**Notice Of Race**

**Elwood A Class Open Lightning Championship 2017**

# Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th February 2017

**The organising authority and host club is the Elwood Sailing Club Inc.**

**1. Rules**

 Races will be governed by the Yachting Australia Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, and by the Yachting Australia Prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 2 2017-2020.

The racing rules will be modified in accordance with rule 86 as follows; rule 44 when applied to catamaran classes one turn only will be required. Rule 26 has been changed in the SI para 11.3.

Other rule changes may be given in the Sailing Instructions (SI).

**2. Advertising**

Advertising carried shall be in accordance with rule 80.

**3.** **Eligibility and Entry**

3.1 The regatta is open to all International A Class Catamarans sailed by Elwood Sailing Club (ESC) members and visitors who are Yachting Australia members.

3.2 Entries may be made as described below or in-person between 0900-1100hrs Sat 25th February at ESC.

3.3 All boats shall have third party insurance cover of not less than $10,000,000 for any accident. All owners/competitors who sign the entry form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Owners/competitors not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

3.4 ESC reserves the right to refuse any entry.

* 1. Entry Fee - $70 per Boat (includes BBQ & Finger Food on Sat evening).or $50 per boat if paid by 1800hrs Sat 18th February. Additional Tickets for Sat Evening BBQ $15 per person.
	2. **Early** entries may be posted to Elwood Sailing Club, PO Box 14, Elwood 3184, together with cheque or money order,

 **OR**

Email entry to **manager@elwoodsc.com** and make EFT payment to

BSB 633000, A/C 109708594, Elwood Sailing Club, bank receipt to **manager@elwoodsc.com You must supply your name and Lightning Regatta as a reference**

**4. Schedule of Events**

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* 1130 Hours – Information Session
* 1300 Hours – earliest start time for Racing Session 1 (up to 3 races)
* After Racing – finger food, BBQ & drinks (at bar prices)

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* 1030 Hours – earliest Start time for Racing Session 2 (up to 3 races)
* 1500 Hours - Presentation

**5. Sailing Instructions**

Sailing Instructions will be available at the Elwood SC on Saturday 25th February 2017

**6. Racing Area**

The racing will be conducted on the waters in front of Elwood Sailing Club between Brighton and Point Ormond. The SI will draw attention to the No Boating Zone immediately south of the launch area.

**7. Courses**

Course will be specified in the Sailing Instructions. Up to 6 races will be held with target times of 40min.

**8. Scoring**

8.1 Low Point Scoring System

8.2 Series score shall be the total for all races conducted. Boats which complete 5 races or more may drop their worst result.

**9. Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee

**10. Information Session**

The information session for all participants will be held on the upper level of the Elwood Sailing Club at 1130hr on Saturday 25th February 2017.

Elwood Sailing Club’s canteen will be open all day for lunch, drinks and snacks, and after the race the bar and barbecue / Finger Food will be available to enjoy a quiet sunset at Elwood’s best address.

**11. Safety Notice**

Give way to all pedestrians etc on the walking track.

Keep sails away from the overhead light fittings – they are sharp.

Do not obstruct or block driveways.

Place any litter in bins provided

Rigging, washing and storage of boats to be in designated areas only.

Pets not permitted in the club buildings at any time.

Alcohol may only be consumed within the top floor area of the clubhouse and the balcony.

There is a no-boating area to the south of the clubhouse.

Bring $1 or $2 coins or credit card for the parking meters.

**12. Car Parking and Boat Storage**

Ticketed Parking is available in the Elwood Foreshore Carpark adjacent to ESC. No fee is payable for vehicles displaying a current City of Port Phillip Foreshore parking permit.

Free parking is available on Ormond Esplanade after 10am. Parking is not permitted in the grounds immediately adjacent to ESC.

A fenced, grassed compound for boat and trailer storage will be available from 1300hr Friday 23 Feb. Boats may be left rigged but must be securely tied down. Ample sandy beach area is available for launching. Entry for drop-off and pick-up is via the second row of the Foreshore Carpark; follow the anti-clockwise circuit around the rear of ESC clubhouse to unload your boat at the southern end.

**13. Further Information**

For any further information on the event do not hesitate to call:

Elwood Sailing Club A Class Coordinator – **James Wreford 0437 463 810**