

GREAT LAKES SAILING CLUB

WILDCAT REGATTA

2024

**Open to all classes of
off the beach catamarans**

NOTICE OF RACE

Wallis Lake

Booti Booti National Park

5th, 6th & 7th October 2024

VENUE:

Great Lakes Sailing Club Inc. (GLSC)
Wallis Lake
The Lakes Way
~~Booti Booti~~ National Park *
(Near) Forster NSW

Sign-posted approximately 10 kilometres south of Forster and approximately 4 kilometres north of Tiona if arriving from the south. The Lakes Way south of the club is picturesque and a known tourist route. However, it is steep in parts, narrow through the lower Myall Lakes district, carries a volume of traffic with only lay back zones for slow vehicles, and prone to road damage in the lower areas. Access through Failford is only 10 minutes slower and less stressful when towing.

DATE:

Labour Day Weekend (NSW) October 5th to 7th
Briefing will be held at 11:00 on Saturday 5th October 2024. Planned first start for all classes not before 13:00 on Saturday 5th October 2024. Racing will end on Monday October 7th with no start sequence to commence after 13:00 on that day.

RULES:

The event is governed by the "Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024" together with any and all associated amendments, the Sailing instructions as issued following registration and all local authority governance rulings.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

The sailing instructions shall be available following registration and will contain information pertinent to any regatta specific changes to the RRS2021-2024 together with courses and general introductory information.

RISK STATEMENT:

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is his/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.

ELIGIBILITY:

- The event is open to all classes of off the beach catamarans with F18 class competing for the NSW F18 State Championship.
- All boats shall carry as a minimum, appropriate third-party liability & property insurance (minimum \$1,000,000). Confirmation of this insurance must be provided at registration.
- Where a crew member is under the age of 18yrs their details are required to be provided at registration in order that the race committee can monitor junior numbers on the water and take appropriate safety steps.
- Crews shall remain together for the entire regatta, exemptions to this are detailed in the sailing instructions.
- Starting Fleets will be defined at the initial briefing following finalisation of entries and class numbers.
- Entries will be accepted up 10:30 am on Saturday October 5th.
- At least one crew member on each boat shall be a financial member of an appropriate sailing/yacht club.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND INSPECTION:

All crews shall wear a life jacket to Australian Standard AS 4758. This standard came into effect on the 1st January 2021.

No formal measuring or weighing shall take place unless the race committee see reason to do so.

ON SHORE ACTIVITIES

- Cafe de Palms is back in action with breakfast and lunches, cold and hot beverages, and Grand Final Kransky Torpedos Rolls on Sunday night. The Clubs barbeque facilities are available to competitors for evening meals except Sunday night. Please support the club through Café de Palms.
- Licenced "Drop Bar" will be open each afternoon until late serving a range of beers, spirits, and wine. Please do not bring off-licence alcohol products into our licenced bar area and immediate club grounds as it contravenes our Licence Regulations.
- Big Screen is also back for the NRL Grand Final and frivolities.
- Stay tuned for The Capulets update. They may be back with a live set as the fleet returns to shore on Sunday.

EVENT GUIDELINES:

- Great Lakes Sailing Club Inc. welcome all classes of off-the beach catamarans to Wildcat 2024.
- On line registration is now open with a Race Fee payment of \$200 per entry including NPWS event fees and entry gifts. Total entries will be limited to approximately 100 entries due to the site constraints
- For anyone contemplating their first Wildcat, the Great Lakes Sailing Club is located on the eastern shore of Wallis Lake. The club facilities include a 5-bay single level building with separate male and female bathrooms, boatshed, storage bay, and kitchen. Outdoor improvements include a large undercover shelter, picnic tables, and grassed curtilage. The facilities are connected to grid electricity, town water, and sewer
- There are approximately 40 Camping sites within the club grounds. This allows for hardstand space for watercraft and people space on site. The camping sites will be delineated and numbered to manage the available space and staggered arrivals of competitors.
- Trailer parking areas are to the immediate north of the gated entry point and to the end of the gravel road adjacent to the southern cable fence. Any opportune spots to the east of the club buildings are also acceptable. Please keep all motor vehicles off the grassed surfaces apart from when unloading boats. Overflow vehicle parking is available to the entry road from The Lakes Way.
- As in recent years, upon arrival you can decide to either enter the gate and unload to the waterfront, park your trailer to the north, and exit your vehicle through the southern gate. Alternately you can turn left adjacent to the gate and move behind the club buildings to unload and camp in the southern camping area. Once again unload your boat, park your trailer to the southern end of the site, and park your vehicle to the roadside or to the overflow parking to the entry road. Club members will be available to assist you upon

- The Wildcat Regatta operates under approval from the NSW NPWS. We have advised NPWS there will be no arrivals/camping prior to PM Thursday 3rd October. Please adhere to the constraints of our camping approval. Approval has been gained for stay over camping on Monday night 7th October to avoid traffic chaos to the south and tired driving into the night after 3 days of racing.
- Please remember GLSC is located within ~~Booti Booti~~ Booti National Park and is not an RV park with limited space and a volume of cabbage palms. The camping is restricted to tents and swags. Please do not bring any RVs or similar. There will be no available space and you will be asked to leave. In recent years several competitors have arrived with RVs as tow-vehicles and seeking an exemption. Please think of others please and make alternative arrangements
- Traditionally approximately half the fleet stay on site with the balance of sailors staying off site in the wide range of accommodation available from Pacific Palms to Forster Tuncurry.
- We would encourage all sailors to pre-register and indicate whether you intend to camp on site. We can then advise via social media of available spaces left for prospective competitors.
- Traditionally we have always squeezed campers in with the assistance of already set up camps. If you are not registered prior to the event please do not arrive and set up camping equipment without contacting the club. You may be required to relocate to limited overflow areas depending on the number of registered sailors nominating for camping. We are just trying to keep everybody happy within the constraints imposed by the NPWS.
- There has been some early discussion with the office bearers of Kurnell Catamaran Club Inc. with regard to family Bic sailing during the weekend. GLSC are fully supportive of the initiative although any activities will be subject to acceptable risk management strategies.
- The Friday Eve to the Wildcat has always been about arriving, greetings, rigging, and shakedown sailing. GLSC is considering hosting an invitation Island Race on the afternoon of Friday 4th October subject to the prevailing weather. Appropriate prizes for Line Honours and Handicap Winners. Stay tuned for updates.
- Please remember the event is located within ~~Booti Booti~~ Booti National Park therefore fires of any sort and domestic pets are specifically not permitted. NPWS have also stated that camping ropes are not to be tied to trees.
- It is strongly recommended that you stay home if you are experiencing any cold or flu like systems to reduce the risk to others.

We can't wait to see you all again for another Wildcat Festival of Sail with the site available for camping from PM the 3rd of October 2024 through to AM 8th October 2024. It will once again be a great event with your participation, so don't miss out by registering on line

All queries should initially be referred to the GLSC Facebook page. If required GLSC President, Tim Haffner will be contactable for general enquiries on 0412 206 733.

