



NOTICE OF RACE

2024 Lightning Regatta

Saturday 10th February

Elwood Sailing Club



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The Elwood Sailing Club (ESC) is pleased to invite all International A Class and Paper Tiger sailors to the 2024 Lightning Regatta to be held at Elwood on 10th February 2024.

The Organising Authority for this event is the Elwood Sailing Club.

1. Rules

All racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Addendum A Part 2, and the current class rules for the competing classes and the Sailing Instructions.

In accordance with Rule 86, the Sailing Instructions will list any changes to the RRS including:

- Rule 44.1 - a one-turn penalty applies, as opposed to two-turns
- Rule 26 - a 3-minute starting sequence applies
- Rule 63.1 - boats which cross the finishing line when not finishing the race may be disqualified for that race without a hearing
- Rule 63.1 - All boats that have entered for a race shall be signed off by a crew member on the specified Sign-on / Sign-off race declaration system no later than 30 minutes after the last boat finishes the final race of the session. Failure to comply may result in those boats being scored 'Did Not Finish' without a hearing

2. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be made available by 1700 hrs on Friday 9 February 2024.

A copy of the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board at the Club and on the '**2024 Lightning Regatta (ESC)**' regatta page on Sailor App. For information on the Sailor App please refer the following link - <https://www.mysailingclub.com.au>

3. Communication

The online noticeboard will be the '**2024 Lightning Regatta (ESC)**' regatta page on Sailor App.

A hard copy of all sailing related notices will also be displayed on the noticeboard in the boat shed.

4. Eligibility and Entry

The regatta is open to all International A Class Catamarans and Paper Tiger Catamarans. Competitors must be current members of an Australia Sailing affiliated club.

Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at <https://www.trybooking.com/COTQD>

Entries will close at 1030 hrs on Saturday 10 February. There will be no entry fee.

To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements.

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

The Elwood Sailing Club reserves the right to refuse an entry.

5. Fees

No entry fee requirement.

6. Schedule of Events

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1030 – 1130 hrs	Registration confirmation
1130 hrs	Competitor information session
1300 hrs	Earliest start time for racing Up to 4 races for each class No race will start after 1700hrs
After Racing	An informal social gathering, upstairs at the Club may be held depending on competitor numbers and will be communicated closer to the day of event

7. Racing Area

The racing area will be off Elwood beach between Point Ormond and the Brighton breakwater, refer Attachment A. Attention is drawn to the no boating zone and speed restriction zones regulated by civil authorities.

The launching area is broad sandy beach and is shared with the public. Club volunteers may be present to help with boat launch and retrieval. Please label your trolley with your sail number.

8. Courses

A Class catamarans will sail a windward-return course. Foiling and classic boats will start together. To minimise wait times between starts, course length may vary between the disciplines.

Paper Tiger catamarans will sail a triangular course and will have their own start.

Both classes will share the same start and finish lines. The target time for each race will be 35 minutes.

Further details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

9. Scoring

Low point Scoring System will apply for both classes.

Four races are scheduled in this series of which three races are required to be completed to constitute a series. If four or more races are completed each boat can drop its worst race result.

10. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the following boats:

A Class Fleet	Paper Tiger Fleet
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ First straight boarder○ First c-boarder○ First foiler	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ First○ Second○ Third

Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

11. Boat Storage and Car Parking

Boats and trailers may be left on the southern rigging area from 0900hrs on Saturday 10 February 2024 day of regatta. There will be no overnight storage, all trailers and boats to be removed after completion of regatta. Elwood Sailing Club will accept no responsibility for loss or damage to boats and equipment stored in this area.

Pay parking is available in the Council car park adjacent to the Club. Free car parking is available along Ormond Esplanade from 1000hrs each day. No cars are to be parked in the areas surrounding the clubhouse.

Refer Attachment B for visitor maps.

12. Disclaimer of Liability

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include 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. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

The Elwood Sailing Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after races.

ATTACHMENT A: RACING AREA



