

## Sailors' Briefing for the 2015/2016 NSW and ACT District Laser Metropolitan Championship

**Conducted by the Bayview Yacht Racing Association 5 and 6 Mar 16**

This briefing is provided on the web for those sailors who will launch from other sites besides BYRA.

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The flagmast for hoists is on the BYRA upstairs veranda. The Noticeboard is in the upstairs Clubhouse. No notices are currently posted. Attention will be drawn to any Notices via "L" and SMS to all competitors.

The CV for the regatta is a 20' classic launch (photo below). The marks are: the inside course are red inflatables with an orange cherry buoy as the distance mark 1A, the outside course and Mark 5 are green cans, the Start Mark is a white inflatable and the Finish Mark is a pole mark with a blue flag. Please note – there are no gates.

There will be five reaction boats dedicated to the regatta (six including the Committee Vessel). The VHF channel is 69 and all racing matters will be broadcast. There are Senior First Aiders on the course. The Ambulance collection point is Taylors Point Road, off Hudson Parade, Taylors Point. We have conducted liaison with all Clubs around Pittwater and Maritime in order to ensure the best and safest outcomes for all racing activities. The course area for both days is the water to the north of Scotland Island and south of Longnose Point. The best way to get there is to turn right out of the Club and follow the Island shore around. Be wary of the chokepoint between the Newport shore and the Island as there's always some nutjobs in powerboats.

On Saturday we will be sharing the waters of Pittwater with the RMYC fleets of Rangers, Jubilees and Coutas and their Classic Spin and Non-Spin fleets. They will sail a W/L course to the north of us and, concurrently a classic yacht passage race which will finish to our south at RMYC. On Sunday there will be a similar set of boats on a passage race again finishing off RMYC. The combined dinghy clubs will sail their Super Sunday on their south Pittwater course which is the water to the south of our course area. RPAYC has a Sail Expo and should have little presence on the water apart from clouds of their Lasers.

The first Warning Signal on Saturday is at 1330. Sunday at 1100. Please allow plenty of time to get to the racetrack. Saturday in the NE it should take some 20 minutes. We'll aim to do 3 races on both days, Huey willing, and it all looks good at the moment with the NE pattern established. Races, therefore, are not going to be marathons and we should be back in time for the Mardi Gras. The starting order for Race 1 is 4.7, Radials and then Standards. There may be a gap between starts and this will be done under AP. Watch the signals, please. The start order may change for later races, depending on circumstances, such as if a fleet is finished and there is a gap I'll crank them to keep the tempo. There are no judges, umpires or protest committee members on water, so lets make sure our self-policing sport lives up to its reputation.

There are no credible vantage points to spectate the racing unless by boat, although Taylors Point offers the best shot at seeing the racing. Any questions on the instructions can be yelled out, phoned in to me on 0418 654 661 or put over the radio to callsign Laser Start. There will be plenty of boats out on Pittwater over the next two days. Sail safe.

**Don't forget to sign on and off, either in person at BYRA or by SMS to 0477 647 537 (Sailing Instruction 21)**



**BYRA Committee Vessel (start to port and finish to starboard)**