Eastern Cape Provincial Championship 2016 (Incorporated into the SA Laser Class Championships 2016)

Will be sailed at

Pine Lake Marina, Swartvlei From Saturday 1st to Sunday 2nd October 2016

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-16.
- 1.2 Boats participating in this regatta shall conform to the **Equipment Rules** of Sailing (ERS) 2013-16, their respective Class Rules , this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.
- **1.3 Rule 44.1** is changed such that, for multihull classes only, the two turn penalty is replaced with a one turn penalty.
- 1.4 All Skippers shall be paid up members in good standing of their respective class association as well as SAS. All fees (membership and entry) shall be paid before the schedule starting time of the first race. Failure to do so will result in that entry being disqualified.

2 ADVERTISING

International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Regulation 20 – Advertising Code – applies. Boats may be required to display event advertising on the forward part of the hull. Boats shall not display any advertising which is in conflict with that of any official event sponsor.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 In accordance with the ISAF Regulation 19 (Eligibility Code), all competitors (helmsperson and crew) shall be members in good standing of a Yacht Club affiliated to and in good standing with SA Sailing or their Member National Authority in the case of non-South Africans. The Yacht Club name and membership details shall be stated on the entry form. Current valid South African Sailing Membership Cards or similar proof of MNA Membership in cases of non-South Africans shall be presented at Registration.
- 3.2 The regatta is open to all dinghies, 15 foot and under and catamarans 16 foot and under are eligible to participate in this regatta subject to a minimum of ten valid entries in each Class having been received by close of registration. In the event of a Class not having complied with this requirement, all entries from an unsuccessful Class received will be transferred to an 'O' Class.
- **3.3** Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee, to:

Phone: 0726965146

E-mail: chermill@mweb.co.za by no later than 23 September 2016 3.4 In cases of electronic entry, confirmation of payment as outlined in 3.3 above shall clearly bear the following reference no **ECP16** & skippers surname, and be e-mailed, together with the Entry, to the Regatta Secretary.

Late entries will be accepted up to one hour before the start of the first race with an additional payment of R50.00.

4 FEES

Required fees are as follows:

R500-00 per Double-Handed Boat R400-00 per Single-Handed Boat to be paid by Friday 23 September 2016 (midnight)

Late entry fee **R50-00 per boat**.

5 SCHEDULE

- **5.1** Registration will take place at the race office from 08-30 to 12-00 on Saturday 1st October 2016.
- **5.2** The warning signal for the first race will not be before 13h00 on Saturday 1st October 2016.
- **5.3** No warning signal will be made after 15h00 on the last day of racing, 2nd October 2016.

6 MEASUREMENTS

Spot measurements may be taken at any stage during the regatta in order to ensure all boats comply with the class rules.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available from the Regatta Secretary on completion of registration formalities.

8 VENUE

Racing will take place on Swartvlei from Pine Lake Marina.

9 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be indicated on the Regatta Notice Board.

10 NUMBER OF RACES

A minimum of 6 races shall be scheduled.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Rule 44 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for multihull classes only. Rule 44 will apply to all mono hull yachts

12 SCORING

- **12.1** Low Point System of **RRS Appendix A4.1** will apply.
- **12.2** Four races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

13 SAFETY

- **13.1** Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.
- **13.2** All competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid, capable of supporting a 5 kg steel weight at all times, while afloat in a yacht.
- **13.3** Wet or dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy.
- **13.4** Additional safety requirements may be set out in the Sailing Instructions.

14 SUPPORT BOATS

Coach or individual support boats shall be marked with a **White Flag** and shall remain no less than 150m from areas where boats are racing, between the Preparatory Signal and the last competitor finishing the race. Failure to comply shall result in the race committee no longer allowing the support boat in question, from entering the race area at all.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

16 PRIZES

Prizes, medals and trophies may be awarded.

Other prizes and trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing committee

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See **RRS 4, Decision to Race**. Neither the Organizing Authority nor any of its officials or other persons associated with the organization and running of the event shall be held responsible or will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

18 INSURANCE

Each participating boat is encouraged to carry sufficient valid third-party liability insurance to cover any liability arising during the event.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

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