



Scow and Lowrider Moth Australia National Championships 2025



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Scow and Lowrider Moth National Championships 2025 **NOTICE OF RACE**

**Monday 6th - Saturday 11th January
2025**

**Hosted by:
Saratoga Sailing Club**

**Organizing Authority:
Saratoga Sailing Club
In conjunction with International Moth Class Association
of Australia**



1. Preamble

- 1.1 The Regatta shall ONLY be considered the Australian Lowrider National Championships if prior to the start of the regatta and a sufficient time prior to permit travel, there are no travel restrictions preventing movement between states. If travel restrictions are in place, the event will continue, but be referred to as an Interstate Championship and a National Champion shall NOT be awarded. The event will however be branded a National Championships.
- 1.2 The Regatta will be sailed in conjunction with the Firebug Nationals. The Firebug is a junior class that is only recommencing sailing activities and has been linked to the Scow Moth fleet through common sailing and construction programs. The fleets will be on separate courses with separate starting times. The scow moth fleet participants have been asked to assist in the running of the Firebug regatta, including provision of safety craft and off-course 'coaching'. A separate Notice of Race will be issued for the Firebug Nationals.
- 1.3 All times are in Australian Eastern Daylight Savings Time (Local NSW time)

2. Rules

- 2.1 This regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2 The Class and Championship Rules of the International Moth Class Association will apply except for those altered by the Notice of Race OR the Sailing Instructions.

3. Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available after 27 December 2024 from the Australian International Moth Association website under the "events" banner. (<https://www.moth.asn.au/>)

4. Communication

- 4.1 The official notice board will be located at Saratoga Sailing Club adjacent to the club stairs.

5. Eligibility

- 5.1 The regatta is open to non-foiling moths of the International Moth Class that comply with the Moth Class Rules and are registered with through the International Moth Class of Australia register. Copies of Measurement Certificates and Insurance Policy will be required at registration.
- 5.2 All Scow and Lowrider Moths boats and sailors are to be registered as sailing with a Australia Sailing affiliated sailing club.
- 5.3 All sailors must be members of the International Moth Class Association of Australia. Only Australian resident members will be eligible for prizes.

6. Entry

- 6.1 Eligible boats and sailors can enter for the Scow and Lowrider Moth National Championships 2025 by completing the entry form and submitting it with the required fee. The entry form and required fees may be posted on the Australian International Moth Association website (<https://www.moth.asn.au/>) or the Saratoga Sailing Club website <https://sarasail.org.au/>.
- 6.2 The helmsperson named on the boat entry form shall be the same for all races.
- 6.3 To be accepted, entry fees as set out below must accompany the on-line entry. Entries close on Sunday 15th December 2025.



6.4 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority until end of registration on Monday 6th January 2025, with payment of the late fee.

7. Fees

- 7.1 General entry fees is \$250.
- 7.2 Juniors (under 21 year old) \$150.
- 7.3 Late entry fee, payable after 17th December 2025, is an additional \$100.
- 7.4 The entry fee is not refundable, however, special dispensation may be considered by the Organising Authority upon application

8. Advertising / Sponsorship

8.1 Boats, at the discretion of the Organising Authority, may be required to display bow numbers and advertising supplied by the Organising Authority

9. Schedule of Events

- 9.1 The Scow and Lowrider Moth National Championships 2025 shall consist of up to ten (10) races sailed over the period Monday January 6th 2025 to Saturday January 11th 2025. The Invitation Race is an additional race and does not count towards the Championship.
- 9.2 All sailors are to register at the Saratoga Sailing Club. Registration hours are from 1400 hours Sunday 5th January 2025. Registration is to be completed prior to the participation in the regatta. Requests for late registrations are to be made through the Organising Committee.
- 9.3 Racing shall not start before 1000 hours on Monday 6th January 2025.
- 9.4 On the last scheduled day of racing, Saturday 11th 2025, no warning signal will be made after 1300.
- 9.5 The schedule for the Scow and Lowrider Moth National Championships 2025 is as follows:

Date	Activity	Racing Sessions	Comments
Sun 5 th January	Registration	N/A	Registration from 1400
Mon 6 th January	Registration	N/A	Registration from 0800
	Invitation Race	Yes	No warning signal before 1100
	Championship Race	Yes	No warning signal before 1300
	Welcome BBQ*	N/A	At Saratoga SC
Tues 7 th January	Championship Races	Yes	
Wed 8 th January	Championship Races	Yes	
Thurs 9 th January	Reserve AM	TBC	Subject to completion of Day 1/2
Fri 10 th January	Championship Races	Yes	
Sat 11 th January	Championship Races	Yes	No start after 1500
	Prizegiving	N/A	From 1800 – Location TBC

* Note the social functions are not included in the entry fee.



- 9.6 The time of the first warning signal for the following day will be posted on the Notice Board by 2000 hours.
- 9.7 No more than four (4) races will be sailed on any one day.

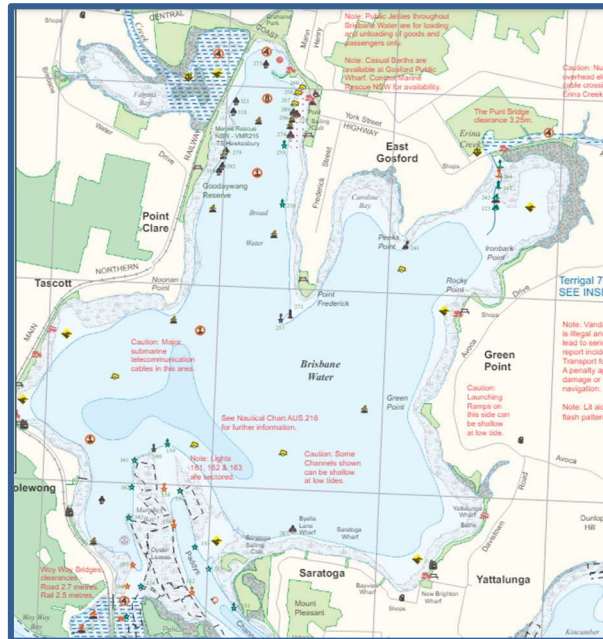
10. Measurement

- 10.1 Each boat must be registered with IMCA.
- 10.2 In keeping with the spirit of the Scow and Lowrider chapter of IMCA Australia, although the Organising Authority may invoke 10.3 of this NOR, the intent is that any boat that is registered as a Moth may partipate. Recognition as to being a Moth is be based upon:
 - (a) Recognised historical design
 - (b) Previous (or lapsed) registration
 - (c) Discretion of the Organising Authority in conjunction with a state measurer
- 10.3 Competitors shall not change rudders, dagger boards or other foils while afloat. Any change of rig or foils shall be made ashore at the regatta venue.
- 10.4 Equipment can be replaced on gear breakage only with permission from the Organising Authority.
- 10.5 The Organising Authority may withhold any broken equipment that has been replaced for the remainder of the regatta.
- 10.6 Boats found to exceed the equipment limitations will be scored, at the discretion of the Organising Authority, a Ten (10) place or higher penalty for any races completed using equipment in violation of the rule.
- 10.7 Boats may be subject to measurement inspection at any time before or after a race.

11. Venue

- 11.1 Saratoga Sailing Club, eablished in 1972, is home to the traditional Hartley TS16 Trailer Sailer (1960), single handed Lasers (1970) and other small dinghy classes. The club provides a 'friendly and competitive' environment, welcoming sailors of all ages and experience and members of other clubs for regattas. The club is located on the 'southern' shore of Brisbane Waters on the NSW Central Coast. Further information as to the Club is available at <https://www.sarasail.org.au/>.
- 11.2 Saratoga Sailing Club is located at 10 Willaroo Rd, Saratoga.

- 11.3 Racing areas will be within the boundaries of Brisbane Waters. The chart below provides an indication of the area of Brisbane Waters.



- 11.4 The nearest BOM weather station is located at Gosford and historical statistics can be found at http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/averages/tables/cw_061087.shtml

12. Courses

- 12.1 Courses will consist of windward leeward and triangular legs. Details of courses will be provided in the Sailing Instruction.

13. Scoring System

- 13.1 Six (6) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2 A boat's series score will be the total of all her races excluding:
- When fewer than, or equal, to seven (7) races are completed, their worst score; or
 - When greater than seven (7) races are completed, their two (2) worst scores.
- 13.3 Yardsticks for the various designs and different configurations will be determined using the Modified Stevenson System (as developed by Philip Stevenson). Participation in Yardstick scoring will be subject to the correct provision of information in the entry form. Further details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
- 13.4 A Handicap scoring method, which will be used to recognize the improvements in performance of individual sailors across the series (as opposed to the Yardstick) may be outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

14. Coach and Support boats

- 14.1 Private coach or support boats will be required to be registered with the Organising Authority and be marked with identifying flags issued by the OA. Boats may be required to display identifying flags at all times while they are acting as a coach or support boat. Registration and any required flags will be available before the commencement of the regatta.
- 14.2 Drivers may be required to attend a briefing/s.



- 14.3 Drivers shall hold a powerboat license from an Australian State Authority.
- 14.4 All registered coach and support boats will carry on board and operate while on the water at least one VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF Channels and agree to assist the RC if directed to do so.
- 14.5 Competitors shall not be tied or raft to a support boat from the first warning signal (or any other time the OA considers appropriate) of the day until racing has been concluded for the day. Between races, coach and support boats shall not transfer equipment to or from their supported boats unless in a medical or emergency requirement threatening the health of the skipper or the flotation of the boat and only with the expressed permission of the RC. (This does not include food or refreshments).
- 14.6 Specific coach and support boat instructions may be stated in the Sailing Instructions or provided via a briefing from the Organising Authority.

15. Insurance

- 15.1 Each participating boat shall present a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third party liability coverage of at least \$10,000,000.

16. Prizes

- 16.1 Prizes may be awarded for each of the following divisions:
 - (a) First placed Australian 2025 Scow Moth Scratch Champion "National Scow Champion" (minimum of 5 boats required)
 - (b) First placed Australian 2025 Lowrider Skiff Moth Scratch Champion "National Skiff Champion" (minimum of 5 boats required)
 - (c) First placed Australian – 2025 Scow and Lowrider Moth Yardstick Champion
 - (d) First placed Australian - 2025 Scow and Lowrider Moth Handicap Champion
 - (e) First Australian 2025 Scow and Lowrider Moth Female
 - (f) First Australian Junior (aged 21 years of age or younger, based on your age as at the 31st December 2025)
 - (g) First Australian Master (aged –55-64 years of age based on your age as at the 31st December 2025)
 - (h) First Australian Grand Master (aged 65-69 years of age or older, based on your age as at the 31st December 2025)
 - (i) First Australian Ancient Mariner (aged 70 of age or older, based on your age as at the 31st December 2025)
 - (j) State Team Championship based upon the performance of the top three (3) boats from a state or territory.
- 16.2 Yardstick prizes will be calculated through the 'Modified Stevenson Yardstick', based upon hull and sail design and construction parameters. All sailors eligible for the yardstick prize(s) will need to have supplied the required parameters. The Sailing Instructions will outline the 'Modified Stevenson Yardstick'.
- 16.3 Handicap prizes may be calculated based upon a progressive handicapping system. The Sailing Instructions may outline the progressive handicapping system.
- 16.4 Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

17. Rights to Use Name and Likeness

- 17.1 Any sailor participating under this Notice of Race, automatically grants to the International Moth Class Association of Australia the right in perpetuity, to make use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion



pictures, still motion pictures and live taped or filmed television, digital images and other reproductions of the competitor and/or their boat during the period of the competition under this Notice of Race.

18. Sustainability

- 18.1 Competitors will be encouraged to limit the use of single use water bottles with refill facilities on club grounds.
- 18.2 Support boats will be able to supply and retrieve water bottles, and general refuse from competitors between races.
- 18.3 Competitors caught deliberately disposing waste into the water may be subject to disqualification.
- 18.4 All competitors are expected to dispose of any refuse appropriately at the venue.

19. Liability Disclaimer

- 19.1 All those participating in this regatta do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility. Saratoga Sailing Club and the International Moth Class of Australia will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Scow and Lowrider Moth National Championships 2025.
- 19.2 Attention is drawn to RRS Decision to Race. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

20. Further Information

- 20.1 For further information as to the regatta, please refer to the Saratoga Sailing Club webpage <https://saratoga.org.au/>, the International Moth Class of Australia webpage. <https://www.moth.asn.au/> or the *Scow Moth and Lowriders Australia* Facebook page.