



# NOTICE OF RACE

## Special Olympics Australia National Games Sailing Regatta

Organised by Adelaide Sailing Club

*Conducted in association with the Special Olympics Australia Inc  
and under the authority of Yachting South Australia.*

The regatta will be conducted on Gulf St Vincent from the  
**19<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2010.**

### **1 Organising Authority**

- 1.1 Adelaide Sailing Club is the Organising Authority. The event will be conducted in association with Special Olympics Australia and Yachting South Australia.

### **2 Rules**

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2 The Prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 2 of Yachting Australia Inc will apply except where amended by the Special Olympics Summer Sports Rules – Sailing.
- 2.3 The Rules of the Access Class (except as altered by the Sailing Instructions).
- 2.4 A denial of right to appeal from the decisions of the protest committee has been approved and a protest committee appointed in accordance with rule 70.5 and YAI Addendum A.
- 2.5 The Racing Rules will be changed as follows, and these changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions:
  - 2.5.1 Rule 26 'Starting Systems' will be amended with the addition of an audible timed 'count down' after the One Minute warning;
  - 2.5.2 Rule 41 'Outside Help' will be altered. The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will authorise specific outside assistance;
  - 2.5.3 Rule 61.1(a) 'Informing the Protestee' will be altered so that the hail "protest" is not required, but should be made when possible and the 'Protestee' be advised in accordance with the Access Class Rule H.4.7;
  - 2.5.4 Rule 63.3(a) 'Right to be present' will be altered such that a representative at a protest hearing, may not necessarily have been

on board at the time of the incident and will be allowed to speak on behalf of the party involved;

2.5.5 Rules of the Access 3.03 Class Rules are changed as follows:

- a) Access 2.3 Class Rule C.6 (Membership) is changed so that the competitor may not necessarily be a current member of the Australian Access Class Association.
- b) Access 3.03 Class Rule C.6 (Membership) is changed so that the competitor may not necessarily be a current member of the Australian Access Class Association.

### 3 Advertising

- 3.1 Competitors may be required to display a sponsor's logo and bow numbers. If this is required, they will be supplied by the Organising Authority and affixed as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions.

### 4 Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 The Regatta is open to all persons classified as having an intellectual disability such as to meet the eligibility specifications as laid down in Special Olympics General Rules, Section L.3 (Degree of Disability) and L.4 (Identifying Persons with intellectual disability)
- 4.2 Competitors must be affiliated with Yachting Australia (RRS 75 – Silver card) and registered athletes with Special Olympics Australia.
- 4.3 Personal details and 'special needs' are to be provided on the Entry Form and Marshalling Details Form to enable the Organising Authority to allocate the required needs.
- 4.4 Entry applications shall be made to the Organising Authority on the attached Entry Form and Marshalling Detail form. The fully completed forms shall be received at the entry address no later than 17:00 hrs, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010.
- 4.5 Boats used in the Regatta will be the Access 3.03 for Levels 1, 2, 4 and the Access 2.3 for level 5
  - 4.5.1 **All competitors will use pool boats. Competitors using servo-assist boats will bring their own.** Boats shall not to be modified in any way except that:
    - a) Wind indicators, including yarn or thread may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
    - b) Hulls, centreboards and rudders may be cleaned but only with water;
    - c) Adhesive tape may be used anywhere on the boat above the waterline; and
    - d) All fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted provided the class rules are complied with.
  - 4.5.2 All equipment provided with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat.
  - 4.5.3 The penalty for not complying with one of the above instructions will be disqualification from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken.
  - 4.5.4 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Organising Authority's representative immediately after securing the boat ashore. The penalty for breaking this instruction, unless the Protest Committee is satisfied that the competitor or their

representative made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.

## **5 Classification**

- 5.1 The Special Olympics International classification system will apply. A person is considered to have an intellectual disability for purposes of determining his or her eligibility to participate in Special Olympics if that person satisfies any one of the following requirements:
- 5.1.1 The person has been identified by an agency or professional as having an intellectual disability as determined by their localities; or
  - 5.1.2 The person has a cognitive delay, as determined by standardized measures such as intelligent quotient or "IQ" testing or other measures that are generally accepted within the professional community in that Accredited Program's nation as being a reliable measurement of the existence of a cognitive delay; or
  - 5.1.3 The person has a closely related developmental disability. A "closely related developmental disability" means having functional limitations in both general learning (such as IQ) and in adaptive skills (such as in recreation, work independent living, self-direction, or self-care). However, persons whose functional limitations are based solely on a physical, behavioral, or emotional disability, or a specific learning or sensory disability, are not eligible to participate as Special Olympics athletes.

## **6 Levels of Competition**

- 6.1 Races for all four (4) levels of sailors from the Special Olympic Summer Games Sailing Rules will be undertaken:
- Level 1 Unified Sports - the Special Olympic athlete member(s) of the crew has responsibility for headsail trim if applicable.
  - Level 2 Unified Sports - a Special Olympics athlete member of the crew shall helm for 100% of the race and start maneuvers.
  - Level 4 All Special Olympics athlete team, with NO onboard coach
  - Level 5 Special Olympic athlete competes single-handed

## **7 Boats to be used during the Regatta**

- 7.1 Access 303 and Access 2.3.

## **8 Schedule (subject to change)**

- 8.1 Sailors' briefing and registration at Adelaide sailing Club  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 12:30pm
- 8.2 Races:
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|----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April   | First Warning signal | 09:55 hrs |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April | First Warning Signal | 09:55 hrs |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April  | First Warning Signal | 09:55 hrs |
- 8.3 Races may be back-to-back with a maximum of 2 races back-to-back
- 8.4 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April Medal presentation 10:00 hrs

## **9 Measurements**

- 9.1 Measurement checks and inspections may be carried out at anytime. A boat notified of inspection will follow the instructions of the Organising Committee.

## **10 Sailing Instructions**

- 10.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available to competitors and/or their representatives on registration. Any Sailing Instructions issued prior to this time will be considered as draft documents.

## **11 Venue**

- 11.1 The racing will be held on the waters of the Gulf St Vincent adjacent to Adelaide Sailing Club, Barcoo Road, West Beach.

## **12 .The Courses**

- 12.1 Standard courses are:

- (a) Course 1 S 1 3 F
- (b) Course 2 S 1 2 3 F
- (c) Course 3 S 1 2 3 1 3 F
- (d) Course 4 S 1 3 1 3 F

Where: - S= Start, F= Finish, 1= Windward mark, 2= Gybe mark,  
3= Leeward mark

## **13 Start Sequence**

- 13.1 Starts will be in accordance with RRS 26 as modified.
- 13.2 Oral signals may be provided with the sound signal during the Race Start sequence.
- 13.3 An oral count down will be given during the final minute before the start.
- 13.4 The start of a Division will signal the start sequence for the following Division race i.e. when a Division flag is removed indicating that Division's start, the Division flag for the following race shall be raised indicating the 5 minute start sequence for the next Division.

## **14 15 Penalty System** The penalties are as follows:

- 14.1 For all Divisions, Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn in the same direction, including one tack and one gybe, is required.
- 14.2 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in Rule 70.4.

## **15 Scoring**

- 15.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.3 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **16 Safety**

- 16.1 All competitors shall wear an approved PFD at all times whilst afloat, on pontoons or at assembly and beach points in accordance with YA Special Regulation 5.01.

## **17 Support/Safety Boats**

- 17.1 Support/Safety boats shall be provided by the Organising Authority and will be marked with appropriate identification.

## **18 Radio Communication**

18.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **19 Special Olympic Selection and Awarding of Prizes**

19.1 Medals will be presented to those placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each division

## **20 Disclaimer of Liability**

20.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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.

## **21 Insurance**

21.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$ (AUD) 5 million per event or the equivalent.

## **22 Further Information**

22.1 For further information please contact:

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## **23 Class Rules**

23.1 Class Rules can be downloaded from [www.accessclass.org](http://www.accessclass.org)

23.2 Special Olympics Sailing Rules (January 2009) can be supplied on request

## **24 Attachments:**

- Application for Entry
- Indemnity Form
- Marshalling Information Form