

Notice of Race

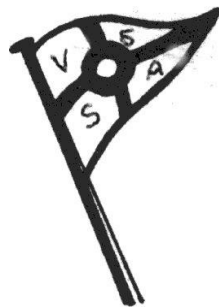
For the

75th Vee Ess 15'Skiff Australian Championships

The Vee Ess Sailing Association Inc
Invites entries to race at
South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club
on Lake Macquarie

January 3rd 2020 to January 9th 2020

Web site: www.vs.asn.au



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

The series will be sailed at South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club (SLMASC).

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 must be lodged with the Vee Ess Race Secretary or Registrar by 1230 hours on the 4th January 2020 with the required fee.

4 FEES

- 4.1 Entry Fee for the regatta is \$150.00 per boat. Note: this fee includes a t-shirt for each crew nominated on the entry form that provided size details prior to 6 December 2019. There is no discount to the entry fee where a t shirt is not provided.

Preferred payment is by direct deposit to the VS Sailing Association. BSB # 650 000 A/C #979 946 5618

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 regatta on 3rd January.

- 5.2 The events are scheduled for:

Date	Day	Time	Event
3 rd January	Friday	1130 – 1230	Measurement and Registration
		1315	Invitation race Briefing
		1425	Sid Peare Invitation Race warning signal
		1700	Welcome social gathering
4 th January	Saturday	1100 - 1300	Measurement and Registration
		1240	Competitors Championship Meeting
		1425	Race 1 warning Signal Race 2 ASAP after race 1
5 th January	Sunday	1425	Race 3 warning Signal Race 4 ASAP after race 3
			6 th January
7 th January	Tuesday	1425	Race 5 warning Signal (Race 3 State title series) Race 6 ASAP after race 5 (Race 3 of Travellers trophy series)
			8 th January
9 th January	Thursday	1355	
		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 Thursday 9th January.

6 REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- 6.1. Eligible boats shall register with the Organising Authority prior to or at SLMASC.
- 6.2. Time has been 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 SLMASC.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The races will be conducted on Lake Macquarie on the courses of SLMASC.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Race courses will be a Windward/Leeward configuration 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, amended by the replacement of clause A4.2 with A9.
- 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.

12.1. 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 will be presented after the completion of the day's racing. For each race 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 Trailers may be left adjacent to SLMASC. Note that priority over any space will be given to boats wishing to rig.

16.2 Boats may be left in the rigging area overnight however all liability for loss or damage to any article left at SLMASC remains with the owner.

16.3 Smaller items such as sails & foils may be stored under SMASC.

17 SOCIAL EVENTS AND CATERING

A welcome BBQ is planned following racing for the Invitation trophy.

A BBQ is also planned following the finals day's racing.

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 Camping. Camp sites are available in the park adjacent to the club. LMCC imposes a fee of \$31/site/night. SLMASC intends to provide a key to campers to access toilet & shower facilities at no additional charge.

**Vee Ess 15' Skiff
2019-2020 National Championships**

FORM OF ENTRY

Organising authority: The Vee Ess Sailing Association Inc.

**To: The Race Secretary
 Jwhodda@gmail.com
 The Registrar
 Dalejacobson@outlook.com**

Please accept this entry for the 2019-20120 National Championship Series for the Vee Ess 15' skiff Class.

January 3 – 9, 2020. SLMASC

\$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)