



# **MG14 NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2021-2022**

Weekend of 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**Port Hunter 16ft Sailing Skiff Club**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

PORT HUNTER 16FT SAILING SKIFF CLUB

in association with the

MG14 ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC.

The MG14 Association of Australia Inc. in conjunction with Port Hunter 16ft Sailing Skiff Club, as the Organising Authority, invites entries to the NSW MG14 State Championship to be held on the Hunter River from 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

## **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined by the 2021-2024 World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions and Special Regulations (Part 2) of Australian Sailing, and the MG14 class rules, except as any are changed by the Sailing Instructions or Notice of Race.

## **2 ADVERTISING**

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

## **3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1 Entry is open to all MG14/MG14B dinghies registered with the MG14 Association of Australia Inc. for the 2021/2022 sailing season, and for which at least one Full Membership and one Associate Membership for the 2021/2022 season has been paid to the Association. The nominated helmsperson shall be a member of the MG14 Association of Australia Inc. and the forward hand must be nominated at the time of entry.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form, available on the MG14 website [www.mg14.com](http://www.mg14.com), and sending it, together with payment, to the address on the Entry Form.
- 3.3 Entries will be received by the Organising Authority no later than the close of the registration and measurement period on 19th March 2022.
- 3.4 All competitors under 16 years of age as at 19th March 2022 are required to lodge a fully completed MG14 Association Junior Indemnity Form, attached to the online entry, which must be signed by a parent or guardian. This form can be downloaded when completing the online entry and submitted to MG14 Association of Australia Inc. prior to registration or submitted to Port Hunter 16ft Sailing Skiff Club at time of registration on Saturday 19th March 2022.

## **4 FEES**

- 4.1 The Championship entry fee:  
Early bird entry fee: \$80 submitted before or at 5pm on 11th March 2022.  
Entry fee: \$100 submitted after 5pm on 11th March 2022.

## **5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

5.1 The Championship will consist of five (5) races scheduled over two (2) days of racing.

5.2 The events are scheduled for:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	1000-1130	Entry and Registration
	1200	Competitor Briefing
	1300	1st Race Session Warning Signal not before 1300 hours
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	1100	2nd Race Session Warning signal not before 1100 hours
		Regatta presentation ASAP after conclusion of Championships

5.3 No more than three (3) races shall be conducted on any one day of the Regatta.

5.4 Races may be conducted back-to-back.

5.5 No warning signal will be made after 1530 hours on Sunday 20th March.

## **6 MEASUREMENT**

6.1 Each boat and all equipment shall have been measured by a measurer approved by the MG14 Association of Australia Inc. prior to being used in this Regatta. The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect any boat or equipment at any time for compliance with the class rules.

## **7 EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS**

7.1 A boat shall only use a maximum of 2 jibs, 1 mainsail, 1 spinnaker, 1 mast, 1 boom, 1 spinnaker pole, 1 centreboard and 1 rudder in the Championship, except in cases where gear is damaged accidentally or in use and is beyond repair or unable to be repaired at that event. Details of the damaged items and of the circumstances under which the damage occurred shall be submitted in writing to the Association Measurer along with the items for inspection. Replacements through damage will be accepted at the discretion of the Association Measurer, changes shall not be made without the written approval of the Association Measurer. If the Association Measurer is not present, a member of the Race Committee may substitute.

## **8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

8.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the [MG14 website](#) and at registration.

## **9 VENUE**

- 9.1 The Championship will be conducted from Port Hunter 16ft Sailing Skiff Club (located off Hunter Street, Stockton, NSW). The racing area will be in the waters of Newcastle Harbour, see Attachment A.

## **10 COURSES**

- 10.1 Courses may be a combination of club courses or windward-leeward depending on wind conditions. Details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

## **11 SCORING**

- 11.1 Five races are scheduled for the Regatta.
- 11.2 Three races shall be completed to constitute the Regatta.
- 11.3 When fewer than four races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 11.4 When four or five races have been completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.5 A Handicap Series will be conducted concurrently with the Championship (scratch) series.

## **12 PRIZES**

- 12.1 The MG14 NSW State Champion perpetual trophy will be awarded to the 1st MG14 in the overall scratch series.
- 12.2 The MG14 NSW Handicap State Champion perpetual trophy will be awarded to the 1st MG14 or MG14B in the overall Handicap series.
- 12.3 Trophies will be awarded to the skipper and crew of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd boats in the overall scratch series and to the skipper and crew of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd boats in the overall handicap series, except that a boat awarded a scratch series trophy will not be eligible for a handicap series trophy. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

## **13 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 13.1 Except in an emergency, 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, WI-FI and internet-based technologies.

## **14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 14.1 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.**

- 14.2 The Organising Authority, their officers, members, servants and agents 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.
- 14.3 All competitors who enter the MG14 NSW State Championship, in doing so, have made a declaration to the Organising Authority that the nominated boat will, at all times before, during and after racing comply with the rules and requirements of the RRS, Marine Safety Queensland, Australian Sailing, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

## **15 RISK WARNING**

- 15.1 This RISK WARNING is issued jointly by the Organising Authority and Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) (Maritime), pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002, to all persons wishing to participate in the MG14 NSW State Championship.

Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.

As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
- (b) The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
- (c) The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in injury or drowning.
- (d) The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- (e) The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
- (f) Exposure to the elements for extended periods.

The Organising Authority and RMS (Maritime) also warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in the MG14 State Championship.

Participants are also advised that although the Organising Authority is covered by third

party liability insurance, this cover does not extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer. Membership of a sailing club affiliated with Australian Sailing entitles you to personal accident insurance cover.

## **16 MEDIA RIGHTS**

16.1 The Organising Authority shall have the right to use any names, images and sound recording taken during the Regatta free of any charge.

## **17 INSURANCE**

17.1 All competing boats shall certify, by entering, that they carry third party liability insurance of an amount of not less than AU\$10,000,000.

## **18 CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

18.1 All participants will comply with the COVID-19 safety regulations for Port Hunter 16ft Sailing Skiff Club which will be in accordance with the current guidelines.

18.2 The Organising Authority, Port Hunter 16ft Sailing Skiff Club, and the MG14 Association of Australia Inc. will not be held responsible for costs incurred by participants, in the event of the Championship being cancelled due to health advice.

For further information contact Gary Reeves, Secretary, MG14 Association of Australia Inc. on 0439 014 026 or by email to [reeves\\_gary@outlook.com](mailto:reeves_gary@outlook.com)

Visit our website [www.mg14.com](http://www.mg14.com) for accommodation information as well as entry forms and NSW MG14 Association boat registration and membership form

**Attachment A - Regatta site and racing area**

