

*Multihull Association Northern Territory Australia ("MANTA")*

# **NOTICE OF RACE**

## **2006 DARWIN MULTIHULL REGATTA**

### **Incorporating 2006 Australian TORNADO Championship**

*To be conducted at*

**THE DARWIN SAILING CLUB**

**DARWIN NORTHERN TERRITORY AUSTRALIA**

**8 – 15 July 2006**

MANTA (Multihull Association Northern Territory Australia Inc), as the Organising Authority, in conjunction with the host club Darwin Sailing Club Inc, advises that the Darwin Multihull Regatta (incorporating the 2006 Australian Tornado Championships) will be held in Darwin, Northern Territory of Australia, from 8 – 15 July 2006.

#### **RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the current International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2005 – 2008), this Notice of Race, the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia (YA), the class rules of the respective classes (except as changed by the Sailing Instructions), and by the Sailing Instructions.

#### **ADVERTISING**

Competitors may be required to display Series or Event sponsor's name(s)/logo(s) and bow numbers. If the Organising Authority supplies these items, they must be affixed and/or worn in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

#### **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

The regatta is open to multihulls of all classes.

Entry for the 2006 Australian Tornado Championship is open to Tornado Catamarans holding a valid measurement certificate and whose skipper is a current member of the Australian International Tornado Association.

All Australian competitors must be a current financial member of Yachting Australia. Overseas competitors must be currently affiliated with their national sailing body.

Entries must be made to the Organising Authority on the attached entry form prior to or on the day of the first heat of the regatta.

Entries may be accepted after that date at the discretion of the Organising Authority, however a regatta shirt may be subject to availability.

## ENTRY FEES

The regatta entry fee is as follows (all inclusive of GST):

Junior competitors	\$50 per sailor	
Senior competitors	one person boat	\$100
	2 person boat	\$200
	large multihull	\$200

The entry fee includes a harbour cruise on the evening of Tuesday 11 July, a regatta shirt and the Presentation dinner.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Tornado	Off the beach	Large multihulls
Sat 8 July	Registration and Invitation Race, all boats		
Sun 9 July	2 races	2 races	Harbour race
Mon 10 July	3 races	2 races	Harbour race
Tues 11 July	3 races	2 races	Lay day
Wed 12 July	Lay day	Lay day	Lay day
Thurs 13 July	2 races	2 races	Harbour race
Fri 14 July	2 races	2 races	Harbour race
Sat 15 July	Provision for resail if required		Harbour race

Registration will be at Darwin Sailing Club Saturday 8 July from 0800 to 1000.

Tornados will compete as a class. Other boats may be given a separate class start if 5 or more boats of the class are entered.

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.

## RACING AREA

The Racing Area for Tornado class and other off-the-beach multihulls will be the waters of Darwin Harbour, in the vicinity of Darwin Sailing Club.

## COURSES

The Tornado class will sail the ITA Championship Course.

Courses for other off-the-beach boats and large multihulls will be described in the Sailing Instructions or by Special Sailing Instructions posted on the Regatta Notice Board.

## SCORING SYSTEM

RRS Appendix A, Low Point Scoring System, will apply.

## **SAFETY**

All competitors in the Tornado class and other off-the-beach multihulls must wear personal flotation devices in good condition and in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by a national authority affiliated to the International Sailing Federation, or a standards organisation, or certification authority, recognised for the purpose by its respective government.

Large Multihulls must comply with applicable legislation (e.g. *Marine Act* (NT) and Regulations under the Act).

A breach of these safety requirements will result in the offending boat being scored "Did Not Start".

## **SUPPORT BOATS / COACHES**

All boats must keep at least 100m clear of the course area during racing unless asked by the Race Committee to assist.

## **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

A boat must not make or receive radio communications, including by mobile telephone, that are not available to all boats.

## **RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

In participating in this Event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authorities and the sponsors of this Event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the Event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the Event without compensation.

## **LIABILITY**

MANTA, the Darwin Sailing Club, the Australian International Tornado Association and their officers, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the Darwin Multihull Regatta. Competitors take part in the Regatta at their own risk.

The establishment of the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of a competitor for the management of the boat he or she is sailing.

## **INSURANCE**

All boats competing in the Darwin Multihull Regatta must have third party insurance cover of not less than AUD\$5,000,000 (or the equivalent in another currency) for any accident.

All competitors who sign the Entry Form are declaring that they hold such cover. If requested, competitors must produce evidence of such insurance at registration. Personal accident and health insurance is the sole responsibility of each competitor.

## **CONTACTS**

All inquiries, and expressions of interest regarding the regatta, should be directed to the coordinators:

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Visit the Regatta Web site – *Google* "Darwin Multihull Regatta"

## **INFORMATION**

### **DARWIN**

Darwin is the capital city of the Northern Territory and is the northern most capital city in Australia. Darwin is a cosmopolitan city with a population of around 110,000. There are many attractions in and around the city to keep the visitor occupied. In addition, for the more adventurous, the famous Kakadu and Litchfield National Parks are just a few hours drive.

The Regatta will be hosted by the Darwin Sailing Club situated on the Darwin Harbour, approximately five minutes from the city centre. The Club is renowned amongst cruising and yachting fraternities as being equal to any of the worlds best yacht clubs. The Club provides members and guests with first class facilities that includes waterfront bistro, bar facilities, secure boat storage and ample car parking. The relaxing, friendly atmosphere, warm tropical breezes and the fiery sunset may be savoured all year round.

The Regatta will be sailed in the tropical waters of Fannie Bay where the water is warm and the wind and wave conditions relatively benign. The wind conditions in July generally range from 10 to 30 km/h and maximum temperatures average around 32°C.

Sailing facilities at the Darwin Sailing Club are of international standard, and the management has a wealth of experience in hosting national and international events.

### **TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION**

Darwin is situated in the Northern Territory of Australia and is serviced by air, road and sea. Daily scheduled flights operate from every mainland Australian capital city. Excellent sealed highways in the Territory such as the Stuart Highway (sealed all the way from Adelaide), the Barkly highway from Queensland and the Victoria Highway from Western Australia, all provide ease of access to Darwin.