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**Mercedes Benz Mornington**

**Couta Boat Association**

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014**

**December 29 & 30, ( 31st provision for resail) 2014**

**NOR. Notice of Race.**

The Couta Boat Association and SSCBC welcome Division 1 & 2 Couta Boats to compete for the 2014 National Championship in waters off Sorrento and or Capel Sound. A maximum of 4 races are planned.

**ORGANISING AUTHORITY/RULES**

The 2014 Couta Boat Association National Championship is a CBA event and will be conducted by SSCBC (The Committee) under the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the CBA Class Rules and as modified by the standard SSCBC Sailing Instructions and Course Sheets 14/15 and this Notice of Race.

**ENTRIES AND FEES**

Entries and payment (if required) will be accepted on the day by signing-on or by registering with the race day manager in the SSCBC tower no later than 1 hour prior to the start of race 1. Competitors must be YA Silver Card holders and a financial member of the CBA

**SIGN ON/OFF**

In accordance with the Sailing Instructions all competitors will sign on and off by VHF Radio with Sorrento Tower.

**HANDICAPS**

Current SSCBC aggregate handicap system will be used. Boats without a current SSCBC handicap must apply for a handicap from the handicap officer by submitting a skipper & crew list. Under SSCBC Sailing Instructions, the handicapper reserves the right to allocate provisional handicaps and modify any handicap. A substantial change to skipper and/or crew must be notified to the handicapper prior 0900, 28/12/2014

**RACE SCHEDULE**

No races will be started later than 1700hrs on any day.

The Committee reserves the right to make any alteration to the programme and sailing instructions it considers necessary.

**MON 29TH DECEMBER** – SESSION 1 : Warning Signal: First Race, 1200 HRS. Subsequent races to follow back to back. A maximum of 2 races can be held in one session.

**TUES 30TH DECEMBER** – SESSION 2: Warning Signal: First Race, 1200 HRS. Subsequent races to follow back to back. A maximum of 2 races can be held in one session.

**WED 31ST DECEMBER** Provision for resale 1000 HRS

If in the event that a total of 3 races have been completed, the committee will not use the provision for re-sail , results will be calculated on the scores of the 3 completed races.

**SERIES SCORING**

Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series. Each boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores and will exclude her worst score provided at least 4 races are completed.

**PRIZES**

Division 1 and 2, First, Second and Third Handicap.

Division 1 and 2. Line Honours.

**RESPONSIBILITY**

A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety whether afloat or ashore and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces his responsibility.

It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and complete in them. The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims.

The boat is responsible to ensure that she is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather, that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and the crew know how to use it.

Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may occurred as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the races and the event and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officers and official boats.

The provision of Official Boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

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