

PACIFIC MINI GAMES
September 22nd – 1st October 2009
Sailing Cook Islands
Aitutaki, Cook Islands

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 The Notice of Race and amendments, the Sailing Instructions and amendments, Class rules for Laser and Hobie Cat 16 will apply except that Class rules on class Association membership will not apply .
- 1.4 Racing rules: 61 will be changed as follows: “boats intending to protest shall conspicuously display a red flag until she is no longer racing and shall inform the Race Committee of the boat being protested immediately after finishing”. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 ADVERTISING

Regulation 20.4.1.3 will apply. Boats are required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to competitors of the Laser Men, Laser Radial Women, Hobie Cat 16 Open classes that comply with the Pacific Games Council Charter and the ISAF Eligibility Code (regulation 19).

Each Nation member of the Pacific Games Council may enter up to two sailors in each class.

Each team shall be accompanied by a team manager and may be accompanied by accredited officials.

A competitor who has represented one Nation at an ISAF Event, world or continental championship shall not represent another member Nation but in case of alteration of residence. These cases shall be approved by the Pacific Games Council executive board.

Entries shall be made on the official forms, according to the following schedule:

- Final entries, with fees corresponding, by name in accordance to Protocol 7 of the Pacific Games Council Charter, providing the total team for the event shall be returned to the Organising Committee no later than 60 days prior to the event, i.e. 21st July 2009.
- No refunds of any fees will be made for entries cancelled after the 21st of July.
- Payment instructions: as per official entry form.

- 3.2 Late entries may be accepted under the following conditions: a surcharge of US\$ 250 will apply to all fees including charter support boats.

4 FEES

- 4.1 Team coach and support boat charter fee, excluding fuel is 100US\$ / day.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration:

September 22nd

From 10:00 to 12:00

Practice races from 13:00 to 17:00

Team leaders/coaches meeting: 17:30

- 5.2* Dates of racing:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Laser/Laser R</u>	<u>Hobie Cat 16</u>
Sep 23	racing	Racing
Sep 24	racing	racing
Sep 25	racing	racing
Sep 25	racing	racing
Sep 26	racing	racing
Sep 28	racing	racing
Sep 29	racing	racing
Sep 30	racing	racing
Oct 1	racing	racing

- 5.3 Boat and gear return and releases, Medals Ceremony, Closing Ceremony:
October 1st after racing.

5.3* The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 09:30.

6 CHARTER BOATS / MEASUREMENTS

6.1 Charter boats are mandatory and are available from September 22nd

6.2 Competitors shall not modify the boats or cause them to be modified in any way except that a compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars; wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;

hulls, center boards and rudders may be cleaned, but only with water;

adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line.

All fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the Class Rules are complied with.

6.2 Competitors shall use only the hull, dagger board, rudder, tiller, mast, boom, sail fittings and lines supplied. A personal tiller extension may be allowed with the approval of the race committee, which may be delegated to the Beach Master.

All parts of equipment supplied have been measured according to the classes' rules and approved by the ISAF delegate.

Substitution of damaged equipment is subject to the approval of the Race Committee, which may be delegated to the Beach Master.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on registration the 22nd September.

8 VENUE

Attachment A shows the location of the racing areas.

9 THE COURSES

The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10 INTERNATIONAL JURY

An International Jury shall be appointed in compliance with Ax N (RRS).

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 will apply.

11.2 For the Hobie Cat 16 class rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11.3 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 The series will consist of up to 15 races on which 5 are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 (a) When fewer than 5 races or less have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from 6 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- (d) Teams event will be scored from the placing of each country entry in that discipline. If a country has only one entry in that discipline it shall be the score of the entered sailor and the points for the last place to make the total. The low points system (RRS- Ax 4) will apply.

13 SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 The Organising committee will provide coach boats (fees as described in 4.1 NOR). Boats will be available from the 20th September to the last day of the regatta.
- 13.2 Coaches/support boats shall be registered by the Race Committee
- 13.3 Each coach boat may be required to be identified with national flags or in any other way at discretion of the Race Committee .
- 13.4 Boats may be shared by coaches of at least 2 different nations as scheduled by the Race Committee. No more than one person from each team shall be on the boat at the same time while racing.
- 13.5 Fuel and consumables are paid by the teams using the boats.
- 13.6 A deposit of US\$ 500 will be charged at registration and refund at the end of the regatta provided the boat is in good conditions. Damages deductions shall be shared between the teams having use the boat.
- 13.7 Spectators boats may be supplied by the Organisation. If so tickets will be available at the race office each day.

14 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.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for

material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

15 INSURANCE

Each participating sailor shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 250 000 NZ\$ for the event.

16 ACCOMODATION

Competitors and team officials will be housed by the OC in the Official Games beachside venue.

All teams' accommodation is booked via the Games Organisers as per the entry forms. Accommodation allocations are made at the sole discretion of the OC. Official accommodation will be available from 10:00 on September 22nd until 10:00 on the 2nd October 2009

All three meals will be provided. Breakfast and dinner will be provided at the accommodation or at a venue to be advised by the OC (with necessary transport included).

The first official meal will be dinner September 22nd and the last official meal will be breakfast on the 2nd October 2009

Extra charges (personal items, drinks etc) are to be paid directly to the hotels and may be paid by credit card or cash.

Special food can be provided if requested in advance. Please send special requests by 21st July 2009.

No refunds given for unused facilities, equipment, services or meals included in official fees.

Early arrivals ; Teams wishing to arrive before the official arrival date, or depart after the official departure date, should contact the Organizing Committee in order to book in the official accommodations. The daily fee per day will be advised at the time of request.

Extra accommodation required for early arrivals or late departures need to be booked by 21st July 2009 through the official accommodation operator to guarantee the special regatta rate.

On site OC facilities will be open from the 22nd September 2009

17 TRANSPORTATION

Transportation between Rarotonga and Aitutaki and between Aitutaki Airport and the Games Village will be provided on official arrival and departure days at no charge by the OC.

18 SUPPORTERS ACCOMODATION

There may be accomodation to house a limited number of supporters at the regatta's venue. Reservations for such accomodation should be made via Sailing Cook Islands.

19 SOCIAL EVENTS

To enhance the Pacific style of the event, to create friendship between the participants and to make their stay especially enjoyable, appropriate social events will be organised.

20 MISCELLANEOUS

Each team is requested to bring its National Flag (100cm x 150cm) and National Anthem recorded on tape or CD.

21 EXPECTED SAILING CONDITIONS

Daytime temperature	24-27 degrees celsius
Sea temperature	19 degrees celsius
Prevailing winds	South Easterly
Average wind speed	10 knots
Wave height	Minimal (enclosed lagoon)
Average tide	½ m
Current	Negligible
General Weather conditions	Sunny with occasional cloudy periods.

22 VISA REQUIREMENTS

Please check with the Cook Islands (New Zealand) embassy or consulate in your country.

23 FURTHER INFORMATIONS

For further informations and queries please contact:

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