

Flying 11 Sydney Harbour Championship (F11SHC)

Notice of Race

Flying 11 sailors from Vaucluse Amateur 12ft Sailing Club (VA12SC) and Northbridge Sailing Club (NSC) are cordially invited to compete in the Flying 11 Sydney Harbour Championship (F11SHC). This is a series of races held over 5 days at 2 venues (VA12SC and NSC).

1. Organising Authorities

- a. The Organising Authority for races held at VA12SC is the Vaucluse Amateur 12 Foot Sailing Club.
- b. The Organising Authority for races held at NSC is the Northbridge Sailing Club.

2. Venues

- a.
 - i. The venue for the races held at VA12SC is the Vaucluse Amateur 12 Foot Sailing Club, Wharf Road, Vaucluse, NSW, 2030.
 - ii. Please note information about rigging and parking in “Further Information” below.
- b. The venue for the races held at NSC is The Northbridge Sailing Club Northbridge Sailing Club, Bethwaite Lane, Northbridge, NSW, 2063.

3. Rules

- a. The F11SHC will be governed by the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing of the International Sailing Federation (RRS), as amended, the prescriptions and special regulations of the Australian Yachting Federation (AYF), under the authority of Yachting NSW, the current rules and appendices of The Governing body of the Flying 11 Association of Australia, this Notice of Race, and by the Sailing Instructions.
- b. Where there is inconsistency with the rules in 3.a and the Sailing Instructions then the Sailing Instructions will take precedence except as explicitly indicated otherwise.

4. Advertising and Media

- a. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authorities. If required, the Organising Authorities will supply advertising items to be affixed as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- b. By entering the F11SHC competitors are consenting to:
 - i. being photographed and/or videotaped whilst sailing or racing and/or using the venues’ facilities; and

- ii. to the use, reuse, publication and reproduction of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.

5. Eligibility

- a. The F11SHC is open to boats of the Flying 11 class from VA12SC and NSC. Other boats may sail if their Entry Forms are accepted by both Organising Authorities.
- b. All competitors are reminded of their obligations under RRS 78.1 which states: "A boat's owner and any other person in charge shall ensure that the boat is maintained to comply with her class rules and that her measurement or rating certificate, if any remains valid".
- c. All Flying 11s shall be entered and crewed by financial members of VA12SC or NSC and must be members of Yachting Australia and registered with the Flying11 Association of Australia. If other boats are entered then they must be crewed by financial members of a club affiliated with the Flying 11 Association of Australia and they must be members of Yachting Australia.
- d. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD\$10,000,000. All Flying 11s must be able to produce a current insurance certificate if requested by the Organising Authorities.
- e. Eligible boats must register and enter using the Entry Form available for download at <http://www.va12sc.org.au/flying11-sydney-harbour-championship-2015-16/>. Each sailor (skipper and crew) must be identified on the Entry Form.
- f. There shall be no change of crew without prior written permission from the Race Committee for the day in question. A request for permission for a change of crew shall be lodged with the organizing authority no later than one hour before the scheduled Warning Signal of the first race to which the request applies. The crew being introduced will need to complete an entry form and a disclaimer and risk warning form as per 5.j.
- g. Entries open 18th September 2015.
- h. Entries will be accepted up to midday on Sunday 20 September. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organizing authorities.
- i. It is the competitor's decision to enter the Regatta or to start and continue in any race; see RRS 4, Decision to Race.
- j. It will be a condition of entry that the parents/guardians of each sailor (if they are under 18 years old) execute a disclaimer of liability and an acknowledgement of receipt of a risk warning under the Civil Liability Act (NSW) 2004. The disclaimer and the risk warning will form part of the Entry Form.

6. Schedule

- a. Heat 1, Sunday 20th September 2015
Venue: VA12SC
 - Race briefing (15mins) no later than 1215pm
 - First race not to start before 100pm
 - No warning signal after 300pm
 - # of races: As many as feasible

- b. Heat 2, Sunday 25th October 2015
Venue: NSC
- Race briefing (15mins) no later than 1215pm
 - First race not to start before 100pm
 - No warning signal after 300pm
 - # of races: As many as feasible
- c. Heat 3, Sunday, 22th November 2015
Venue: VA12SC
- Race briefing (15mins) no later than 100pm
 - First race not to start before 200pm
 - No warning signal after 430pm
 - # of races: As many as feasible
- d. Heat 4, Sunday, 6th March 2015
Venue: NSC
- Race briefing (15mins) no later than 100pm
 - First race not to start before 200pm
 - No warning signal after 430pm
 - # of races: As many as feasible
- e. Heat 5, Sunday, 20th March 2015
Venue: VA12SC
- Race briefing (15mins) no later than 100pm
 - First race not to start before 200pm
 - No warning signal after 430pm
 - # of races: As many as feasible

7. Racing Area

- a. The racing area will be on the waters of the respective club in the vicinity of the club house as outlined in Sailing Instructions and briefing on the day at the venue.

8. Sailing Instructions

- a. The VA12SC Sailing Instructions for Club Championship Races will be used as the Sailing Instructions for the F11SHC for each of the race days held at VA12SC. Where a F11SHC race day coincides with a VA12SC Club Championship Race then NSC entrants in the F11SHC will be accepted as guests in to the VA12SC Club Championship Race. For the avoidance of doubt, the NSC guests will not be eligible for points or prizes in the VA12SC Club Championship. These sailing instructions are available at <http://www.va12sc.org.au/sailing-instructions/>
- b. The Northbridge Sailing Instructions will be used as the Sailing Instructions for the F11SHC for each of the race days held at NSC. These sailing instructions are available at <https://nsc.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/NSC-Handbook-2015-16-V2.pdf>

9. Sign on & Sign off

- a. Sign on. All skippers must personally Sign On the sheets provided located within the vicinity of the briefing area prior to going on the water for the scheduled races. Failure to comply may result in the competitor being scored Did Not Come to the Start (DNC)
- b. Sign off. Within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race for the racing session in her division (and immediately when coming ashore in the case of abandonment in adverse weather) all competitors shall personally Sign Off on the sheets provided located within the vicinity of the briefing area. Failure to comply may result in the competitor being scored Did Not Finish (DNF). On water Sign Off may be accepted at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer (PRO).

10. Race Committee

- a. Each organizing authority will provide a race committee in accordance with its Sailing Instructions on each day racing is held at each club.

11. Coaching

- a. Coaching will be permitted except on VA12SC or NSC Club Championship days when, from the warning signal until all competitors have completed the course and moved away from the finishing area, there will be no coaching.

12. Series

- a. The best 8 results will count towards the F11SHC. If on some days more than three races are run then the first three of these will count for the F11SHC. A minimum of 3 races will constitute the F11SHC.

13. Scoring

- a. The series shall be scored using Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 Appendix A Low Point System subject to the following amendments to paragraphs A4 and A9:
 - i. Non Starting

Boats which are scored Did Not Compete (DNC) or Did Not Start (DNS) shall be awarded points equal to the number of starters in the race plus four points.
 - ii. On Course Side

Boats which are scored On Course Side (OCS) shall be awarded points equal to the number of starters in the race plus two points.
 - iii. Non Finishing

Boats which Retire (RET) or are scored Did Not Finish (DNF) shall be awarded points equal to the number of starters in the race plus one point.

iv. Disqualified

Boats which are disqualified (DSQ) shall be awarded points equal to the number of entries in the race plus two points.

Where Sailing Instructions are inconsistent with the above scoring then the above scoring will be used.

- b. The fleet will be scored as one and prizes awarded according to the boat's finish in this overall result.

14. Prizes

- a. The Organising Authorities may award prizes at their discretion.

15. Further Information

- a. Contact information and websites

- VA12SC
Richard Steyn, Commodore, richard.steyn@gmail.com
www.va12sc.org.au
- NSC
Tom Sloane, flying 11@nsc.asn.au, 0439 360 766
www.nsc.asn.au

- b. Arriving at VA12SC

- i. Arriving via water at VA12SC

Please make your way to Kutti Beach which is south of the club house.

The rigging area is on this small harbour beach. Please anchor a good distance off the beach, and be aware of swimmers. Dogs are discouraged and not permitted at the club house.

- ii. Arriving via road

We will require all attending competitors with boats arriving by road to make their way to Marine Parade, Watsons Bay – you will need to unload & wheel your boat to rig on the beach at Gibson's Beach. As soon as you are able, make your way via sail over to Kutti Beach (about 200m) which is on the South side of the Club and will take only a few minutes to sail to.

VA12SC will transport your cradle over to Kutti Beach via water in one of our volunteer vessels. Do not leave any of your gear at Gibson's Beach Reserve or

at Gibson's Beach – pack it away on your vehicle or trailer.

You will be able to find parking in Hopetoun Ave or The Crescent near the access to the VA12SC Club house - which is accessed via Wharf Road off Hopetoun Avenue (Corner of The Crescent). Access to the club house from Wharf Road is via foot. Note that there is no parking at the VA12SC club house.

c. Arriving at NSC

i. Arriving via water at NSC

Please make your way to the pontoon in the middle of the main deck.

The flying 11 rigging area is on the eastern end of the main deck (turn left as you come up the ramp from the pontoon).

ii. Arriving via road

Any competitors arriving by road will need to come down Bethwaite Lane (at the end of Sailors Bay Road, Northbridge). Please unload your boats in the turning circle at the end of Bethwaite Lane. Do not leave your car unattended and once unloaded please then move it to one of the marked parking spaces. If there are no spaces left near the club there is additional parking at the top of the hill (turn right at the top of the lane and enter via the gate (approx. 30m)).

Unfortunately all boats must be carried down the steps from the turning circle to the rigging deck. Please ask a friendly local for help carrying your boat.