



Australian 9er CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025



Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club Inc.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ACKNOWLEDGMENT

- 1.1. Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club and the Australian 9er Association acknowledge the Kabi Kabi people as the traditional custodians of the land and waters on which this event will be held. We wish to acknowledge the strength of their continuing culture and offer our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

2. INVITATION

- 2.1. The Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club Inc. (LCSC), on behalf of the Australian 9er Association Inc. (9er Association), invites entries to the Australian 9er Championships 2025 to be conducted from Saturday 28 December 2024 to Friday 3 January 2025 on Lake Cootharaba, Qld.

3. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 3.1. The Organising Authority (OA) for this event is Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club Inc. (LCSC).

4. RACING RULES

- 4.1. The regatta will be governed by the following rules:
 - a. The Racing Rules of Sailing as at the commencement of the Regatta will apply for the duration of the Regatta.
 - b. Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats;
 - c. The relevant Class Rules (except where any of these are altered by the SI's); and
 - d. Sailing Instructions (SI's).
 - e. Australian Sailing has appointed a National Jury for the Australian 9er Championships 2025.
- 4.2. The Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
 - a. RRS Appendix P shall apply. For the 29er class only, Appendix P2.3 will not apply and RRS Appendix P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
 - b. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration shall apply.
 - c. The Notation '[NP]' denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat, this changes RRS 60.1(a).
 - d. The Notation '[DP]' denotes a rule in the NoR and SIs that is at the discretion of the

protest committee. A boat may accept a discretionary penalty before a hearing concerning the same incident by completing a form available at the jury office.

- e. RRS 63.1, 64.1 & Appendix A5 will be amended in the SI's to enable the Race Committee to apply a scoring penalty [SCP] without a hearing for some breaches of the rules.
- f. RRS 44.1 and Appendix P2.1 are changed so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by the one- turn penalty.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1. The sailing instructions will be available at least four weeks before the commencement of the regatta at: <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/?ID=81852>

6. COMMUNICATION

- 6.1. The official noticeboard [ONB] is located at <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/?ID=81852>
- 6.2. A physical noticeboard is located at LCSC adjacent to the stairs leading up to the clubhouse.
- 6.3. Except in an emergency, whilst racing a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. For this rule, racing is deemed to have commenced at the commencement of the starting sequence for the relevant boat.

7. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 7.1. The event is open to all boats of the 29er, 49er FX and 49er classes.
- 7.2. Australian competitors must be financial members of their respective state 29er/49er (9er) class association.
- 7.3. Australian competitors shall be financial members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 7.4. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and submitting it together with the required fee via: <https://sailingresults.net/entry/default.aspx?ID=1964562>
- 7.5. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 7.6. Entries close at 5 pm (AEST) on Sunday 29 December 2024.
- 7.7. For all competitors under 18 years of age at any time during the event, completing the online registration form will be deemed Parental/Guardian consent for entry to the Regatta.

8. FEES

- 8.1. Entry fees (includes entry to Welcome and Presentation functions) are as follows:
 - a. Early Bird entry: \$445 (available until midnight 30th November 2024)
 - b. Standard entry: \$495

8.2. No fees are refundable after the entry closing date. Before that the date, entry fees can be refunded as follows:

- a. Up to 12th November 2024 - 85 % of the entry fee will be refunded.
- b. Up to 12th December 2024 - 75 % of the entry fee will be refunded.
- c. After 12th December 2024 - 50 % of the entry fee will be refunded.

8.3. If the Australian 9er Championships 2025 is cancelled for whatever reason, each entrant will receive a refund of 85% of the entry fees paid.

9. ADVERTISING

9.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA and/or the 9er Association. Subject to prior approval by the OA and the 9er Association individual boats may display other advertising.

9.2. Competitors will not display advertising on their boats and equipment that is not approved in accordance with 9.1 above.

10. SCHEDULE

10.1. Subject to paragraphs 10.2 to 10.6, the following schedule will apply:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sat 28 Dec 2024	0800 – 1600	Measurement / Registration
Sun 29 Dec 2024	0800 – 1600	Measurement / Registration
Mon 30 Dec 2024	See 10.4	Championship Racing
Tue 31 Dec 2024	See 10.4	Championship Racing
Wed 1 Jan 2025	See 10.4	Championship Racing
Thur 2 Jan 2025	See 10.4	Championship Racing
Friday 3 Jan 2025	See 10.4	Championship Racing

10.2. The regatta will consist of a series up to 15 races.

10.3. There shall be no more than 4 races per day.

10.4. The scheduled time for the first warning signal on Championship Racing days will be posted by 1800 on the previous day.

10.5. On any scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1730hrs. On the last day of racing (3/1/25), no warning signal shall be made after 1600hrs.

10.6. The presentation of prizes and closing party will be held on Friday 3 January 2025 as soon as possible after racing is completed.

11. COURSES AND RACE FORMAT

11.1. Courses will be windward - leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.

- 11.2. The racing format may consist of the following:
- a. 29er, 49er FX and 49er classes will race on the same course area.
 - b. The 29er fleet will have its own start.
 - c. The 49er FX and 49er may start together as one division but will be scored separately.
 - d. Race target time is 30mins and, unless otherwise notified, each session will be a back-to-back race format.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. The regatta will consist of a series up to 15 races
- 12.2. Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3. When fewer than six races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 12.4. When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 12.5. When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her two worst scores.

13. AWARDS AND PRIZES

- 13.1. Subject to paragraph 13.2 below, overall prizes will be awarded as follows:

29er Class

- a. 29er Australian National Championship Perpetual Trophy - awarded to the 1st boat skippered by an Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- b. 1st, 2nd, 3rd overall (Open) - No nationality, age or gender requirements.
- c. 1st All Female Perpetual Trophy - awarded to the 1st boat crewed entirely by female Australian citizens or permanent residents.
- d. 1st Female Skipper Perpetual Trophy – for mixed crews with an Australian female skipper.
- e. 1st Junior Skipper Perpetual Trophy - awarded to the 1st placed Australian skipper whose age is under 16 on 30 Dec 2024.
- f. 1st Junior Perpetual Trophy - awarded to the 1st placed skipper and crew whose ages are both under 16 on 30 Dec 2024. Team can be male, female or mixed.

49er FX Class

- a. 49erFX Australian National Championship Perpetual Trophy - awarded to the 1st placed boat skippered by an Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- b. 1st, 2nd, 3rd overall (Open) – No nationality or age requirements.
- c. 1st non-Olympic competitor - Current Australian Sailing Squad and Australian Sailing Team Members are excluded from this prize.

49er Class

- a. 49er Australian National Championship Perpetual Trophy - awarded to the 1st placed boat skippered by an Australian citizen or permanent resident.
 - b. 1st, 2nd, 3rd overall (Open) – No nationality or age requirements.
 - c. 1st non-Olympic competitor - Current Australian Sailing Squad and Australian Sailing Team Members are excluded from this prize.
- 13.2. If the number of boats in a class is less than three, no perpetual trophies will be awarded

14. MEASUREMENT

- 14.1. A Technical Committee may be appointed for the Australian 9er Championships 2025.
- 14.2. The 29er, 49FX and 49er are closed class rules. Please read the class rules available on the respective class websites.
- 14.3. For the duration of the regatta each boat will be limited to two jibs, one mainsail, one spinnaker and one forestay shall be used throughout the duration of the regatta.
- 14.4. The format for measurement will be as follows:
 - a. It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure that their boat conforms to the relevant class rules.
 - b. The self-declaration measurement form (see Addendum at the end of this NoR) is to be filled in and signed by the skipper of each boat.
 - c. The serial numbers for the foils, sails, mast sections, spreaders and 49er wing sections must be recorded on the self-declaration measurement form.
 - d. The self-declaration measurement form must be presented at the time of registration.
 - e. By presenting the self-declaration measurement form at the time of registration, each skipper warrants that the information recorded on that form is accurate.
 - f. After registration, all boats will be weighed as part of the measurement process.
 - g. All forestays will be measured and sealed by a class sticker by the team of measurers.
 - h. During the course of the regatta, boats may be selected at any time to have their measurements checked.
 - i. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will only be allowed if approved by the Class Measurer (Technical Committee). Requests for substitution shall be made to the Technical Committee at the first reasonable opportunity, including retrospectively, provided that, in the case of a retrospective application, a Request for Substitution of Equipment Form is completed and submitted to the Technical Committee prior to the protest time limit of the day in which the substitution occurred.

15. SUPPORT/COACH BOATS [DP]

- 15.1. Support and coach boats shall register online at with the OA via:

- 15.2. Except when rendering assistance to a boat in distress or under the specific directions of the race officer, all support and coach boats shall remain at least 50 metres outside areas where all fleets are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 15.3. All support and coach boats are required to have a VHF radio and maintain a listening watch on VHF 69 or any other channel as directed by the Race Officer.
- 15.4. When requested by the Race Officer or his /her delegate, support and coach boats shall render immediate assistance as directed.

16. RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
- 16.2. Competitors are reminded that RRS 3 states that the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.
- 16.3. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include, but are not limited to, 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.

17. INSURANCE

- 17.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per incident or equivalent and shall be made available upon request.
- 17.2. By entering the event, each competitor declares that they have the required insurance cover. Neither the OA nor the 9er Association will be liable if a competitor declares that they have insurance and it subsequently transpires that this was not true.

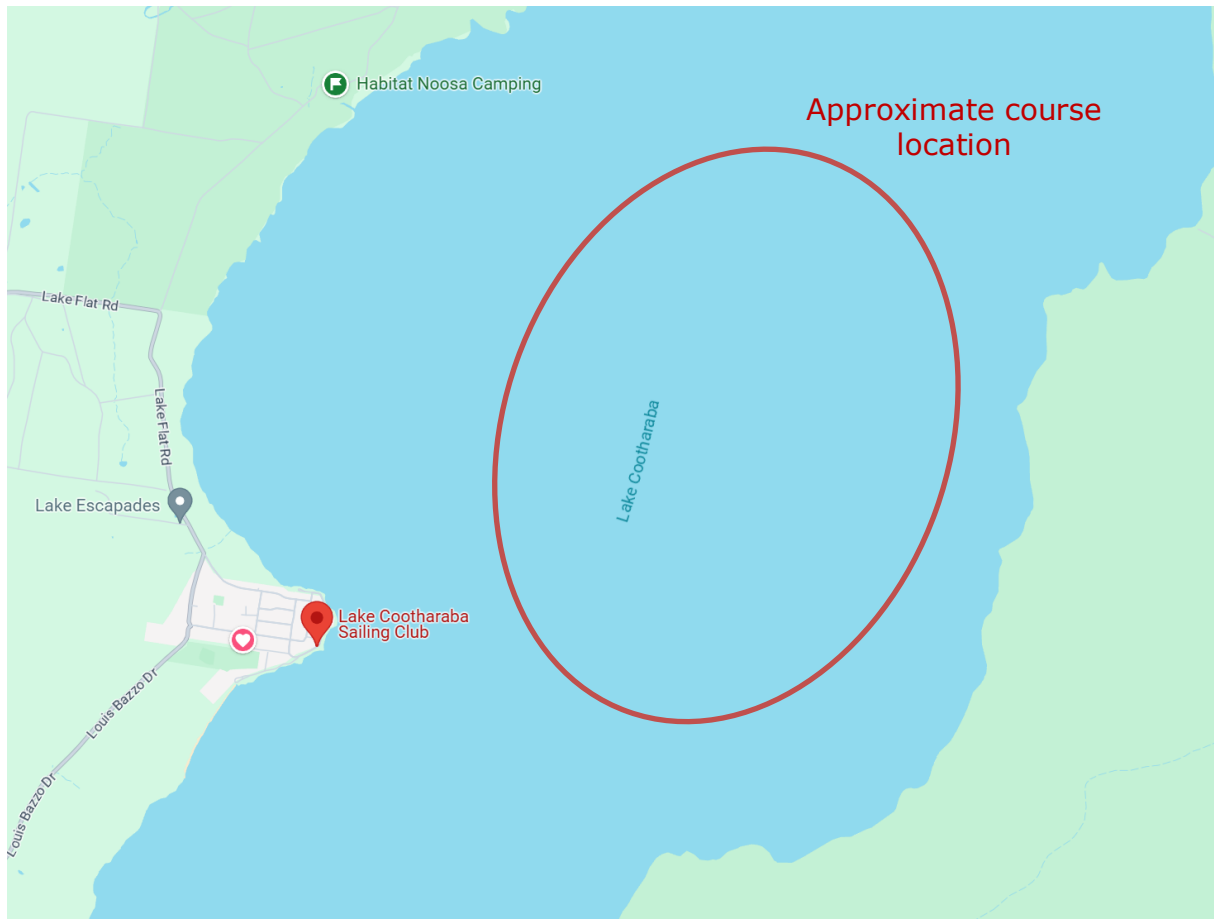
18. VENUE

The Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club (LCSC)

<https://lcsc.org.au/>

24 Boreen Parade, Boreen Point QLD 4565

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/hfyRN4ood9dbQ1wR9>



19. MEDIA DISCLAIMER

19.1. Competitors agree to grant the OA and 9er Association the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of competitors during the period of the competition without compensation.

20. PARENTAL / GUARDIAN CONSENT

20.1. For all competitors under the age of 18 years of age at any time during the event, completing the online registration form will be deemed as Parental/Guardian consent for entry to the Regatta.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

21.1. For further information contact:

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GENERAL NOTICES

The following paragraphs do not form part of the formal NoR but are provided as general information to competitors:

22.COVID-19 AND OTHER REGULATIONS

- 22.1. At the time of publishing, there were no COVID-19 related Public Health Directions in effect. However, competitors are encouraged to be mindful of any developments in this area. All racing will take place subject to any statutory restrictions, health related or otherwise, in place at the time the event is held.

23.ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

- 23.1. The campground at Boreen Point requires early booking via the Noosa Shire Council <http://www.noosaholidayparks.com.au/boreen-point>.
- 23.2. The Apollonian Hotel has dormitory style rooms. Contact Lou on 07 5485 3100.
- 23.3. The Lake Cootharaba Motel has limited 3-star accommodation but is very close to the sailing club - <https://www.cootharabamotel.com/>.
- 23.4. For other accommodation options please visit the LCSC website <https://lcsc.org.au/accommodation/>
- 23.5. A kiosk selling coffee and snacks is located below the clubhouse and will be open during the event. Lunches can be pre-ordered.
- 23.6. The Apollonian Hotel provides excellent pub food.
- 23.7. There are no convenience stores in Boreen Point. The nearest shops are at Tewantin and Pomona (both around 20 minutes drive away). Tewantin has a reasonably sized Woolies that is open until 9:00pm each evening (94 Poinciana Ave, Tewantin, QLD 4565). There is a small boating store at Tewantin too.

24.TRAILER PARKING, SPEED LIMITS AND RESPECT FOR THE COMMUNITY

- 24.1. The speed limit on the roads leading to the club and along the foreshore is 20kph and it is important for the safety of pedestrians that this is adhered to. A 40kph speed limit applies to most other roads in Boreen Point.

- 24.2. Only very limited parking is available adjacent to the beach at Boreen Point and all competitors are asked to offload their boats and then take their road trailers back to their accommodation. If this is not possible, the club's storage compound will be open, and competitors are asked to take their trailers there. The compound is around 300 metres away from the beach and volunteers will be on hand to provide directions.
- 24.3. Competitors are also reminded that Boreen Point is a quiet community and we share the beach and the surrounding areas with local residents. Every effort should be made to respect the rights of others to enjoy the area as much as we do.
- 24.4. The sailing club is not connected to town water and relies on rainwater tanks for all its water supplies. Please use the water sparingly and do not use the tap outside the club to wash your boats down.

25. BEACH ETIQUETTE

- 25.1. Although boats can be stored overnight on the beach near the club, space is limited and competitors are asked to comply with the directions of race officials in relation to where their boats should be located.
- 25.2. The beach is a public space and very popular with young families. Please respect the rights of others to enjoy the beach as much as you do.
- 25.3. Lake Cootharaba in general and the beach at Boreen Point in particular is a safe environment for children. There is very little tidal movement and the beach remains shallow for a long distance offshore. There are no sudden changes in depth.

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EQUIPMENT INSPECTION FORM

Form to be returned to Registration ONCE FULLY COMPLETED:
The helm is responsible for the measurement form during the measurement procedure
Specific Measurement Items (2022 Class Rules – dated 1st April, 2022)

National Letters	Sail Number
Helm Name	Crew Name
WS/ISAF Building Plaque Number:	
Bow Number (If Applicable)	

Item	Rule	Self-certification Declaration (To be filled in by the helm by circling the correct answers)	Yes/No	Comment
Stemhead / Mast Distance	C.6.1 (j)	I declare that the distance as defined in the rule, is within the minimum of 1820mm and the maximum of 1830mm.	Yes/No	
Wedges (under the mast)	C.7.1 (i)	I have or will have fitted wedges under mast base tenon before the start of first race of the event.	Yes/No	
Trapeze Wires	C.9.6 (a), (i)	I declare that the trapeze wires include a minimum of 3350mm of stainless-steel wire	Yes/No	
Spars	F.1	I declare that the spars have been supplied by a licensed manufacturer, and have not been modified except as permitted by the class rules.	Yes/No	
Foils	E.1, E.2, E.3, C.8.1 (a+b)	I declare that the foils have been supplied by a licensed manufacturer, and have not been modified except as permitted by the class rules.	Yes/No	
Class Association Sail Registration Numbers (From the plaque affixed to each sail) (See Event Sailing Instructions regarding Replacement of Crew or Equipment) IF NO PLAQUE THEN RECORD BAR CODE NUMBER AFFIXED TO THE LUFF OF SAIL				
Mainsail		Jib		Gennaker
Gennaker Color				
Rhombus for all female crews				

Form to be returned to Registration ONCE FULLY COMPLETED:
The helm is responsible for the measurement form during the measurement procedure
Specific Measurement Items (2022Class Rules – dated 1st April, 2022)

National Letters	Sail Number
Helm Name	Crew Name
WS/ISAF Building Plaque Number:	
Bow Number	

Item	Rule	Measurers Declaration (To be filled in by the Event Equipment Inspector)		Comment
Forestay Length	C.9.3 (a)	The distance has been measured as defined in the rule and is within the minimum of 445mm and the maximum of 460mm.	Tagged	
Hull Weight	C.7.5 (a) C.7.6	Hull Weight at the event, without corrector weight: Corrector weight required Present corrector weight for measurement before mounting Corrector weight correctly mountedKg Yes/No Kg Yes/No	

Declaration after measurement (To be filled in by the helm)		
I declare that in addition to the declarations above I know of no reason why the boat does not comply with all other 29er class rules and that no items on the boat will be changed during the event without verification by a class measurer or other representative of the race committee.		
Helm's Signature	Date	

Instructions on Using the Equipment Limitation Stickers

Please ensure that equipment is;

- DRY
- CLEAN

BEFORE you apply the stickers to any item of equipment!!

Please ensure that stickers are placed according to the instructions below. Keep in mind that all stickers should be clearly visible to the Equipment Inspection Team.

HULL (1)

Place on the port side of the stern.

DAGGERBOARD (2)

Place on the very top of the dagger board, along the centerline such that no part of the sticker enters the casing.

RUDDER (3)

Place on the very top of the rudder, along the centerline such that no part of the sticker enters the casing.

BOOM (4)

Place on the port side of the boom at the outer end. Ensure sticker is clear of any rigging or attachments.

MAST BOTTOM (5)

Place on the front face of the mast just above the gooseneck fitting. Ensure sticker is clear of any rigging or attachments.

MAST MIDDLE (6)

Place on the front face of the mast, at the bottom of the section. Ensure sticker is clear of any rigging or attachments.

MAST TOP (7)

Place on the front face of the mast, at the bottom of the section. Ensure sticker is clear of any rigging or attachments.

GENNAKER POLE (8)

Place on front end of gennaker pole

ALL SAILS

Sails may be stamped or signed by an inspector.

NOTE – This form shall be returned to the Event Chief Measurer on the completion of the measurement.

SAILORS DECLARATION

- 1.1 I understand that these items may not be substituted at any time during the event without prior written consent of the Event Chief Equipment Inspector.
- 1.2 It is my sole responsibility to ensure that the equipment I use for this event shall comply with the class rules at all times and that the equipment may be checked for class rule compliance at any time during the event.

Signed Date