



Sanctioned 12 September 2012

Fireball Class National Championship 2012

Will be sailed on

Swartvlei Lagoon

From 15th December 2012 to the 17th December 2012

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the **Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-12**.
- 1.2** The following prescriptions of South African Sailing will apply:
"The SA Sailing Requirements for National Championships".
- 1.3** Boats participating in this regatta shall conform to the **Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2009-12**, the **Class Rules of the Fireball Class**, this **Notice of Race**, and the **Sailing Instructions**.

2 ADVERTISING

Advertising is permitted subject to the limitations of ISAF Regulation 20

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1** In accordance with the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Regulation 19 (Eligibility Code), all competitors (Helmspersons and all other crew) shall be members in good standing of a Yacht Club affiliated to and in good standing with SA Sailing or their Member National Authority in the case of non-South Africans. The Yacht Club name and membership details shall be stated on the entry form or crew list. Current valid South African Sailing Membership Cards or similar proof of MNA Membership in cases of non-South Africans shall be presented at Registration.
- 3.2** The regatta is open to all boats of the above listed class.
- 3.3** Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee, to:
The Regatta Secretary,
Fax: **044 382-7070** E-mail: **Anthony@mtco.co.za**
- 3.4** In cases of electronic or faxed entry, confirmation of payment as outlined in 3.3 above shall clearly bear the following reference number *Fireball SailNo (or name)* and be faxed or e-mailed, together with the Entry, to the Regatta Secretary.
- 3.5** Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions:
Until close of registration on 15 December 2012.

4 FEES

4.1 4.1 Required fees are as follows:

R250 entry fee up to 30 November 2012

R350 entry fee after 30 November 2012

4.2 Other Fees: Class subscriptions : R150 (boat owners); R75 (non-boat owner).

4.3 Other Fees:

All Entry Fees and Class subscriptions shall be paid prior to the close of Registration. Failure to meet this requirement will result in the affected yacht being recorded as Did Not Compete until such time as the required payment/s is/are made. This changes rule A11 (DNC)

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration:

Day and date: 15 December, 2012 From 08h00 To: 09h30

5.2 Measurement and inspection:

Day and date: 15 December, 2012 From 08h00 To 09h30

5.3 Dates of racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Class: Fireball</i>
15 December	Racing
16 December	Racing
17 December	Racing

5.4 Number of races:

Class: Fireball Number: 12

5.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of the regatta is 10h55 on 15 December 2012.

5.6 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on following days shall be posted on the Noticeboard before 19h00 the previous day.

5.7 On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 15h00

6 MEASUREMENTS

Each boat shall produce a valid measurement / rating certificate. In addition spot measurements may be taken at any stage during the regatta.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available from the Regatta Secretary on completion of registration formalities.

8 VENUE

Racing will take place on Swartvlei Lagoon, Sedgefield. The regatta office will be at Pine Lake Marina.

9 THE COURSES

The diagrams in Addendum #1 to the Sailing Instructions 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 SCORING

10.1 Low Point System of Appendix A4.1 will apply.

10.2 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 10.3**
- (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from 5 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 races excluding her two worst scores.

11 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

In order to qualify as a National Class Championship the following criteria shall be satisfied:

- * A minimum of ten valid entries have been received no later than the closing time for registration
- * At least ten finishers in any two races of the series.
- * At least four races completed.

12 SAFETY

12.1 Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.

12.2 All competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid capable of supporting a 5 kg steel weight at all times while afloat in a yacht.

12.3 Wet or dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy!

13 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.

14 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

SAS Medals in accordance with the requirements for National Championships

Fireball National Championship Trophy

Winner of Narrow Hull Trophy

First Lady

First Junior

2nd Place

3rd Place

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Neither the Organizing Authority nor its officials or other persons associated with the organization of the event will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16 INSURANCE

Each participating boat is encouraged to carry sufficient valid third-party liability insurance to cover any liability arising during the event.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact :

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