



NOTICE OF RACE

Australian International A-Division Catamaran Association Inc.(AIADCA)

2013 Australian A Class Championships

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Government**



The Darwin Sailing Club Inc

**Fannie Bay Darwin N.T.
June 29th – July 6th 2013**

Australian International A-Division Catamaran Association Inc (AIADCA), in conjunction with Multihull Association Northern Territory Australia Inc (MANTA) and Darwin Sailing Club Inc (DSC), invite entries from A-Division Catamaran Sailors to compete in the 2013 Australian A-Division Catamaran Championships to be conducted by The Darwin Sailing Club.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the current rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the special regulations of Yachting Australia (except as any of these are altered by the sailing instructions) and the class rules of the International A-Division Catamaran Association (IACA).

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 The Regatta is classified as a category "C" event
- 2.2 The forward 25% of the hull is reserved by the Regatta Organising Committee for display of advertising by event sponsor(s). Boats intending to carry advertising should provide details of their sponsors on the entry form. Entrants will be advised if they are in conflict with the event sponsor(s). Tobacco advertising shall not be permitted.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to members of the AIADCA who are members of Yachting Australia. Eligible members may enter on the attached Entry Form, copies of which are available at www.a-cat.org.au and <http://www.manta.org.au/a-cat> or upon Registration, accompanied by the required Entry Fee
- 3.2 Entries shall be made by close of Registration time on 29th June 2013 accompanied by current Measurement & Insurance certificates.

4. ENTRY FEES

- 4.1 An Entry Fee of \$250 shall be payable to the AIADCA.
- 4.2 A discount entry of \$200 shall apply to all entries received prior to 15th June 2013. Refer to attached Entry Form.
- 4.2 Supply Entry Form & Payment receipt at Registration if paying in advance.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday 29th June 2013

Registration 1000 – 1600hrs

Sunday 30th June 2013

Information Session 1100hrs

Practice Races From 1300hrs

Welcome Function 1700 hrs

Monday 1st July 2013

Heats From 1000hrs

Presentation Following conclusion of Racing

Territory Day Celebrations Sunset

Tuesday 2nd July 2013

Heats From 1000hrs

Presentation Following conclusion of Racing

Wednesday 3rd July 2013

Heats From 1000hrs

Presentation Following conclusion of Racing

Thursday 4th July 2013

Lay Day **Activity– Bus to Litchfield – picnic lunch at Wangi Falls**

Friday 5th July 2013

Heats From 1000hrs

Presentation Following conclusion of Racing

Saturday 6th July 2013

Heats From 1000hrs

Presentation Dinner 1800hrs

Up to Twelve (12) heats are scheduled; heats not sailed as scheduled may be rescheduled at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

6. SCORING

The Low Point Scoring as per Appendix "A" RRS

Up to 12 races are scheduled of which 6 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- (a) When only 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When 7 or more 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 race scores excluding her worst two scores.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.

8. VENUE

The event will be conducted from the Darwin Sailing Club located on Atkins Drive, Fannie Bay. The Regatta will be sailed on the tropical waters of Fannie Bay where the water is warm and the average wind conditions for July range from 5 – 15 knots with a maximum temperature around 30oC.

Sailing facilities at the Darwin Sailing Club are of international standard, and the management has a wealth of experience in hosting national and international events.

The Club is renowned amongst cruising and yachting fraternities as being equal to any of the world's best yacht clubs and provides members and guests with first class facilities that include waterfront bistro, bar facilities, secure boat storage and ample car parking. The relaxing, friendly atmosphere, warm tropical breezes and the spectacular sunsets may be enjoyed all year round. (www.dwnsail.com.au)

9. COURSE

The Course will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. MEASUREMENT

Measurement will be limited to checking current Measurement certificates for validity upon Registration, with the exception of spot-checks as outlined below.

New sails should be measured before the Championship. Should a competitor arrive at the Championship with an unmeasured sail it may be measured after arrangement (in advance) with the Measurer. A fee of \$50 will apply.

The Measurer may spot check boats at any time during the Regatta. A boat notified of inspection shall follow the instructions of the Race Committee. Boats failing to measure in accordance of the rules will be scored DSQ from all race heats prior.

The current IACA weight restriction of 75kgs minimum all up boat weight shall apply. It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure their boat meets the weight restriction and is correctly weighed.

11. INSURANCE

All boats shall have third party insurance cover of not less than AUD\$5,000.000 (AUD\$10,000,000 recommended).

Insurance certificates will be presented upon Registration.

All competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold valid Insurance.

12. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

Appropriate approved buoyancy aids in accordance with Yachting Australia regulations apply

13. PRIZES.

Prizes will be awarded to at least the first 5 overall places.

It is intended to run a handicap division during the championships. Prizes will be awarded as deemed appropriate by the organising committee.

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the AIADCA depending on number of entries.

14. BOAT & TRAILER STORAGE, CAR PARKING

Boat and trailer storage is available at Darwin Sailing Club..

Car parking is adjacent to the Club.

15. ENTRY DISCLAIMER

A competitor agrees to be bound by the Racing Rules of the ISAF; the prescriptions and Racing Regulations of Yachting Australia, the IACA & AIADCA Class Rules, all as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

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 racing is hers alone”.

The Organising Authority, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury, loss, or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the event, or howsoever arising in connection with the event.

16. TRAVEL

Darwin is situated in the Northern Territory of Australia and is serviced by air, train, road and sea. Daily scheduled flights operate from every mainland Australian capital city. Excellent sealed highways in the Territory such as the Stuart Highway (sealed all the way from Adelaide), the Barkly highway from Queensland and the Victoria Highway from Western Australia, all provide ease of access to Darwin.

For something completely different why not take 'The Ghan' and travel by rail between Adelaide, Alice Springs and Darwin – it’s one of the great train journeys of the world.

Shipping via containers is available ex Melbourne..

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

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Michael Kopp (Secretary, AIADCA) 0418 991 884

secretary@a-cat.org.au

Ian Johnson (President, AIADCA) 0412 260 322

ian.m.johnson@bigpond.com

Shipping container prices –
Ex Melbourne app \$1150
Ex Sydney app \$1250
Ex Brisbane app \$1300

The Darwin Sailing Club is located in the suburb of Fannie Bay, which is a 5-8 minute drive into the city centre. Suburbs close by are Parap, Stuart Park, and Ludmilla.

This is subject to 8 boats in each container – be quick spots are filling fast! See Storm for more info...

Accommodation ideas:
Parap –
Quest Holiday Apartments
Parap Village Apartments
Paravista Hotel

*** There are a large number of hotels in the city of Darwin. ***

We are also happy to assist people to find billeting – there will be plenty of people who live close by who will be happy to have interstate visitors!

Web Pages:
MANTA (Multihull Association Northern Territory Australia) web page <http://www.manta.org.au/a-cat>
the Darwin Sailing Club web page <http://www.dwnsail.com.au>
facebook page – Australian International A Division Catamaran Association <http://www.a-cat.org.au>

Contact:
Michelle Batenburg
0403 117 332
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This is a great site to plan your stay in Darwin...

<http://www.tourismtopend.com.au/>

The Top End of the Northern Territory is known for its tropical weather, rich indigenous culture, national parks and laid-back lifestyle. It is home to an eclectic mix of cultures whose outdoor lifestyle is complemented by brilliant sunsets, fantastic fishing and a colourful calendar of outdoor events.

ENTRY FORM
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NAME

ADDRESS

STATE POSTCODE AGE (at 01/01/2013).....

TELEPHONE Home (.....)..... Mobile

E-mail

BOAT NAME SPONSOR

SAIL NUMBER LOCAL SAILING CLUB

YACHTING AUSTRALIA MEMBERSHIP CARD #

The nominated boat conforms to the measurement rules of ISAF, IACA, AIADCA

Boat Measurement stickers: Hull Mast Sail

The nominated boat is covered by insurance including a minimum
\$AUD 5 (Five) Million Dollars public liability

Regatta entry fee - \$250.00 (includes entry social functions) \$.....

Discount Regatta entry fee - \$200.00 (if paid prior to 15th June) \$.....

AIADCA Membership fee - \$50.00 (covers September-August) \$.....

Total (by cheque payable to AIADCA) – see below address \$.....

or Electronic Deposit to AIADCA (SAIL NO as Description) \$.....

ANZ Bank

A/c Name AIADCA

BSB 013658

A/C 5139 83751

Online Payment Reference #.....

I am interested in attending the Welcome Function

I expectmembers of my family to attend, comprising.....adults + children.

Signed Date / /

Please send Entry Form and cheques to:

Michael Kopp
Secretary, AIADCA
13 Standring Close
Donvale
VIC 3111

Please bring Entry Form & Payment Receipt to Registration when paying in advance.