



2025-2026 Season 18 Footer Notice Board

28 October 2025

Change to Notice of Race No.1

13. STORM JIB (amended 28 October 2025)

13.1 An extra “storm” jib supplied by the club may be used for any League races during the 2025-2026 season. This precludes the Nationals and JJ Giltinan World Championships.

Note on reefs and storm jibs

1. In previous years there has been a compulsory 1500mm reef and the ability to hoist a storm jib. The intent is we can get our club races away in most wind conditions without making the crews and Race Officer (RO) feel that their rigs are too big and unsafe. This has evolved over the years as the No2 rigs have grown in size and RO's have become increasingly nervous about the crews safety and getting around the course.
2. This year there are no restrictions or instructions on when to reef and to what height or when to use a storm jib. Teams will be responsible for rigging their boat appropriate to the conditions.
3. Crews have also experimented with different reefs e.g. at 350, 400m and 800m to reduce sail area and reduce drag, make the boat easier to manage in higher winds.
 - As a team you need to know your crew weight and how to match sail size to righting moment as well as skill level both at design stage and when rigging for any given condition
 - Talk to your sail maker and the High Performance Coach Euan McNicol to get the best information and learn from each other's experience.
 - Your attention is drawn to the class rule:
 - H.2.7 The #2 mainsail (the mainsail that fits the 9,200mm measured mast spar) *may* have a reef point at 1500mm from the tack point and measured 90 degrees from the luff of the mainsail and *may* have one other reef point. The Notice of Race *may* make the 1500mm reef point on the #2 mainsail mandatory.