



**NOTICE OF RACE
BALMAIN SAILING CLUB COMBINED SAILING PROGRAMME
4 AUGUST 2017 – 3 AUGUST 2018**

1. Organising Authority

The Organising Authority is the Balmain Sailing Club (“BSC”).

2. Rules

The races will be governed by the *rules*, as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (“RRS”) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF), and the prescriptions and regulations of Australian Sailing (“**Special Regulations**”) these may be amended by the Sailing Instructions.

Changes to the RRS:

RRS 50.2 and 50.3: Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits will be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.

In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

3. Schedule of Events

Series	Divisions	Schedule	First Warning Signal
2017 Friday Afternoon Series #1	Yachts	9 Races: 4 August to 29 September 2017	n/a
2017 Spring Series	Yachts & Dinghies	8 Races: 3 September to 17 December 2017	13:55
2017 Pre-Christmas Friday Twilight	Yachts & Dinghies	11 Races: 6 October – 15 December 2017	17:55
2018 Post-Christmas Friday Twilight	Yachts & Dinghies	11 Races: 5 January – 23 March 2018	17:55
2018 Combined Clubs Summer Series	Yachts	6 Races: 14 January – 25 March 2018	13:25
2018 Summer Series	Dinghies	6 Races: 14 January – 25 March 2018	13:55
2018 West Harbour Winter Series	Yachts	7 Races: 6 May – 29 July 2018	12:55
2017 Winter Series	Dinghies	7 Races: 6 May – 29 July 2018	12:55
2017/2018 Non-Series Races	Yachts & Dinghies	Spring Islands Race: 20 August 2017 Sprint Series: 15 April 2018 Autumn Three Islands Race: 8 April 2018 Three Bridges Race: 22 April 2018	12:55
2017 Balmain Regatta	Yachts & Dinghies	Sunday 29 October 2017	10:55
2018 Friday Afternoon Series 2 & 3	Yachts	9 Races: 6 April – 1 June 2018 9 Races: 8 June – 3 August 2018	n/a

Refer to Club Website for detailed calendar.

4. Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be available on the BSC's website: www.balmainsailingclub.com.

The Sailing Committee of the BSC will be the Race Committee under the RRS.

5. Courses

The courses shall be detailed in the Sailing Instructions for each series.

6. Handicaps / Scoring

Handicaps will be based on time correction factors (TCF). The scoring system will be set out in the sailing instructions.

7. Eligibility

Yachts shall comply with the Special Regulations Part 1 for Race Category 7. An audited Special Regulations Equipment Form for Category 7 (or higher) shall accompany the race entry if not already held by the Balmain Sailing Club.

Yachts shall not carry anchors protruding beyond the bow while racing.

8. Trophies and Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third placing boats in each race division.

Trophies will also be awarded to first, second and third placing in each Series Pointscore in each Division. Pointscore series are only open to series entries.

9. Entry & Entry Fees

Entry should be completed via the Balmain Sailing Club's www.balmainsailingclub.com].

Entry fees are nominated on the website.

The BSC will waive entry fees to the 2018 West Harbour Summer and the 2018 West Harbour Winter Series for boats from DSC, GFS and PRSC who have entered and paid the 2017/2018 season race fees for their respective club.

10. Results and List of Entries

Results will be published on the BSC's website

11. Risk Warning

The Organising Authority advises owners, skippers and anyone who participates in yachting events conducted by the Organising Authority that participation in the sport of yachting, whether racing or otherwise, can be dangerous and can result in harm, personal injury and property damage.

The Organising Authority is not responsible for any harm or injury suffered by any person in any yachting event of whatever nature conducted by the Organising Authority. All participants acknowledge that competing in yachting events may be dangerous and may result in harm or personal injury and they participate in such events aware of such dangers and voluntarily accept any risk of harm.

12. Competitors Declaration

It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated on the entry complies with the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.

All competitors, by entering do so have made a declaration to the Organising Authority that the nominated boat will at all times while racing comply with the requirements of Australian Sailing and the Sailing Instructions, including:

(a) RRS 46;

(b) the Australian Sailing Special Regulations;

(c) be covered by current Third Party Property Liability insurance and Third Party Personal Liability insurance of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million) for each separate incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing;

(d) the person who lodges the entry with the Organising Authority warranting to the Organising Authority that he or she will draw the attention of any person who competes on the yacht the subject of the entry in any event conducted by the Organising Authority to the risk warning above;

(e) the person who lodges this entry form with the Organising Authority acknowledging receipt of the risk warning above and releasing the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him, or by any person claiming through him, in any event conducted by the Organising Authority.

13. Responsibilities

- (a) All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4, which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The BSC, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
- (b) The BSC, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- (c) All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the Yachting Australia Special Regulations clause 1.02 Owner's Responsibility.