

NOTICE OF RACE

2004 IFDS Single-Person Dinghy World Championship

The Sail Melbourne International Regatta Organising Committee, the International Foundation for Disabled Sailing (IFDS) and the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron invite participation in the 2004 IFDS Single-Person Dinghy World Championship. The Championships will be held from 13th - 22nd January 2004 and will be conducted by the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron on the waters of Port Phillip, Victoria, Australia. The Organising Authority is Yachting Victoria (the Victorian Yachting Council Inc.) on behalf of IFDS.

1. Rules

The Championship will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the IFDS Race Management Manual, the IFDS Functional Classification System (FCS), and the Rules of the Access Liberty Class Association. The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of the Australian Yachting Federation shall not apply.

The Regatta is classified Category “C” in accordance with the ISAF Advertising Code (RRS Appendix 1). Competitors may be required to display bow numbers and/or the names and/or logos of event sponsors. If required, the Organising Authority will supply such items which shall be affixed and/or worn as described in the Sailing Instructions. The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by a boat or competitor when it is in conflict with the laws of the Victorian and/or Australian Governments.

2. Craft

2.1 Boats

The Championship will be sailed in identical Access Liberty dinghies. By contracts independent of this Notice of Race, boats may be purchased, leased or otherwise obtained for use in the Championship. Failure or unsuitability of craft shall not be grounds for redress.

2.2 Servo-assistance

Each boat in the Championship shall, at all material times, be fitted with servo-assisted steering and sheeting provided by the manufacturer. Reasonable attempts will be made to accommodate the needs of those who are unable to use the range of control switch-mechanisms provided (‘Control switch-mechanism’ means any electrical switch operated by breath, lip, tongue, facial muscle, hand, foot or any other part on the body). Entrants may bring to the Championship custom control switch-mechanisms for connection to the electrics provided. The failure or unsuitability of any supplied equipment shall not be grounds for redress.

2.3 Fleets

There will be two fleets: A & B. Contestants in Fleet A shall sail with full servo-assistance. Contestants in Fleet B may sail with full servo-assistance, partial servo-assistance, or no servo-assistance. ‘Full servo-assistance’ means electronic control of winches for all of the following: Helm, Mainsheet, and Jib-sheet. ‘Partial servo-assistance’ means electronic control of winches for one or two of the following: Helm, Mainsheet, and Jib-sheet. ‘No servo-assistance’ means use of winches to control none of the following: Helm, Mainsheet, and Jib-sheet.

3. Entry

3.1 Category of Entrant

There will be two categories of entrant: RNA & Independent.

Each 'RNA entrant' shall:

- Be nominated by his/her IFDS Recognised National Authority (RNA); and
- Contest the Championship in one of 20 Access Liberty Dinghies provided for use by RNA entrants.

No RNA entry will be accepted unless endorsed by the RNA relevant to the entrant's nationality. No endorsement will be recognised unless the relevant RNA is a financial member of IFDS at the time of entry.

Each 'Independent entrant' shall:

- Nominate him/herself; and
- Contest the Championship in an Access Liberty Dinghy other than one of the 20 constructed for use by RNA entrants.

Independent entrants shall be coded according to his/her nationality.

3.2 Eligibility

The Championship will be open to any person who, by the first day of Championship competition,

- Holds a current IFDS Functional Classification System (FCS) certificate/passport indicating 'One' or 'Two',
or
- Is eligible, as determined by the event Classification Committee, to hold an FCS certificate/passport indicating 'One' or 'Two'.
- Competitors shall comply with RRS Appendix 2 - ISAF Eligibility Code

3.3 Allocation to Fleets

Only FCS 'Ones' as per 3.2 shall sail in Fleet A. FCS 'Ones' and 'Twos' as per 3.2 may sail in Fleet B. No entrant shall sail in more than one fleet.

3.4 Entry

Competitors may submit their entry on the Official Entry Form, which shall be lodged with the Organising Authority, or on the Official Electronic Entry Form on the Sail Melbourne website. The fully completed entry form shall be received at the entry address before the specified times below and accompanied by the required fee. Entrants are encouraged to submit the completed "Additional Information" form with their entry.

The number of RNA entries shall not exceed 40. The number of Independent entries will be determined by the Organising Authority. Each entry will be stamped or otherwise marked to indicate time and date of receipt.

3.5 Acceptance

RNA Category

Where several applicants from one nation seek entry to a particular Fleet, the relevant RNA is requested to rank those applicants. Where permitted under this Notice of Race, entries from any one nation will be accepted:

1. In order of RNA ranking or, in the absence of RNA ranking, in random order;
2. Until fleets are filled; and
3. According to the following schedule.
 - a. Until 1500hrs on 26th September 2003, no more than two entries (one in Fleet A and one in Fleet B);
 - b. Until 1500hrs on 10th October 2003, no more than four entries (two in Fleet A and two in Fleet B);
 - c. Until 1500hrs on 31st October 2003, no more than six entries (three in Fleet A and three in Fleet B).

Independent Category

Where permitted under this Notice of Race, entries will be accepted in order of receipt until 1500hrs on 31st October 2003.

3.6 Late entry

Entries in any category may be accepted after 31st October 2003 at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

4. Fees

Entry fees are in Australian dollars (AUD\$) and include Australian Goods & Services Tax (GST).

1. \$275 if entry received before 1500hrs on 26th September 2003.
2. \$330 if entry received after 1500hrs on 26th September 2003 and before 1500hrs 10th October 2003.
3. \$385 if entry received after 1500hrs on 10th October 2003 and before 1500hrs 31st October 2003
4. \$440 if entry received after 1500hrs on 31st October 2003.

Entry fees do not include boat charter fees.

5. Schedule

Registration, Measurement & Classification

13 th January 2004	0900 – 1700hrs
14 th January 2004	0900 – 1700hrs

Racing

15 th January 2004	Practice Racing
16 th January 2004	Practice Racing
17 th January 2004	Opening Ceremony 1700hrs
18 th January 2004	Races 1 & 2 (Fleets A & B)
19 th January 2004	Races 3 & 4 (Fleets A & B)
20 th January 2004	Lay Day & Mid-Event Social (pm)
21 st January 2004	Races 5 & 6 (Fleets A & B)
22 nd January 2004	Race 7 & 8 (Fleets A & B)
22 nd January 2004	Closing Ceremony and Trophy Presentation 1800hrs

The Organising Authority reserves the right to conduct racing on the scheduled lay day.

6. Weighing

Each competitor, along with his/her seating and ancillary equipment, shall be weighed before the championship at a time & place and by one or more persons appointed by the event Measurement Committee. Ancillary equipment shall include respirators, ancillary equipment batteries, calipers, trusses, braces, personal flotation devices, safety equipment and any item that the event Measurement Committee deems appropriate.

Ballast shall be added to the hull of each competitor whose body weight, seating and ancillary equipment amount to less than a minimum weight. Minimum weight, quantum to be added and place of addition shall be determined by the event Measurement Committee, and announced at a time to be determined by the event Measurement Committee.

7. Classification

Each entrant shall present him/herself for classification by the event Classification Committee. The Classification Committee will determine the eligibility for this Championship of those who hold and those who do not hold current IFDS FCS certificates/passports.

Decisions of the event Classification Committee shall not be appealed. Prior to embarkation for the Championship, each entrant is strongly advised to obtain an FCS certificate/passport, or to obtain one or more specialist medical opinions about the high likelihood of eligibility.

At its discretion in any or all cases, the event Classification Committee may issue FCS certificates/passports.

8. Seating

For the duration of the Championship, each RNA competitor will be provided with a standard seat that can be easily and quickly fitted to and removed from an Access Liberty Dinghy. A wide range of materials will be provided and a skilled team will be assigned to customise seats to the needs of competitors. Subject to the decision of the event Measurement Committee in any one case, 'seating' will include head support, trunk stabiliser, hand rest, leg restraint, foot stop, servo-control positioning device and the like.

9. Measurement

Measurement in accordance with class rules will be carried out as per the event schedule. Measurement checks and inspections may be carried out at any time. A boat notified of inspection shall follow the instruction of the Race Committee.

10. Safety

Each entrant shall comply with all decisions of the event Safety Committee, and shall obey all reasonable instructions of event Safety Officers. All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices that comply with current specifications issued or approved by a National Authority affiliated to ISAF, or by a National Standards Organisation.

11. Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be available after 19th December 2003 on the Sail Melbourne website. They will also be available at registration.

12. Courses

Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

13. Scoring

The Low Point scoring system (*RRS* Appendix A.4.1) will apply.

14. Penalties

RRS 44.2 is changed to a 360° turn penalty.

15. Decisions

The decisions of the International Jury (*RRS* Appendix M) shall be final and not subject to appeal (*RRS* 70.4).

16. Support Boats

All spectators, team managers and coaches, will keep 100m clear of the course area during racing except in an emergency. Personal attendants shall keep 50m clear of any competitor during racing except in an emergency.

Each support/coach boat shall display an identification white flag (not less than 400mm hoist by 500mm fly) bearing the three-letter code of the competitor nation it supports in black letters (not less than 300mm high and 40mm thick).

17. Radio

When racing, no entrant shall effect communication by the transmission or reception of radio frequencies except where such communication is necessary to monitor medical equipment.

18. Prizes

A trophy will be provided for the World Champion.

Trophies will also be provided for the 1st, 2nd & 3rd places in the following categories:

- Fleet A
- Fleet B

The World Champion shall be the competitor with the lowest final point score in either fleet (following discards). In the event of a tie between competitors, the World Championship will be declared in favour of the most disabled.

The competitor with the lowest final point score in Fleet A will receive an Access Liberty Dinghy shipped free-of-charge to a major port near the competitor's place of residence. Selection of the port will be at the discretion of the Access Dinghy Foundation. In the event of a tie, the Access Liberty Dinghy shall be awarded to the most disabled of the tied contestants.

Decision as to disability shall be that of the event Classification Committee.

19. Right to Use Names and Likenesses

In participating in the Championship, a competitor grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion picture, still picture, and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition.

20. Entry Disclaimer

It is the competitor's decision to enter an event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in an event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. Organising Authorities and the officers, members, servants and agents of host clubs accept no liability in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in an event or how so ever arising in connection with an event.

21. Insurance

All boats competing in the Championship shall have current third party insurance cover to the value of not less than AUD \$5,000,000 (recommended AUD \$10,000,000). Each entrant in the Independent category who signs the entry form is deemed to have made a declaration that he/she holds such cover. Evidence of cover may be required at registration.

22. Information

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Supplementary Information (Note: This information does not form part of the Notice of Race)

The 2004 IFDS Single-Person Dinghy World Championship will be conducted using the Access Liberty dinghy manufactured by Access Dinghies.

Charter Boats (RNA Entrants Only)

20 Access Liberty dinghies will be available from Access Dinghies on a half-share charter basis, enabling 40 RNA entrants to participate in the Championship. A nominal charter fee including insurance will be charged per entrant along with a damage deposit of approximately AUD\$250. Email chris@accessdinghy.org to book your charter boat.

Servo Control Equipment

Email chris@accessdinghy.org to discuss the suitability of your personal control equipment and your servo assistance needs.

Seating

Email chris@accessdinghy.org prior to the event to discuss your personal seating needs.

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