



NOTICE OF RACE



2024-25 B14

NATIONAL

CHAMPIONSHIP

2 – 4 January 2025

**WOOLLAHRA SAILING
CLUB**

Sydney, Australia

The Organising Authority is the Woollahra Sailing Club Ltd in conjunction with the International B14 Association of Australia Inc. The Regatta will be conducted at Woollahra Sailing Club in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

(NP) denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by boat. This changes RRS 64.1(a).

(DP) denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 64.1.

(SP) denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* of World Sailing.
- 1.2 No national prescriptions shall apply except (SP) Australian Sailing Special Regulations, Part 2 *Off the Beach Boats*, Section 5.01 Life Jacket. It is the responsibility of all competitors to ensure that life jackets comply with a standard equivalent to those listed in the regulations.
- 1.3 Racing rules 44.1 and 44.2 will be changed as follows: Two-turn penalty is changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.
Racing rules 44.1 and 44.2 are further changed in that when an incident occurs where a penalty applies while the head of the spinnaker is above the main-boom gooseneck, the penalty may be taken immediately after the next time the head of the spinnaker is lowered below the main-boom gooseneck but shall be taken prior to rounding the next mark or crossing the finishing line.
Rule 44.3 will not apply.
- 1.4 Racing Rule 50.1 (a) will include this addition: However, a competitor may wear a drinking container that shall contain no more than 1.5 litres.
- 1.5 The World Sailing Clean Seas Strategy will apply.
- 1.6 If there is conflict between languages the English text shall take precedence.

2. (NP) (DP) ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display bow numbers and / or advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Regatta is open to all boats of the International B14 Class.
- 3.2 Competitors must be members of their World Sailing Member National Authority and their Regional B14 Association.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing an online entry at: www.b14worlds.com

4. ENTRY FEE

- 4.1 The entry fee is \$500.00 per boat. Fees are stated in Australian currency (AUD). The combined entry fee for both the Nationals and the Worlds will be \$1250.
- 4.2 A late fee of \$100 will apply to all entries received after 18 November 2024.
- 4.3 Entry fee includes Regatta entry plus skipper and crew tickets to Welcome & Presentation functions and event merchandise.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Competitors shall complete registration and measurement at Woollahra Sailing Club as per the Schedule 5.4.
- 5.2 A maximum of eight (8) races will be sailed.
- 5.3 No more than four (4) races will be sailed on any one day.
- 5.4

Wednesday 1 January	Registration & Measurement	1400hrs -> 1800hrs
Thursday 2 January	Registration & Measurement	0900hrs -> 1030hrs
	Information Session	1230hrs
	Racing	1400hrs
	Welcome Function	1900hrs
Friday 3 January	Racing	1400hrs
Saturday 4 January	Racing	1300hrs
	Presentation	1800hrs

- 5.5 No warning signal will be made later than 1530hrs on Saturday 4 January 2025.

6. (NP) (DP) MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 All boats shall be presented for measurement as per 5.4 Schedule.
- 6.2 Measurement checks and inspections may be carried out at any time. A Boat notified of inspection shall follow the instructions of the Measurer.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and may be posted on the Regatta site at a prior time.

8. VENUE

The Racing Area will be the waters of Sydney Harbour sailing from Woollahra Sailing Club.

9. THE COURSES

Courses will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING SYSTEM

- 10.1 A minimum of three races are required to be completed to constitute the Regatta.
- 10.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 10.3 When four to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 10.4 When eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

11. SUPPORT BOATS/COACHES

- 11.1 Team Managers, Coaches and other support personnel shall keep 100m clear of the course area during racing, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.
- 11.2 All support vessels shall be registered with the Organising Authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and event support vessels regulations. The Organising Authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion. Local marine

regulations specify the safety equipment to be carried and conditions under which life jackets (PFD 1) are to be worn.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats except when using equipment approved by the race committee.

13. PRIZES

Prizes in the Australian National Titles will be awarded as follows:

1st, 2nd, 3rd, placed boats for scratch and handicap. Only Australian residents can win a title in the Nationals, but prizes may be awarded to non-residents at the discretion of the B14 Association of Australia.

14. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In participating in the Regatta, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the Regatta, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures, audio and live media of him/her during the period of the competition for the said Regatta in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said Regatta without compensation.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. Neither the organizing authority nor the International B14 Association of Australia will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta.

16. RISK WARNING

This Risk Warning is issued jointly by Woollahra Sailing Club and RMS (NSW Maritime), pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by Woollahra Sailing Club.

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.

Woollahra Sailing Club and RMS (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 in the Regatta.

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 AUD (recommended \$10,000,000 AUD) per event or the equivalent. Competitors may be required to produce evidence of such insurance and any competitor not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

18. AMENDMENTS

Any amendments to this Notice of Race shall be posted on www.b14.org.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION:

For further information please contact:

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Woollahra Sailing Club (WSC)

Location: 2 Vickery Avenue, Rose Bay NSW 2029

Contact: Sailing Manager – 61 2 9371 9805

Email: sail@woollahrasailingclub.org.au

Access to facilities: For early arrivals please contact WSC. Competitors requiring access and use of the club outside of this should contact WSC directly.