

# HUNTERS HILL SAILING CLUB

## INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS

On behalf of the Committee and Members of the Hunters Hill Sailing Club, we'd like to extend a very warm welcome to all competitors, their families and friends attending the 2025 NSW & ACT Metro Championships at Hunters Hill Sailing Club. We wish you every success in the racing events, and that you enjoy all that our Club has to offer in terms of hospitality, friendship and good cheer.

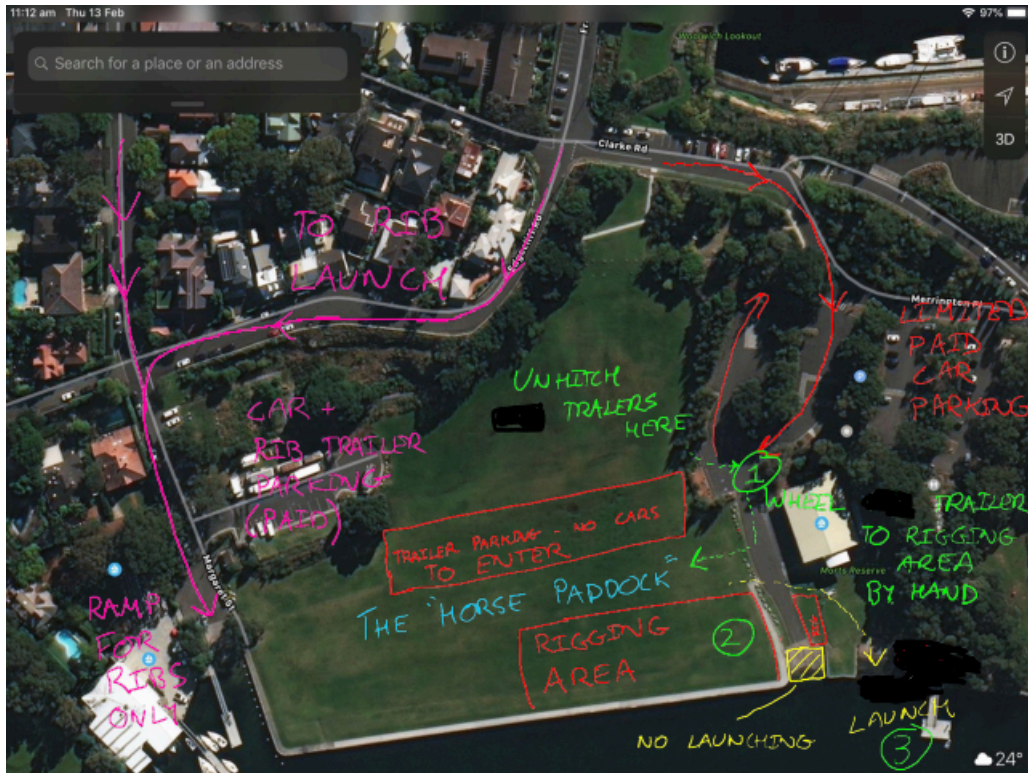
Matthew Wilkinson  
HHSC President

Ben Howell  
HHSC Commodore

Andrew from Boat Crew Gear ([www.boatcrewgear.com](http://www.boatcrewgear.com)) will be at the regatta for any sailing equipment / accessories and will be set up near the entrance to the club.

### Arrival, rigging and launch

To ensure a safe and efficient launch please follow these instructions (and annotations in the attached diagram). It will be busy and crowded and it is important that we keep pathways clear. The area is also used by members of the public so please be conscious of their safety.



Access to the rigging area and trailer parking will be available from 8:00am on Saturday morning. If you would prefer to arrive Friday evening access will be available from 4:30pm to 6pm - however, there will be no club members available to assist with offloading at this time. Also, the "Horse Paddock" is not available for boat or trailer storage until Saturday morning.

Access to the club is via Clarke Rd, turn right into the carpark and follow a clockwise path. Unhitch trailers (not ribs) or unload your ILCA near the entrance to HHSC (marked 1). There will be assistance to help unload boats and unhitch trailers on Saturday morning from 8am.

Trailers can be left on the "Horse Paddock" (site 2). Cars are not permitted on the grass at any time. Trailers need to be unhitched on the road and wheeled onto the grass. The grassed area is not owned by HHSC and is managed by the Harbour Trust. If it has been raining heavily the Harbour Trust may restrict all access in order to avoid erosion or damage. If this happens we will need to beg for everyone's cooperation whilst we come up with an alternate plan. RIBSs can be launched at the public ramp on Margaret Street. Please do not launch your ILCA from this ramp. There is car and trailer parking adjacent to the ramp (up to \$12.50 all day, credit cards accepted). There is also some paid car parking near HHSC. The cost is up to \$15 per day and credit cards are accepted. There is some unpaid parking on Clarke Rd and time-limited free parking on Woolwich Rd and surrounds. Please note that Parking Inspectors are enthusiastic about patrolling the area and the fines are heavy. Expect to be fined if you park outside of an allocated parking spot or do not display a parking ticket.

On Sunday morning, very unfortunately, there will be "French Markets" at Woolwich marina. Parking will be extremely difficult on Sunday morning and you may need to park away from the club and walk. Fortunately, the markets finish in the middle of the day so it will be possible to obtain parking closer to the club for pack up and loading of boats at the end of racing.

Registration will take place in the entrance to the HHSC Boatshed. Please have your insurance details ready with you – electronic copies are fine.

Sailboat launch will be from the HHSC ramp in front of the club (3). Please do not attempt to launch from the ramp between HHSC and the Horse Paddock. It can be dangerously slippery, there are submerged hazards here and people frequently slip and injure themselves on this ramp. It is used solely by a barge from Cockatoo island and is not used by HHSC for any purpose. Please note that no member of the club will assist with trolley retrieval or delivery to this ramp.

Launching will be from the HHSC launch ramp (3). There will be a Ramp Manager to direct boats as well as members of the club to assist trolley retrieval and storage. Please ensure that your sail number is clearly marked on your trolley for easy recovery. Please follow instructions from the ramp manager so that we can get the fleet launched as efficiently as possible.

When returning please follow the instructions of the on-water landing team and be patient. Our Ramp Team will bring your trolley to the water's edge and there will be volunteers to assist in

getting your boat and trolley off the ramp. We ask that once on land you move as quickly as possible to the rigging area to allow others to get off the water.

### **Support boats**

Please launch ribs and support boats from the Margaret Street Boat Ramp. However, do not leave RIBs tied to the pontoon at Margaret Street ramp. This pontoon is for drop off and pick up only and is heavily used.

RIBs can be left temporarily on the HHSC pontoon. We will create a trot line if required on the day. With that said, please note that HHSC is one of the few locations where you can see the racing from the shore. We suggest that you don't bring your RIB, but instead bring a deck chair and a set of binoculars and watch the racing from Clarke's Point.

### **Registration, briefing and sign-off**

Registration, briefing and sign-off will be downstairs in or in front of the boatshed.

### **Sailing**

The waters off the Club are quite heavily trafficked by ferries and pleasure vessels. Please note the ferries have right of way over sailing traffic. While we will endeavor to set the courses in those areas of the bay that are not transit zones, you will almost certainly need to cross a channel at some point. Please keep your eyes peeled and proceed cautiously.

### **Facilities**

Here is some more information about our Club that you might find helpful during the event. Chandlery Whitworths is nearby at 138 Victoria Road Drummoyne (10-15 mins drive).

### **Food**

There will be a coffee for sale at HHSC and the HHSC canteen will be open. It is located on the lower western level of the Club. There will be a BBQ on the ground level each morning selling egg and bacon rolls. On Sunday afternoon there will be a free sausage sizzle for competitors.

The Woolwich Pier Hotel and other cafes & restaurants are located 400 metres north of the club and the Deckhouse restaurant is in the Woolwich Dock area 300 metres east of the club.

Fuel There is a Shell petrol station on Burns Bay Road, 3 kms from the club and more on Victoria Road. Birkenhead Point Marina offers on- water refuelling, just 500m SW of the Club.

### **Noticeboard**

The noticeboard will be in the boatshed

### **Race Office**

The Race Office will be in the boatshed.

**Radio Communications**

HHSC uses VHF Channel 73.

**Showers and Toilets**

These are located on the ground floor of the club and there are public amenities block next to the club.

**Watching the racing**

The best regatta viewing is in the public park to the east of the club, towards the tip of Clarke's Point. Depending on conditions, most race courses at HHSC are visible from this area.