

# ***2023/24 Friday Twilight Sailing Series***

Friday 6 October 2023 to 5 April 2024  
5:30pm to 7:00pm

## ***Notice of Race Series***



# Notice of 2023/24 Twilight Sailing Race Series

Entries are invited for these Twilight Racing Events to be organised by Speers Point Amateur Sailing Club Inc.

**Dates:** 6 October 2023 to 5 April 2024.

**Times:** Friday Afternoons from 5:30pm to 7:00pm

**Location:** Speers Point Amateur Sailing Club (SPASC), Park Road, Speers Point NSW.

## 1. Rules.

The series will be governed by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS), the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing, the rules of the individual classes (except as any of these are altered by the sailing instructions) and the sailing instructions.

Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rules RRS 3 *Decision to Race*.

Attention is also drawn to changes to RRS 46 *Person in Charge* – from 1 January 2022 all persons on board a boat while racing shall be members of a Club affiliated to Australian Sailing and have an active Australian Sailing number. You can check your AS number here [www.sailing.org.au/member-finder/](http://www.sailing.org.au/member-finder/).

2. **Advertising.** This Series is classified as a Category C event in accordance with Appendix G and the prescriptions of the YA.

## 3. Eligibility and Entry.

3.1. Participants need to be either SPASC Family, Senior, Student, Junior, Twilight Sailing Only members, or members of an Australian Sailing affiliated club, and have a current Australian Sailing number – refer link to the Australian Sailing revolutioniseSPORT website, which now provides online registration: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/spasc/registration/>

3.2. The Series is open to single handed off-the-beach monohull dinghy classes, that have a yardstick single handed off-the-beach dinghy classes participating with an **Australian Sailing Yardstick between 106 and 155**. This includes Ilca 7, Ilca 6, Ilca 4 and Open Skiff. For more info refer to this link <https://www.sailingresources.org.au/class-assoc/yardsticks/>.

3.3. Eligible boats may enter via the Online Registration Form within SPASC's revSPORT website, via link:

3.4. The entry fee needs to be paid before competing within this Twilight Sailing Series.

4. **Twilight Sailing Race Entry Fee.** A Series entry fee, as detailed below, is payable via revSPORT.

<b>Friday Twilight Category</b>	<b>Entry Fee</b>
Race Entry Fee	\$60 for pre-Xmas or post-Xmas period. (\$50 for Junior)
Race Entry & Ilca Hire Fee	\$300 for pre-Xmas or post-Xmas period
Race Entry & Open Skiff Hire Fee	\$150 for pre-Xmas or post-Xmas period
Race Entry Fee	\$100 for full sailing season period. (\$80 for Junior)
Race Entry & Ilca Hire Fee	\$600 for full sailing season period
Race Entry & Open Skiff Hire Fee	\$300 for full sailing season period

5. **Insurance.** All competing boats must have a minimum of \$10 million Public Liability Insurance. Completion of the online registration form is a declaration that boat has such insurance.

## 6. Schedule of Twilight Races.

### Series Dates:

Two Series of Twilight Sailing Race Sessions will be held with the first half on Fridays prior to Christmas, and the second half on Fridays after Christmas 2023 (refer SPASC Twilight Sailing Program 2023/24).

**Timing** – Weekly races, held on Friday afternoons during Daylight Saving Time, from 5:30pm to 7:00pm.

**Start Sequence** – Not before 5.30pm for the first race and not after 6.45pm for any subsequent race.

**Races per Session** – Maximum of two races per Session.

7. **Sign-On-** participants whose entries have been accepted must also complete the “Weekly Sign-On” sheet. If the sailor fails to sign-on before the start boat leaves the club to set the course, they may make a request by phone or radio to the race officer to sign them on.
8. **Sailing Instructions.** These will be available following registration, within the Australian Sailing revSPORT Events Calendar website.
9. **Sailing Area.** On the waters of northern Lake Macquarie in the vicinity of Cockle Bay, Warners Bay and Marmong Point.
10. **Courses.** As described in the Sailing Instructions.
11. **Divisions.** Division One is for Ilca 7 and Ilca 6. Gold Fleet is for Ilca 4 and Open Skiffs. Both divisions will start at the same time on different sides of the committee boat. The Gold Fleet will sail a shorter course so the finish time is similar.
12. **Scoring.**
  - 12.1. The Low Point Scoring System RRS Appendix A will apply.
  - 12.2. Scoring will be calculated for Outright results using the Australian Sailing ‘Off the Beach’ Yardsticks – link to the AS yardsticks [www.sailingresources.org.au/class-assoc/yardsticks/](http://www.sailingresources.org.au/class-assoc/yardsticks/).
  - 12.3. For boats which have a variety of rig options, the sailor must choose one rig option for the series and stick with that rig option.
  - 12.4. A Series will need to consist of at least 10 scheduled races.
  - 12.5. After 10 races have been held, the score from one race will be dropped. After 13 races have been held, the score from 2 races will be dropped. After 14 races have been held, 3 races will be dropped, After 15 races have been held, 4 races will be dropped. When 20 or more races have been completed a boat’s Series score will be the total of her Race scores excluding her five worst scores.
  - 12.6. Participants who are rostered to help with Committee Boat and/or Support Boat assistance will be allocated ‘average Series points’ to overcome negative impacts and encourage participants to support this Twilight Sailing Race Series.
  - 12.7. A combined series score will be calculated by adding the Pre-Christmas score to the Post-Christmas score.
13. **Prizes.** Prizes and Awards will be given for division winners of the Pre-Christmas series, Post-Christmas series, combined series and a best Female award for the combined series in division one.
14. **Safety.** Approved Personal Flotation Devices (buoyancy vests) shall be worn by all Competitors while racing.
15. **Contacts.** SPASC Twilight Sailing Manager Andy Clark, email [clark.a@inbox.com](mailto:clark.a@inbox.com) or phone 0468 440 030 for any enquiries.

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any legal liability because of their association with this event.*

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

**Social.** Each week most sailors stay for dinner and a few drinks at the club. All are welcome.

**Rigging/Launching Area.** SPASC has a large parking and rigging area. There are 2 ramps adjacent to the clubhouse to launch and retrieve boats.

**Junior Coaching.** Junior coaching in Ilca 4 and Open Skiffs is also held on a Friday evening, with club boats available to charter.

**Location.** SPASC is located at the northern end of Lake Macquarie. It may be reached from the south and north by taking the Toronto turnoff from the M1 and continuing until Toronto. Turn left at Carey St lights and continue along till you reach The Esplanade (at large roundabout at the end of Five Island Bridge). Turn right here and then the next right into Park Rd. Turn left at the next small roundabout and follow road thru the carpark to SPASC.

SPASC is enclosed by Speer Point Park featuring plenty of activities for non-sailing family members, such as an open-air Olympic pool complex, parklands, walking pathways, jetty and a large enclosed children's playground.

## USEFUL LINKS:

A copy of the Racing Rules of Sailing with Australian Sailing Prescriptions is available on

<https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/site/hlcjz0uchx9mhls.pdf>

A copy of the Australian Sailing Special Regulations is available on

<https://www.sailingresources.org.au/safety/specialregs/>

SPASC website is [www.spasc.org.au](http://www.spasc.org.au)

A guide to accommodation in the Lake Macquarie region is on the Lake Macquarie City Council website

[www.visitlakemac.com.au/accommodation](http://www.visitlakemac.com.au/accommodation)

**ATTACHMENT A:** Map shows the Speers Point area & adjacent suburbs - location of SPASC clubhouse is adjacent to Speers Point Swim Centre on the Northern shore of Cockle Bay, plus approx. location of the racing area.

