



# NOTICE OF RACE

**Incorporating the 2023 Victorian Para Sailing Championships**

**Organising Authority: Royal Brighton Yacht Club**

With support from Victorian partner clubs:  
Black Rock Yacht Club (BRYC), Mordialloc Sailing Club (MSC)  
and Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club (SSCBC)

Version 1.2

V1.1	1/10/2023	Added Nacra 17
V1.2	11/10/2023	Revised schedule for Hansa, Liberty to 3 days

The Sail Melbourne Regatta will be held from 30 November to 3 December 2023.

The Regatta will be sailed from Royal Brighton Yacht Club, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. Royal Brighton Yacht Club acknowledges the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging

## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 All crew members shall wear, whilst afloat, an approved lifejacket. Life jackets shall comply with Australian Sailing Special Regulation Part 2, section 5.01.2.
- 1.3 No National Prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for RRS42, will apply.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.6 RRS Appendix B Windsurfing and RRS Appendix F Kite Boarding racing rules will apply.
- 1.7 The use of helmets for Foiling Boards is mandatory when afloat.
- 1.8 RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
- 1.9 [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 64.
- 1.10 [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- 1.11 [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be available from 1700 hrs 28 November 2023 on the [Official Notice Board](#).

## 3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The event will operate a virtual Notice Board to reduce congregation. All race documents will be available on the [Official Notice Board](#).
- 3.2 [DP] While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 All competitors shall be a current member of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing or a World Sailing Member National Authority (MNA).
- 4.2 The regatta is open to the boats listed in Attachment A below.
- 4.3 Competitors shall enter and support vessels shall register by completing the on-line entry form on the event website [www.sailmelbourne.com.au](http://www.sailmelbourne.com.au) and paying the required fees. On-line entry opens on 1 July 2023 late entry fee applies after midnight 22 November 2023.
- 4.4 For competitors under 18 years of age, a parent (or guardian) shall agree to the terms and conditions via the online registration form at [www.sailmelbourne.com.au](http://www.sailmelbourne.com.au)

- 4.5 All competitors and support persons will be governed by the COVID-19 State Government regulations and protocols.
- 4.6 The Organising Authority may cancel or make other arrangements for an event if the minimum number of entries (10) ten in any non Olympic class have not been received by midnight (local time), 22 November 2023. For Olympic classes, the minimum number of entries is three.
- 4.7 Competitors will be notified of cancelled or rearranged events by email and posting on the event website. The entry fees for cancelled events will be refunded.
- 4.8 The Victorian Para Sailing Championships will be sailed in conjunction with the open fleets in the 2.4mR, Hansa 303 one-person, Hansa 303 two-person and Liberty. To be eligible for Victorian Para Sailing Championships Prizes a minimum of one crew shall comply with one or more of the following:
- a) Athlete is included in the current Para World Sailing International Classification Master List or has obtained a valid National or International Para Sailing Classification.
  - b) Athlete is included on the current Virtus Master List or is a Registered Special Olympics Athlete (Hansa 303 single-person or two-person only)
  - c) Athlete has a current IBSA Classification (Hansa 303 two-person only)
  - d) Athletes may be required to provide evidence of their current classification.

## 5 FEES

- 5.1 Fees are stated in Australian currency (AUD) and include any local taxes (GST). Entry fees are outlined in the Schedule NOR Attachment A.
- 5.2 If an entry is cancelled by the competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

<b>Cancellation Date</b>	<b>Entry Fee Refund</b>
Before or on 1 November 2023	100%
After 1 November and before 14 November 2023	50%
After 14 November 2023	0%

## 6 [NP] [DP] ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

## 7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 The Registration/Regatta Office for Competitors and Support Persons will be open as per the Schedule NOR Attachment A. An electronic online registration and competitor briefing may be introduced.
- 7.2 Registration shall be completed prior to the start of the first scheduled race for the respective class.
- 7.3 The first briefings for all Competitors and Support Persons will take place at the RBYC as per the event schedule NOR Attachment A.
- 7.4 The start time for the first race will not be before 1245 hrs on the first scheduled day of racing. On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1600 hrs.

## 8 [NP] [DP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 Boats and equipment may be subject to inspection at any time during the regatta to ensure compliance with the Rules.

## 9 VENUE

- 9.1 The regatta will be conducted from the Royal Brighton Yacht Club, Melbourne, Australia.

## 10 THE COURSES

- 10.1 The format, courses to be sailed and the class allocation to the racing areas will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions. Classes may be divided into groups for racing. The decision of the Organising Authority will be final.

## 11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply as modified. RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
- 11.2 For the 49er, 49erFX, Nacra 17, 29er, Liberty and Hansa 303, RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## 12 SCORING

- 12.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 The maximum number of races is in Attachment A.
- 12.3 Scoring for the Victorian Para Sailing Championships will be drawn from the overall fleet results for the open fleets in the 2.4mR, Liberty, Hansa 303 one-person and Hansa 303 two-person.

## 13 [NP] [DP] SUPPORT VESSELS

- 13.1 All support vessels shall be registered with the Organising Authority (no charge) and will be required to comply with local legislation and event [support person vessels regulations](#).
- 13.2 Support vessels shall comply with local legislation, including the safety equipment to be carried and conditions under which lifejackets shall be worn. Kill cords must be used when the motor is operating. A copy of the regulations is available at safety-equipment-for-powered-vessels and life jackets -devices. <https://transportsafety.vic.gov.au/maritime-safety/recreational-vessel-operators/powerboat/victorian-recreational-boating-safety-handbook>
- 13.3 Support vessels shall familiarise themselves with RRS 37, Search and Rescue Instructions.
- 13.4 All support vessels shall keep at least 50m to leeward of the start line and its extensions between the preparatory signal and the start signal and more than 50 metres clear of any competing boat or mark of the course, between the start signal and the finish of the last boat, except when asked by the race committee to enter the course area or assist competitors.
- 13.5 All support vessels are required to carry a working VHF radio to monitor the advised frequency
- 13.6 Trailers shall not be left at Royal Brighton Yacht Club.

### 14 [DP] BERTHING

- 14.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park or in the marina as described by the Organising Authority during registration and check-in. Trailers shall not to be left within the boat park during the regatta. Any trailers left within the boat park may be moved / relocated at the Organising Authority's discretion.
- 14.2 Only Support vessels that are registered and paid will receive marina berthing within the Royal Brighton Yacht Club.

### 15 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 15.1 Boats assigned berthing shall not be hauled out during the regatta, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

### 16 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 16.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats that have been assigned berthing within the marina between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

### 17 PRIZES

- 17.1 Medals will be awarded to the top 3 boats in each class. The Organising Authority may alter prizes if fewer than 10 boats are entered in an event.
- 17.2 Additional Prizes: At the discretion of the Organising Authority. Class specific trophies will be awarded where provided by the Class.

### 18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

### 19 INSURANCE

- 19.1 Each competing boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$5,000,000 (recommend \$10,000,000) per incident or the equivalent.
- 19.2 The Organising Authority may request a copy of the Certificate of Currency.
- 19.3 Third Party and Boat Insurance can be purchased via [Network Steadfast](#).

### 20 MEDIA RIGHTS

- 20.1 By participating in the Sail Melbourne regatta competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.



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20.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. This shall not be grounds for Redress under RRS62.1.

20.3 Competitors may be required for interviews or press conferences at the regatta.

## 21 AMENDMENTS

21.1 Any amendment to this Notice of Race will be posted on the website:  
[www.sailmelbourne.com.au](http://www.sailmelbourne.com.au)

## 22 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

Sail Melbourne - Website: [www.sailmelbourne.com.au](http://www.sailmelbourne.com.au)

### **Royal Brighton Yacht Club (RBYC)**

**Location** 253 Esplanade, Middle Brighton VIC 3186 – [Google Maps](#)

**Contacts** RBYC Sailing Office  
Phone: +61 9592 3092  
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**Access to facilities:** Early arrivals please contact RBYC Sailing Office



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### ATTACHMENT A Preliminary Event Schedule

Preliminary Event Schedule		Entry Fees	Sch of Races	Wednesday 29-Nov	Thursday 30-Nov	Friday 1-Dec	Saturday 2-Dec	Sunday 3-Dec	Monday 4-Dec
Preliminary Event Schedule	Regatta Office			1300 - 1600	0900-1700	0900 - 1700	0900 - 1700	0900 - 1700	
	Volunteer Briefing			1800					
	Competitors Briefing			1830					
	Coaching/Support Personnel			1830	1000 hrs	1000 hrs	1000 hrs	1000 hrs	
	ILCA 7	\$300	8	For early arrivals please contact RBYC Sailing Office	Racing	Racing	Racing	Racing / Pres.	
	ILCA 6	\$300	8		Racing	Racing	Racing	Racing / Pres.	
	ILCA 4	\$280	8		Racing	Racing	Racing	Racing / Pres.	
	Aeros	\$160	6				Racing	Racing / Pres.	
	470	\$400	8		Racing	Racing	Racing	Racing / Pres.	
	420	\$380	8		Racing	Racing	Racing	Racing / Pres.	
	49er	\$400	12		Racing	Racing	Racing	Racing / Pres.	
	49er FX	\$400	12		Racing	Racing	Racing	Racing / Pres.	
	29er	\$380	12		Racing	Racing	Racing	Racing / Pres.	
	Nacra 17	\$400	12		Racing	Racing	Racing	Racing / Pres.	
	iQFOiL	\$300	12		Racing	Racing	Racing	Racing / Pres.	
	Kite Foil	\$300	20		Racing	Racing	Racing	Racing / Pres.	
	Wing Foil	\$160	10				Racing	Racing / Pres.	
	2.4mR	\$185	9				Racing	Racing / Pres.	
	Hansa 303 one-person	\$185	9				Racing	Racing / Pres.	
	Hansa 303 two-person	\$225	9				Racing	Racing / Pres.	
	Liberty	\$185	9			Racing	Racing / Pres.		
	Tasar	\$160	6				Racing / Pres.		
	RS100	\$225	9			Racing	Racing / Pres.		
Optimist	\$120	6				Racing / Pres.			
Late Entry Fee 23 November 2023	\$100								
Prize Giving							After Racing		