



2026 VIODA Organic Garden Int' Optimist
Victorian & Open Championship

NOTICE OF RACE

Royal Brighton Yacht Club (RBYC) as the Organising Authority, on behalf of the Victorian International Optimist Dinghy Association (Vioda), invites entries for the 2026 International Optimist Victorian Championship to be held on the waters of Port Phillip from 7-9 March 2026.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Open and Intermediate fleets will be governed by;
 - 1.1.1. The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 Off the Beach Boats.
- 1.2. Green Fleet racing will be governed by;
 - 1.2.1. World Sailing Introductory Rules for Racing and the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats.
- 1.3. Appendix T Arbitration will apply.
- 1.4. The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available from the RBYC website no later than 1700 on Wednesday 4 March 2026.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board is located online at <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/?ID=82126>
- 3.2. Regatta information will be pushed out on this WhatsApp Group <https://chat.whatsapp.com/KaOzLRgsAT07ubCYg2BMrF>
- 3.3. While racing, 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. The Victorian Open, Intermediate and Green Fleet Championships are open to all International Optimist Class boats whose helms are financial members of a State or National International Optimist Dinghy Association and are members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing or another World Sailing Member National authority and born in or after 2011.
- 4.2. All entries must be a current financial member of their home Optimist state association. Registration for Vioda membership is available at <https://vioda.org.au/registration/>.
- 4.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form available at <https://sailingresults.net/entry/default.aspx?ID=9669975> and paying the normal entry fee prior to 2359 on Friday 27th February 2026.
- 4.4. Entries after Friday 27th February 2026 will be subject to an additional late fee.
- 4.5. Close of entries 17:00 Friday 6th March 2026.
- 4.6. Support boats are free to register up until 27th February and \$50 after this date.

4.7. The divisions will be as follows:

Fleet Level	Experience Level
Green	Learning to race
Intermediate	Intermediate
Open	Advanced

4.8. Competitors may only voluntarily change division (fleet) before close of registration.

4.9. Allocation of any competitor to Open Fleet, Intermediate Fleet or Green Fleet is subject to the approval of VIODA, and may only be varied during the event by the Race Committee.

5. FEES

5.1. The normal entry fee will be \$175 per boat.

5.2. The late entry fee is \$225 per boat.

6. [DP] [NP] ADVERTISING

6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

7. SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event
Saturday 7 March 2026	0800-1000	Registration
	1030	Competitor briefing
	1045	Green Fleet Training Session
	1200	First warning signal
	After racing	Sausage sizzle
Sunday 8 March 2026	0900	Competitor briefing
	1030	First warning signal
	After racing	Sausage sizzle
Monday 9 March 2026	0900	Competitor briefing
	1030	First warning signal
	After racing	Sausage Sizzle & Presentation

7.1. Three races are scheduled each day and will be raced back-to-back.

7.2. Additional races may be sailed each day, provided that racing does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.

7.3. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after approximately 1500.

8. [DP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1. Only one hull, centreboard, rudder (with tiller extension), mast, boom, sprit and sail shall be used during the regatta.

8.2. All Open and Intermediate Fleet boats shall produce valid measurement certificates and a completed measurement form for the hull and all equipment at registration.

8.3. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the IODA class rules and the sailing instructions.

8.4. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

9. VENUE

9.1. Racing will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip in the vicinity of RBYC.

10. COURSES

10.1. Courses will be described in the sailing instructions.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.3. When from five to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.4. When nine races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 11.5. Allocated place determination for the Intermediate Division: Boats may be scored using their current standing at a position on the course determined by the Race Committee.

12. [DP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 12.1. All support person vessels are required to register with the organising authority at <https://sailingresults.net/entry/default.aspx?ID=9669975>
- 12.2. Support boats are free to register up until 27th February and \$50 after this date.
- 12.3. It is required that support person vessels comply with the following:
 - 12.3.1. Register at the regatta office and receive an identification flag which must be displayed at all times.
 - 12.3.2. Attach a kill cord (optionally extended) at all times when the engine is running.
 - 12.3.3. Sign on and off via the regatta VHF channel each day and declare POB on board.
 - 12.3.4. Restrict their speed to 5 knots within 100m of any competitor.
- 12.4. Support person vessels shall carry a VHF radio and monitor the Race Committee channel.
- 12.5. Authorised coaches will be permitted in the Green Fleet race area.
- 12.6. Except when requested by the Race Committee to participate in rescue operations, all other support vessels shall stay outside areas where boats are racing, from the time of the preparatory signal for a race to start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals postponement or abandonment. The area the boats are racing in is defined as the area inside the course and within 100 m of any mark, lay line, start line, finishing line or any area where any boat that is racing is sailing or may sail.
- 12.7. Support persons shall familiarise themselves with RRS 37, Search and Rescue Instructions.
- 12.7. Support persons shall not signal competitors while racing is underway.
- 12.8. Support person briefings may be conducted daily to provide feedback and outline proposed plans for the day.

13. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 13.1. In participating in the event, a competitor automatically grants to the organising authority, VIODA, and the sponsors of this event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

14. RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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.

15. INSURANCE

- 15.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$5 Million per incident or the equivalent.

16. PRIZES

16.1. Prizes will be given as follows:

Open Champion	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd Placed Boy 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd Placed Girl
Victorian State Champion (VIODA Members/Victorian residents only)	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd placed boy 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd placed girl
Intermediate Fleet	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd placed boy 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd placed girl
Green Fleet	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd placed boy 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd placed girl Participation certificates for each competitor
Under 12 (VIODA Members/Victorian residents only)	1 st placed boy 1 st placed girl
Under 11 (VIODA Members/Victorian residents only)	1 st , placed boy 1 st placed girl
Under 10 (VIODA Members/Victorian residents only)	1 st , placed boy 1 st placed girl

Perpetual Trophies

Victorian State Champion (Vic residents only)
Victorian first girl (Vic residents only)

In Green Fleet and Intermediate Fleet, prizes will not be awarded to competitors who were awarded a prize for placing in the same fleet in a previous Victorian State Championship.

16.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

17. TRAILER STORAGE

Trailers can be parked at the Trey Bit Reserve, Sandringham. See Attachment A and contact sailing office for access details.

18. CHARTER BOATS

A limited number of charter boats are available at:

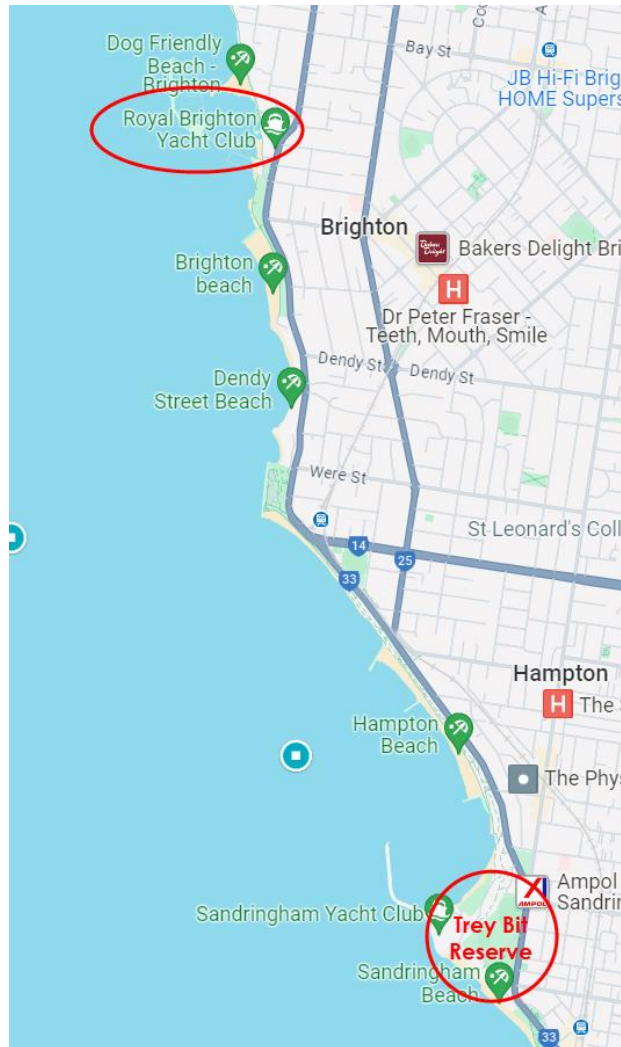
<https://www.nbsailsports.com.au/collections/charter-boat-options>

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

RBYC Phone: 03 9592 3092

Colin Burgess email: boatingmanager@rbyc.org.au

ATTACHMENT A – Trailer Storage



Trey Bit Reserve is located 4.5km south of Royal Brighton Yacht Club.
Take Beach Rd south and 100m past the Ampol Service station turn right into Jetty Road.

On Jetty Road, at the roundabout, turn right into Trey Bit Reserve.
Access will be via combination lock. Contact the club for the number.

