



NSW Sharpie Championships

Heats 6,7,8 & 9

Georges River Sailing Club

Saturday 24 February 2018 – Sunday 25 February 2018

The organising authority is Georges River 16ft Sailing Club Co-Op Ltd (GRSC) in conjunction with the Sharpie Sailing Association NSW Division.

The Regatta will be conducted from GRSC,
Sanoni Ave Sandringham in Sydney, New South Wales.

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 The prescriptions of Yachting Australia will apply.

1.3 The Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2 – for off the beach boats will apply.

1.4 a) RRS 42.3(c) is changed in accordance with the Class Association By-Laws, Part B, Clause 20(1) to allow “On a free leg of the course when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the leeward side of a wave) or planing is possible, the Yacht’s crew may, in order to initiate surfing or planing, pump the sheet, boom or guy, controlling any sail a maximum of three (3) times for each wave or gust of wind.”

b) Devices which indicate remotely or transmit or correlate data about wind direction, wind speed, boat speed or location shall be prohibited in accordance with the Class Association By-Laws, Part B, Clause 20(2).

1.5 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

1.6 The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2 ADVERTISING/BOW NUMBERS

2.1 Advertising will be permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

2.2 The organising authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by a boat or competitor that is in conflict with an event sponsor or the laws of the New South Wales or Australian Governments.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Australian Sharpie Class.

3.2 Competitors shall be current members of their National Authority through an affiliated sailing or yacht club and a member of a State Division of the Australian Sharpie Sailing Association.

3.3 Entries shall be made on the entry form available at Registration on the 24 Feb. 2017 at Georges River Sailing Club.

4 FEES

4.1 Required fees are as follows:

Entry Fee – AUD 40.00

5 SCHEDULE

5.1

Day/Date	Event	Start Time
Sat 24 Feb 2018	Registration	1000 - 1145
Sat 24 Feb 2018	Heat 6	Warning signal - 1255
Sat 24 Feb 2018	Heat 7	Following Heat 6
Sun 25 Feb 2018	Heat 8	Warning signal - 1055
Sun 25 Feb 2018	Heat 9	Following Heat 8

5.2 When more than one race is held on the same day, the warning signal for the subsequent race will be as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.

5.3 No warning signal will be made after 1400 on Sunday 25 February 2018.

6 MEASUREMENTS

6.1 Each boat shall hold a current and valid measurement certificate that shall be provided at the request of the organising authority.

6.2 Any boat may be inspected by an organising authority appointed measurer at any time to ensure compliance with the class rules. Boats notified of measurement inspections shall follow the instructions of the race committee.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The sailing instructions will be available at registration or may be available prior to the event on the event web-site www.nswsharpies.com.au.

8 VENUE

8.1 The regatta will be conducted by GRSC on the waters of Georges River and Botany Bay. Attachment A shows the location of the venue and racing areas.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be of windward-leeward and/or triangular format and will be described in the sailing instructions.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 Racing rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-

Turn Penalty.

11 SCORING

11.1 The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A.4.1 will apply. Eleven races are scheduled (over four events), of which eight shall count for the Championship. This event will incorporate Heats 6,7,8 & 9 of the Championship.

12 SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 All support personnel shall keep 100 metres clear of the race area during racing, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.

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.

14 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

14.1 In participating this event, a competitor grants to the organising authority and the sponsors of the event, 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 him/her during the period of the competition of the said event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

15 PRIZES

15.1 There is a Championship trophy for the winning crew of the NSW Sharpie State Championships as well as a Handicap trophy for the winning crew on handicap.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority 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. Additionally, the organising authority will not accept any liability for theft and/or damage to boats and/or equipment sustained at the regatta venue.

17 INSURANCE

17.1 All boats competing in the NSW Sharpie Championships shall have third party insurance cover of not less than AUD \$1,000,000 (recommended AUD \$10,000,000).

17.2 All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

18 RISK WARNING

This risk warning is issued jointly by GRSC and NSW Maritime, pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by GRSC.

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 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 GRSC and NSW 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 any sailing event.

Participants are also advised that although GRSC 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 Yachting Australia entitles you to personal accident cover.

19 AMENDMENTS TO NOTICE OF RACE

Any amendment to the notice of race will be posted on the event web-site www.nswsharpies.com.au no later than Friday 23 February 2018.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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ATTACHMENT A

