

NOTICE OF RACE

2024 International One Metre Class World Championship

Gladstone, Queensland, Australia

20 – 28 October 2024

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is the Australian Radio Yachting Association (ARYA) in conjunction with the Gladstone Radio Control Yacht Club (GRCYC), the International One Metre International Class Association (IOMICA) and the International Radio Sailing Association (IRSA).

1. RULES AND GOVERNANCE:

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). RRS Appendix E, Radio Sailing Rules will apply.
- 1.2. Heat Management System (HMS 2022) with a maximum of 76 boats.
- 1.3. The Equipment Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.
- 1.4. The IOM Championship Class Rules
- 1.5. IRSA Supplementary Class Rules
- 1.6. The World Sailing Test Rule for Umpired Radio Sailing.
- 1.7. World Sailing Call Book for Radio Sailing.
- 1.8. The Jury may publish a document setting out an accelerated procedure for protests and requests for redress
- 1.9. Any changes to the rules will be indicated in the relevant notice.

2. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS:

- 2.1. Chartered or loaned boats may carry the national letters denoting the national authority and/or the sail number of the person or organization providing the boat. This changes RRS G1.1(b), as modified by RRS E8.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. The competition is open to International One Metre class boats selected by an IOM National Class Association in good standing with IOMICA and IRSA.
- 3.2. Championship Regulations eligibility requirements will apply.

4. ENTRY

- 4.1. Entries and allocation of places shall be governed by IOMICA Championship Regulations paragraph 8 (Entries). The initial closing date shall be 19 April 2024. The allocation of places shall take place within 14 days of the initial closing date.
- 4.2. Non NCA nations may request a guest spot via vcevents@iomclass.org no later than 19 March 2024.
- 4.3. Entry forms shall be available on the event website at <https://iomworlds.com>.
- 4.4. Completed entry forms shall be sent to entries@iomworlds.com no later than 2359hrs on 19 April 2024 (Australian East Standard Time). Entry fees for places allocated under Stage One shall be payable no later than 26 April 2024.
- 4.5. Places allocated under Stages 2- 4 shall only be confirmed upon receipt of the full entry fee. The Organising Authority may announce a closing date for payment of fees for places allocated under each stage.
- 4.6. In order that competitors may be able to compete on equal terms, the race committee shall make as fair an arrangement as possible for those that require additional help. Such competitor who requires any form of help shall contact entries@iomworlds.com prior to entry to confirm that suitable arrangements can be made. It is the competitor's responsibility to determine that adequate facilities are available before entering the event.
- 4.7. Competitors who reside outside of Australia entering this event are required to become a 'Temporary Affiliate Member' of ARYA for the period of the event. This may be exempt for competitors who are insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$20 million per incident or the equivalent. Membership will be completed as part of the competitors entry.

5. FREQUENCIES:

- 5.1. No Radio frequency conflicts will be allowed.
- 5.2. Permitted frequency bands are FCC-approved surface bands. Transmitters on 75 MHz must be narrow band certified. Radio frequencies will be allocated on a “first come first served” basis. Each competitor is required to have a minimum of three (3) additional frequencies available.
- 5.3. 2.4 GHZ radios are permitted and are exempt from RRS E2.4.

6. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION & REGISTRATION:

- 6.1. Boats together with their measurement certificates shall be presented for registration and equipment inspection on 20 October (0900-1800) & 21 October 2024 (0900-1700). Bookings for registration and equipment inspection must be completed on the event website <https://iomworlds.com>.
- 6.2. The Race Committee may extend the time for registration and inspection if there is a valid reason to do so.
- 6.3. No boat shall be eligible to race until it has been registered and has passed equipment inspection.

7. FEES

- 7.1. The entry fee for the event per boat will be AUD \$800 (including IOMICA fee 10€). Payment must be made by bank transfer to the Event Organiser.
- 7.2. Payment via bank transfer to:

Australian Radio Yachting Association

National Australia Bank (NAB)

SWIFT/BIC: NATAAU3303M BSB/Account: 082-171 / 7784 08533
- 7.3. Entry fee includes opening ceremony buffet, lunches from 22 October – 24 October & 26 October - 28 October and presentation dinner on 28 October.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1. All times are Australian Eastern Standard Times.

Day/Date	Time	Activity
Sunday 20 October	0900 – 1800	Equipment Inspection & Registration
Monday 21 October	0900 – 1700	Equipment Inspection & Registration
	1800	Opening Ceremony
Tuesday 22 October	0900 – 0915	Competitor Briefing
	0930	Warning Signal for first race
Wednesday 23 October	0930	Warning Signal
Thursday 24 October	0930	Warning Signal
Friday 25 October	All day	Reserve day
Saturday 26 October	0930	Warning Signal
Sunday 27 October	0930	Warning Signal
Monday 28 October	0930	Warning Signal
	1845	Closing Ceremony

8.1 (a) On 22nd to 27th October the first warning signal of a heat will not be made after 1715.

8.1 (b) On 28th October the first warning signal of a race will not be made after 1500.

8.1 (c) On 22nd to 27th October a Country Representative's meeting will be held 30 minutes after finish of the last race of the day.

8.2. Friday 25th October is a reserve day. There may be racing if less than 3 races have been completed at the end of racing on Thursday 24th October. 1800hrs on 24 October 2024.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1. The sailing instructions will be available at registration and will be available beforehand on the event website <https://iomworlds.com>.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1. WS International Umpires or International Judges shall be appointed as umpires. National Judges and National Umpires may be appointed to assist.
- 10.2. Competitors shall be required to undertake Observer duties.
- 10.3. An International Jury conforming to RRS Appendix N shall be appointed and the right of appeal is denied under RRS 70.5.
- 10.4. When a hearing is reopened under rule 68 or N1.4(b) any decision to penalise or give redress made after the warning signal of any heat to which a party to the hearing may be promoted, shall not change the race schedule for that race. This changes rules 64.1 and 64.2.
- 10.5 RRS 90.3(e) shall apply, except that '24 hours' is replaced by '30 minutes'.

11. SCORING & RACING SYSTEM

- 11.1. The Championship shall be raced and scored under the Heat Management System (HMS 2022). Five races are required to be completed to constitute the championship.

12. ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORT INFORMATION

- 12.1. The event website contains a list of possible accommodation and costs, and a list of social, food, and transport packages and their costs.

13. EVENT & VENUE INFORMATION

- 13.1. Event information updates will be posted on the Web site for the event website <https://iomworlds.com>.

14. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 14.1. By taking part in this event, the competitor gives the organisation and the event's sponsors the right to use and show at any time static or moving pictures, films, and TV recordings of the competitor and/or their boat made during this event in any materials, on any Web pages, and on any social media in support or in connection with the event, including the publication of results, unless it is notified by writing before submitting entry to the O.A. (entries@iomworlds.com) and IOM ICA VC Events (vcevents@iomclass.org).

15. AWARDS:

- 15.1. Top 10 finishers.
- 15.2. IOMICA Perpetual Trophy
- 15.3. First place finisher in the following age categories, based on ages as of October 20th, 2024:
U26 (under 26), Open **OP** (26 - 55), Master **M** (56 - 65), Grand Master **GM** (66 – 70), Great Grand Master **GGM** (71 – 75), Legend **L** (76– 80) & Fantastic Legend **FL** (above 81).

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1. All those entering or taking part in this event do so at their own risk and responsibility. (See RRS 4). The International One Metre International Class Association (IOMICA), the Australian Radio Yachting Association (ARYA), the Gladstone Radio Control Yacht Club (GRCYC) and any other parties involved in the organisation of this event disclaim: “Any and every responsibility whatsoever for loss, material damage, personal injury or death, or inconvenience that might occur to persons and goods, both ashore and on the water, prior to, during or after the regatta, as a consequence of entering or participating in this event covered by this Notice of Race.”
- 16.2. On submitting entry form, the competitor representing his/her NCA agrees to be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing and by all rules that govern this event.

17. RISK STATEMENT (TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH PARAGRAPH 16)

17.1. RRS 4 of the Racing RRSs of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a heat or to continue racing is hers alone.” Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

a. You are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of yourself and your boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event whether afloat or ashore.

b. You accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by your own actions or omissions.

c. Your boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and you are fit to participate.

d. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve you of your own responsibilities.

e. The provision of rescue boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

At all times the responsibility for the safety of boats and competitors, plus the decision to participate or continue must rest solely with and always remain with the competitors.