

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

2016-2017 RISK WARNING

This RISK WARNING is issued jointly by the host sailing clubs, the NSW and ACT District Laser Association, Australian Sailing and RMS (NSW Maritime), pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 to all persons wishing to participate in any of the 2016 - 2017 season NSW and ACT District Laser Association regattas, these being the Coast Championship at South Lakes Sailing Amateur Sailing Club, the Combined Open State Championship at Georges River Sailing Club, the State Masters Championship at Great Lakes Sailing Club and the Metropolitan Championship at Double Bay 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.

The host sailing clubs, the NSW and ACT District Laser Association, Australian Sailing and NSW Roads and Maritime Services 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 the regatta.

Participants are also advised that although the host sailing clubs are 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 Australian Sailing entitles you to personal accident insurance cover.