Sailing Australia), and be subject to the jurisdiction of Sailing Australia in relation to the application and enforcement of such rules and policies.

Warning: Participation in the Event can be inherently dangerous. I acknowledge that I am exposed to certain risks during my participation in the Event including, but not limited to, physical exertion and injury, bodily contact, falls, equipment failure and unpredictable weather conditions. I acknowledge that accidents can and often do happen which may result in me being injured or even killed, or my property being damaged. I have voluntarily read and understood this warning and accept and assume the inherent risks in participating in the Event.

WARNING UNDER THE FAIR TRADING ACT 1999

Under the provisions of the Fair Trading Act 1999 several conditions are implied into contracts for the supply of certain goods and services. These conditions mean that the supplier named on this form is required to ensure that the recreational services it supplies to you are:

rendered with due care and skill; and

as fit for the purpose for which they are commonly bought as it is reasonable to expect in the circumstances; and

reasonably fit for any particular purpose or might reasonably be expected to achieve any result you have made known to the supplier.

Under section 32N of the Fair Trading Act 1999, the supplier is entitled to ask you to agree that these conditions do not apply to you. If you sign this form, you will be agreeing that your rights to sue the supplier under the Fair Trading Act 1999 if you are killed or injured because the services were not rendered with due care and skill or they were not reasonably fit for their purpose, are excluded, restricted or modified in the way set out in this form.

NOTE: The change to your rights, as set out in this form, does not apply if your death or injury is due to gross negligence on the supplier's part. "Gross negligence" is defined in the Fair Trading (Recreational Services) Regulations 2004.

For the purposes of this clause 5, "the Supplier" shall mean and include the Club.

Exclusion of Implied Terms: I acknowledge that where I am a consumer of recreational services, as defined by any relevant law, certain terms and rights usually implied into a contract for the supply of goods or services may be excluded. I acknowledge that these implied terms and rights and any liability of the Club flowing from them, are expressly excluded to the extent possible by law, by this Event application declaration. To the extent of any liability arising, the liability of the Club will, at its discretion be limited to the resupply of the services or payment of the cost of having the services supplied again.

Release and Indemnity: In consideration of the Club accepting my application for entry to the Event I, to the full extent permitted by law:

(a) release and will release the Club from all Claims that I may have or may have had but for this release arising from or in connection with my participation in the Event; and

(b) indemnify and will keep indemnified the Club in respect of any Claim by any person including but not only another participant in the Event arising as a result of or in connection with my participation in the Event.

Fitness to Participate: I declare that I am and must continue to be medically and physically fit and able to participate in the Event. I will immediately notify the Club in writing of any change to my fitness and ability to participate. I understand and accept that the Club will continue to rely upon this declaration as evidence of my fitness and ability to participate.

Consent to medical treatment: If required, the Club will arrange medical or hospital treatment (including ambulance transportation) for me. I authorise such actions being taken by the Club where my further consent cannot be obtained and agree to meet all costs associated with such action.

Privacy: I understand that the information I have provided is necessary for the conduct of the Event and for the Objects of the Club. I acknowledge and agree that the information will only be used by the Club to facilitate the conduct of the Event and other events conducted by the Club. I understand that I will be able to access my information through the Club. If the information is not provided my Event entry application may be rejected.

Copyright and right to use image: I acknowledge and consent to photographs being taken of me during my participation in the Event and authorise the Club to use such photographs for promotional or other purposes without my further consent being obtained. Further, I consent to the Club using my name, image, likeness and also my performance in the Event, at any time, to promote the Event or Club activities by any form of media.

Severance: If any provision of this declaration is invalid or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, the phrase or clause is to be read down for the purpose of that jurisdiction, if possible, so as to be valid and enforceable. If the phrase or clause cannot be so read down it will be severed to the extent of the invalidity or unenforceability. Such severance does not affect the remaining provisions of this membership declaration or affect the validity or enforceability of it in any other jurisdiction.

I have read, understood, acknowledge and agree to the above declaration including the warning, exclusion of implied terms, release and indemnity. I warrant that all information provided in my Event application is true and correct. I acknowledge that this Event application declaration cannot be amended. If I do amend it my application will be null and void.

Where the applicant is under 18 years of age this form must also be signed by the applicant's parent or legal guardian.

I, _____ am the parent or guardian of the applicant. I expressly authorise and consent to the applicant participating in the Event. In consideration of the applicant's participation in the event being accepted, I expressly agree to accept, in my capacity as parent or guardian, the terms set out in this Event application and declaration including the provision by me of a release and indemnity in the terms set out above

Parent's Signature: _____ **Name:** _____ **Date:** _____

(where applicant under 18 y.o)