



VANUATU NATIONAL SAILING ASSOCIATION

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NOTICE OF RACE

SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP SAILING REGATTA

20 – 21 April 2017

The South Pacific Islands Youth Championship Regatta is an invitational championship event intended to provide both a platform and opportunity for the South Pacific Island Nations to determine the champion male and female sailor from amongst the participating nations.

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2 The VNSA prescriptions that will apply are stated in full in Appendix B of this notice of race.
- 1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing and current class rules of competing classes will apply except that class rules on class association membership and championships rules will not apply.
- 1.4 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5

1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

The boats may display advertising of the event sponsor(s) as required by the Organizing Authority. Individual sponsorship conflicting with the event sponsor's business category shall not be allowed.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open male and female sailors who will be under the age of 19 years at the end of the year that the regatta is held.
- 3.2. The regatta is open to the following classes:
 - Laser Female (4.7 and radial)
 - Laser Male (radial and standard)
 - RS Tera Sport (boys and girls)
- 3.3. A maximum of ten (10) male and ten (10) female entries will be accepted per class. In event more than the maximum number of entries is received nations with the most number of entries will be asked to reduce the number of their entries. In event fewer than the maximum number of entries per class is received the host nation may provide additional sailors or mixed gender fleets may be raced.
- 3.4. Eligible sailors may enter by completing the form attached and sending it to vnsa@sailing.vu no later than 15h00 20 April 2017.
- 3.5. Competitors (each crew member) shall present during confirmation of their registration:
 - Payment of their entry fee
 - A supporting document to justify their membership to a World Sailing Member national authority

- Parental or Guardian consent letter authorizing participation and confirming satisfactory medical fitness to compete if aged under 18 years of age on 20 April 2017.
- 3.6. Competitors must be able to satisfy the Organizing Authority that they have adequate 3rd party insurance or current insurance cover for both equipment and Regatta Liability or an appropriate guarantee from their NOC and/or MNA that is acceptable to the Organising Authority.
- 3.7. For the charter boats: a refundable damage deposit of USD400.00 per Laser and USD200.00 per RS Tera is required from each sailor using that boat at confirmation of registration. The deposit shall be returned in full at the completion of the regatta, unless monies are required for repairs (due to competitor negligence) deemed necessary by the host association. A pre-authorisation on a valid credit card will suffice in lieu of a cash deposit.

4. ENTRY FEES

The class entry fee per sailor will be as follows:

- Laser - USD150 including charter fee
- RS Tera - USD80 including charter fee (complete boat)

Important Note: Laser charter sailors must provide their own sail, tiller, tiller extension, rudder, centreboard and XD race pack for use on the Laser charter boat allocated to them.

or

- Laser - USD50 without charter
- RS Tera - USD30 without charter

Included in the entry fee is 2 x packed lunches per sailor and an evening meal at the prize giving.

Competitors must complete entry form (attached separately) and send this to the host association by 19 April 2017.

Registrations must be confirmed and registration formalities completed at the venue on Thursday 20th April from 14h00 till 16h00.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Registration, documentation, insurance and security check will be held on Thursday 20 April 2017 from 14h00 till 16h00 at the venue

5.2 Date and times of racing:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Classes / Event</u>
Thursday 20 April 2017	15h00	Practice Race for all classes
Friday 21 April 2017	09h30	First signal race day 1 – all classes
Saturday 22 April 2017	09h30	First signal race day 2 – all classes

5.3 On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 16h00.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions and their appendices will be available during confirmation of registration on 20th April from 14h00 till 16h00.

7. THE COURSES

- 7.1. The courses to be sailed will be trapezoid or windward / leeward or Triangular.
- 7.2. The location of the racing areas will be as described in the appendix A RACING AREA.

8. SCORING

Three (3) races per class are required to be completed to complete the event. No more than six (6) races per fleet will be completed. Time permitting a mixed gender team race may be included in the race program.

9. 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 phones.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1. Prizes will be awarded to place getters depending on the number of entries in each class.
- 10.2. Prize giving for the South Pacific Islands Youth Championship Regatta will be held on Saturday 22 April 2017 commencing 19h00 at the Port Vila Cruising Yacht Club.

11. DECISION TO RACE

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is the skippers alone. Consequently, accepting to participate in a race or to continue racing, the competitor disclaims

the organizing authority of any liability for damage (material and/or personal injury).

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

For any further information, please contact vnsa@sailing.vu

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Pettitt', is written over a horizontal line.

PAUL PETTITT
Secretary General
Vanuatu National Sailing Association

APPENDIX A - RACING AREA

The South Pacific Islands Youth Championship Regatta for 2017 will be held from the Vanuatu Cruising Yacht Club, Port Vila Harbour, Port Vila.



The race area available to use during the event consists of the area between Iririki Island, Ifira Island and the mainland (Area A), the area between Iririki Island and the open ocean (Area B) and the open ocean (Area C) or a combination thereof.

APPENDIX B

Vanuatu National Sailing Association Variations to the Racing Rules

The VNSA variations applicable for this regatta are as follows:

B1. RRS 64.3 DECISIONS ON PROTESTS CONCERNING CLASS RULES

With regard to protest concerning class rules, the parties to the protest will be liable for all costs involved in checking with class associations regarding such rules. Prior to any hearing the jury may ask the parties to the protest to provide a deposit to cover any such costs that may arise. Any unused monies will be refunded to the parties at the conclusion of the protest.

B2. RRS 67 DAMAGES

Any question about or request of damages arising from an incident involving a boat bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing or International Regulation to Prevent Collision at Sea depends on the appropriate courts and will not be dealt by the jury.

B3. RRS 70. 5 APPEALS AND REQUESTS TO A NATIONAL AUTHORITY

In such circumstances, the written approval of the Vanuatu National Sailing Association shall be received before publishing the notice of race and shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

B4. RCV 86.3 CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES

An organizing authority wishing to change a rule listed in RRS 86.1 in order to develop or test new rules shall first submit the changes to the VNSA, in order to obtain its written approval and shall report the results to VNSA after the event. Such authorization shall be mentioned in the notice of race, in the sailing instructions, and shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

B5. RRS 88 NATIONAL PRESCRIPTIONS

Variations prescribed by VNSA shall be neither changed nor deleted in the notice of race and sailing instructions, except for events for which an international jury has been appointed. In such case, the

prescriptions marked with an asterisk (*) shall be neither changed nor deleted in the notice of race and sailing instructions.

B6. RRS 91 PROTEST COMMITTEE

The appointment of an international jury meeting the requirements of Appendix N is subject to prior written approval of the VNSA. Such notice of approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

ENTRY FORM

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Please complete all form fields below (one form per sailor)

Sailor Name (first / last): _____

Address: _____

_____ Gender: **MALE / FEMALE**

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Sailing Club: _____ MNA: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Sailing Class Entered (please circle the sailing class you wish to enter)

LASER 4,7 / LASER RADIAL / LASER STANDARD / RS TERA SPORT

Do you require a charter boat: **YES / NO**

Important Note: Laser charter sailors must provide their own sail, tiller, tiller extension, rudder, centreboard and XD race pack.

Do you hold adequate liability and third party insurance: **YES / NO**

(Note: Proof of insurance or written undertaken to this effect from your NOC or MNA is required to be presented at registration).

SAILOR UNDERTAKING

I, the undersigned wish to enter and race the 2017 South Pacific Islands Youth Championship Regatta. I undertake to abide by the competition rules and to practice fair play at all times during the competition.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____ 2017

PARENTAL CONSENT

(this form must be completed and signed by the parent / guardian of each sailor under the age of 18yrs at 20 April 2017)

I, the undersigned, am the **PARENT / GUARDIAN** (delete as applicable) of _____

I have granted him / her the required permission to participate in the 2017 South Pacific Islands Youth Championship Regatta and certify that to the best of my knowledge he / she is medically fit and capable of safely doing so.

I hereby grant permission for any emergency medical treatment that he / she may require during the regatta and agree that I will be ultimately liable and will pay for any costs he / she incurs during the regatta be they medical, damage to property, damage to charter sailboats, charges incurred by the hotel / resort and/or any other cost he / she may be directly responsible for.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____ 2017.

Name: _____ Phone: _____