

2020 AUSTRALIAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

TEAMS RACING REGATTA

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

COVID-19 ADVICE

INTRODUCTION

1. The Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a declared Public Health Emergency of International Concern. The Australian government and health community response to the declaration is comprehensive. We must all do our part to ensure we act consistently with Federal and State Government direction as required. This advice is consistent with Government Policy.

2020 NATIONALS REGATTA

- 2. In consideration of current events the ATSA Committee, in consultation with Government, Clubs and key stakeholders met last week and confirmed that the scheduled 2020 Australian Secondary Schools Teams Racing Regatta scheduled for 27 to 31 May 20, at the Georges River Sailing Club and run this year by NSWTSA, has been postponed.
- 3. At this point the convening of a deferred National Regatta some time later in 2020 remains a consideration for ATSA but is dependent on how the situation evolves in coming months and subject to further Government advice.
- 4. Subject to the factors above, the ATSA Committee will consider deferring the Nationals Regatta to a window - 25 September thru to 4 October 2020, giving regard to the various school holiday windows and other State Youth regattas that may be scheduled at this time.
- 5. Considerations of format, qualification and entry for any deferred regatta will be addressed and shared with stakeholders as they evolve.
- 6. Advice from NZTSA is that they have deferred their National Championships as well and that the 2020 Interdominion Regatta is unlikely to proceed. ATSA will monitor this and remain in dialogue with NZTSA.

This decision is made consistent with Government and School policy and in the interests of all our community.

Further direction can be obtained from the website as the environment changes and further advice may be required - <u>www.austeamsailing.com.</u>

We wish you well in the current climate and look forward to better days ahead.

ATSA Committee