



## SA SAILING 2023 YOUTH NATIONALS NOR

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HOSTED BY HENLEY MIDMAR YACHT CLUB

## NOTICE OF RACE

**Dates:** 16 December 2023 to 21st December 2023

**Venue:** Henley-Midmar Yacht Club, Midmar Dam, Howick

**Organising Authority:** SA Sailing KwaZulu-Natal Region in conjunction with the Henley-Midmar Yacht Club with the consent of SA Sailing.

**Sanctioned:** (29 August 2023)

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules Of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The SA Sailing prescriptions for National Championships, as stated in paragraph 9 below, will apply.
- 1.3. RRS Appendix P applies.
- 1.4. In addition to the provisions of RRS 61.1 (a), the protesting boat shall inform the Race Committee at the finishing line immediately after finishing, or as soon as practicable after she retires, of the boat/s being protested. This changes rule 61.1(a).

#### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the clubhouse no later than 18h00 on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and will also be posted on the Youth Nationals Notice Board Group on Telegram. The link to this group will be made available during registration.

#### 3. COMMUNICATION

The Official Notice Board will be in the clubhouse. Notices will also be posted on the Youth Nationals Notice Board Group on Telegram. Failure to receive a notification on this group shall not be grounds for redress.

#### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The regatta is open to all dinghies 4.6m and under.
- 4.2. Classes that don't meet the requirements for National Championships may be transferred to an "O Class".
- 4.3. Competitors must be under the age of 19 years on 31 December 2023 and must, in addition, comply with any age limits specified by their applicable class rules.
- 4.4. In the Optimist Class there will be an Optimist A Fleet that competes for the Optimist National Championships and an Optimist B Fleet that competes in a non-championship event. Optimist competitors must indicate

their choice of the A Fleet or B Fleet during registration. The B Fleet is expected to include mostly younger sailors competing at the Youth Nationals for their first time.

- 4.5. Eligible boats may enter online by logging onto the HMYC Website by using this link:  
<https://www.hmyc.org.za/youthnationals/>
- 4.6. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.7. Entries close at midnight on 30th November 2023. Late entries will be accepted until 11h00 on 16th December 2023.
- 4.8. All competitors shall be members in good standing of the relevant National Class Association and of SA Sailing, and of a yacht club affiliated to and in good standing with SA Sailing (or their equivalent in the case of non-South Africans), and legally permitted to compete. Proof of such membership shall be presented at registration.

## 5. FEES

### Entry fees:

Single Handed R850.00

Double Handed R1,100.00

### Late Entry Fees:

Single Handed R950.00

Double Handed R1,200.00

These fees include the entry for team racing for the participating classes

### Beginner Course:

Single Handed R350.00

Double Handed R450.00

## 6. ADVERTISING

[DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

## 7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. Registration, Equipment Inspection and Event Measurement:
  - Saturday 16th December from 09h00 to 20h00.
  - Sunday 17th December from 07h00 to 09h00.The Sunday session is reserved for competitors who have had to travel more than 1 000 km to reach the regatta venue.
- 7.2. Dates of racing: Sunday 17th December to Thursday 21st December.
- 7.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the practice race is
  - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 09h55.This race does not count towards the Youth National Championship results.
- 7.4. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first Championship race is
  - Sunday 17th December 13h55.
- 7.5. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on subsequent racing days will be 09:25, unless a change is posted on the notice board by 19h00 the day before that racing.
- 7.6. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 10h25. On all other racing days no warning signal will be made after 17h25.
- 7.7. A maximum of 15 races are scheduled.
- 7.8. For the TSL, Dabchick and Optimist classes, team racing is planned to be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, provided that at least 11 championship races have been completed by then. A team racing schedule and sailing instructions will be posted by 19h00 on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Championship racing may be scheduled to continue for other classes while the team racing is in progress.
- 7.9. The main prize giving is scheduled to take place at 13h00 on Thursday 21st December 2023.
- 7.10. A beginners course for new and inexperienced sailors will take place from Monday 18 December to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. This will be a fun event for new sailors, introducing them to sailing with most of the on water activities taking place close to the shoreline.

**8. MEASUREMENT**

- 8.1. With the exception of the beginner fleet, each boat shall produce at registration a valid measurement certificate as required by their class rules.
- 8.2. [DP] Boats shall be available for spot measurement and checks at any stage during the event.

**9. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

To qualify as a National Class Championship, the following criteria shall be satisfied:

- a) At least ten valid entries shall have been received no later than the closing time for registration.
- b) At least ten boats shall finish any two races of the championship.
- c) At least four races shall be completed.

The Optimist Class B Fleet does not qualify as a National Class Championship.

**10. SAFETY**

- 10.1. [DP] All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device, capable of supporting a 5 kg steel weight, at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 10.2. [DP] All competitors must be accompanied by a responsible adult who will be available on shore or as a spectator on the water AT ALL times. The adult responsible for a competitor must sign the competitor in at registration.

**11. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

[DP] Support person vessels on the water during racing sessions shall display a conspicuous white flag.

**12. PRIZES**

SA Sailing Medals will be awarded in accordance with the Requirements for National Championships as follows:

- 10 – 14 boats Gold
- 15 – 19 boats Gold & Silver
- 20 or more boats Gold, Silver & Bronze

Other prizes and trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority and class associations

**13. RISK STATEMENT**

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." Competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**14. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat is encouraged to carry sufficient valid third-party liability insurance to cover any liability arising during the event.

**15. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further regatta information please visit the HMYC Website by using this link:

[www.hmyc.org.za/youth-nationals/](http://www.hmyc.org.za/youth-nationals/)

OR

Contact the Regatta Secretary Mrs Sue Barker, Cell number: +27 835 544 966

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