**Spiral Class Association of Australia Inc.**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**2024 2025 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

*Conducted by Saratoga Sailing Club on behalf of the Spiral Association of Australia Inc.*

# Under the Authority of Yachting Australia

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

*Spiral Association of Australia Inc* in conjunction with *Saratoga Sailing Club*

**DATE: Saturday, 25th to Monday, 28th January, 2025.**

**VENUE: Saratoga Sailing Club, Willaroo Road, Saratoga, NSW**

**1. RULES**

* 1. The Regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2021- 2024 (RRS), the Yachting Australia (YA) Special Regulations Part 2 – off-the-beach boats, the rules and class restrictions of the Spiral Class Association of Australia Inc. except as any of these are changed by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions. Where the notice of race and the sailing instructions are in conflict, the sailing instructions shall prevail.
	2. Under RRS 87, rule 9.1.4 of the Spiral class rules is changed as follows: 9.1.4 All registered sails are usable in Association events except in the case of loss or damage beyond repair, only one Standard sail and/or one 5.6 sail for all divisions, other than the 5.6 Division which must use a 5.6 Sail and the 4.5 Division which must use a 4.5 sail.

**2. ENTRIES**

* 1. The Regatta is open to all Spiral Class boats that comply with Class Restriction 2.1.
	2. Entrants shall hold Third Party Liability Cover of at least five million dollars.
	3. All entrants shall be members of a sailing club affiliated with the Yachting Australia (YA).
	4. All entrants shall be financial members of the Spiral Class Association of Australia. Event membership is available. Refer to on-line registration.
	5. Eligible boats shall be entered on the Entry Form. The entry form, accompanied by the entry fee, shall be lodged with the Spiral Association Registrar before 2400hrs on the Sunday, 19th January, 2025 (refer to Table of Entry Fees). Entries received after Sunday 19th January, 2025 will incur a late fee.

**Table of Entry Fees**

***Races Entered* Member Status Race *Entry Fee\*\*\****

Spiral National Titles Member $160.00

Spiral National Titles Junior Free Entry

Non-member Event fee Non-member $190 ($160.00 plus $30.00 event fee)

***\*\*\* Entries received after Sunday, 19th*** ***January, 2025 will incur a $25 late fee***

**Eligibility for each Division is:**

Open (Alan Warwick Trophy) all entrants who sail the Open Division course.

 Junior: under 17 at the 1st September 2024
 Senior: between 17 and under 45 at the 1st September 2024
 Masters: between 45 and under 60 at the 1st September 2024
 Grand Masters: between 60 and under 70 at the 1st September 2024
 Great Grand Masters: 70 and over at the 1st September 2024

Ladies The skipper is female.

5.6 Sail: Open to entrants sailing with a 5.6 sq m sail.

Races sailed with a different sized sail will count as DNS in the results for the 5.6 Sail Division.

4.5 Sail: Open to entrants sailing with only a 4.5 sq m sail.

Races sailed with a different sized sail will count as DNS in the results for the 4.5 Sail division.

**4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Registration: Online up to 23rd January, 2025 (Spiralsailing.org) and from 1100hrs to 1130hrs at Saratoga Sailing Club on the 25th January, 2025.

Measurement: By appointment on 25th January, 2025. To be arranged prior to 19th January, 2025.

Contact Association Measurer: John Franklin ph: 0418 226 491

The National Championship series consists of a maximum of **nine (9) races over three (3) days** scheduled as follows:

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Sessions** | **Time of First Warning Signal** |
| Saturday | 25th January | Session 1 | Not before 1300 hours |
| Sunday | 26th January | Session 2 | Not before 0900 hours |
| Sunday | 26th January | Session 3 | Not before 1300 hours  |
| Monday | 27th January | Session 4 | Not before 0900 hours and not after 1500hours |

A maximum of three races will be conducted per racing session.

The number of races sailed on any day will be at the discretion of the Spiral Association Race Secretary and the Saratoga Sailing Club.

**5. MEASUREMENT**

All boats shall comply with the Class Restrictions. Prior to, during, or at the conclusion of the Championship, the Race Committee may require any competing boat, their sail and/or equipment to be presented for a measurement check either on the water or upon reaching the shore.

**6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available from 1100hrs, 25th January, 2025 at Saratoga Sailing Club from the registration desk.

**7. RACING AREA**

Southern end of Brisbane waters. See attachment A

**8. THE COURSE**

The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

**9. SCORING**

Open, Junior, Senior, Masters, Grand Masters, Great Grand Masters, Ladies, 5.6 Sail Divisions, 4.5 Divisions:

The low point scoring system RRS Appendix A4.0 will apply. In accordance with RRS Appendix A2, if six (6) races in the regatta are completed, boats shall drop their worst race score, and if eight (8) or more races in the regatta are completed, boats shall drop their two worst race scores, otherwise all races shall count. A minimum of four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute the National Championship.

**10. SUPPORT BOATS**

Team Leaders, Coaches, and other support personnel shall not be within 50 metres of competitors from the time of the warning signal until each boat has finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be the disqualification (after protest) of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel. The support boat for the 4.5 Division sailors is exempt from this restriction.

**11. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

A yacht shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all other boats.

**12. INDEMNITY**

All those taking part in the series do so at their own risk and responsibility. Neither the Organizing Committee, the Spiral Association of Australia Inc., nor Saratoga Sailing Club is responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry has been accepted or the efficiency of its equipment. Attention is drawn to RRS fundamental rule 4 “*The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.*”

All competing helmspersons shall have third party liability insurance cover of not less than AUD$5,000,000. By signing the Entry Form, helmspersons are deemed to have made a declaration that they have such cover.

**13. PRIZE LIST\***

Open (Alan Warwick) Spiral Class Trophy 1st to 6th, including a Perpetual Trophy

Junior 1st to 3rd, including a Perpetual Trophy

Senior 1st to 3rd, including a Perpetual Trophy

Masters 1st to 3rd, including a Perpetual Trophy

Grand Masters 1st to 3rd, including a Perpetual Trophy

Great Grand Master 1st to 3rd, including a Perpetual Trophy

Ladies 1st to 3rd, including a Perpetual Trophy

5.6 Sail 1st to 3rd

4.5 Sail 1st to 3rd

Handicap 1st to 3rd \*\*

\*\* An entrant who receives a prize for first place in a division will not be eligible for any prize on handicap.

**14. FURTHER INFORMATION**

CONTACT DETAILS:

Spiral Association Race Secretary: Graeme Baker ph: 0424 678 800, e: grae.baker.au@gmail.com

Saratoga Sailing Club

**Annex A**

Saratoga Sailing Club, NSW. Sailing Area on Brisbane Waters.

