



# 2026 Zhik Vic Youth Championships

11-12 April 2026

Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club, 3154 Point Nepean Rd, Sorrento VIC



## Notice of Race (NOR)

The Organising Authority (OA) is Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club (SSCBC), in conjunction with Australian Sailing

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and Australian Sailing Prescriptions.
- 1.2. Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for off the beach boats applies.
- 1.3. Class Rules apply.
- 1.4. RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for rule 42, will apply.
- 1.5. RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 1.6. RRS Appendix WF, Wing Foiling Racing Rules will apply.
- 1.7. RRS Appendix B Windsurfing Fleet Racing Rules, excluding B8 will apply to the iQFOiL class.
- 1.8. [SP] Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 1.9. iQFOiL and Wing Foil crew shall wear a helmet to the minimum standard EN1385, EN1077, EN 966, ASTM 2040, Snell S98 or equivalent. For iQFOiL and Wing Foil the helmet shall have a brightly coloured region of at least 300 square centimetres of the exterior surface that can be seen from above the water with crew lying face down or face up.
- 1.10. In all rules governing this regatta the term 'support person' means coaches, team leaders and other support persons.
- 1.11. [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing. This changes A5.
- 1.12. [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat and for which the Protest Committee may refuse to hold a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1 and 60.5(a).
- 1.13. [DP] Denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions will be available from 1700 hrs on Saturday 4 April 2026 on the Official Notice Board on the event website.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board (ONB) is located at [www.sailingyouth.org.au/youth-sail-vic](http://www.sailingyouth.org.au/youth-sail-vic)
- 3.2. [DP] 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. Competitors shall enter by completing the online entry form on the [event website](#) and paying the required fees.
- 4.2. Entries may be cancelled, at the discretion of the OA, should a class not meet the minimum number of 4 entries as of 17 March 2026.
- 4.3. The event is open to the following classes:

One Person Classes	One Person Classes	Two Person Classes
Optimist Intermediate/Open	ILCA 4	Int. 29er
Minnow Intermediate/Open	ILCA 6	Int. Cadet
Open Skiff Silver/Gold	iQFOiL	Int. 420
Sabre	Wing Foil	

- 4.4. Other classes may be included, minimum entry numbers may be adjusted, and classes may be merged at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.5. Competitors must be under 23 years of age at 31 December 2026.
- 4.6. All competitors shall be members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing or a World Sailing MNA.
- 4.7. [NP] All competitors shall be members of the relevant Class Association.

- 4.8. All competitors shall comply with the Code of Conduct agreement contained in the entry form.
- 4.9. For competitors under 18 years of age, a parent (or guardian) shall agree to the terms and conditions contained in the entry form.
- 4.10. Competitors shall enter by completing the online entry form on the [event website](#) and paying the required fees.

## 5. FEES

- 5.1. An optional Coaching Clinic will be held before the regatta from 9 to 10 April.
- 5.2. Entry fees are as follows:

### Coaching Clinic - 9 to 10 April

Entry Type	Entry Fee – Clinic Entry Closes midnight 26 March
One Person Classes	\$150
Two Person Classes	\$215

### Regatta – 11 to 12 April

Entry Type	Early Entry Fee until 26 March	Standard Entry Fee from 27 March
One Person Classes	\$135	\$235
Two Person Classes	\$195	\$295

- 5.3. Should the Organising Authority cancel the Event the entry fee will be refunded less transaction fees.
- 5.4. If any entry is cancelled by the competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Cancellation Date	Refund
Three weeks prior to event	100%
Two weeks prior to event	50%
One week prior to event	0%
Cancellation due to injury/illness	100% less transaction fees

## 6. [NP] [DP] ADVERTISING

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

## 7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. [DP] Any changes to registration details, including sail numbers, must be emailed to the Organisers prior to 0900 hrs on Tuesday 7 April 2026.

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 1 April		Registration details emailed to competitors to check details for changes.
Tuesday 7 April		Competitor entry changes via email closed
Thursday 9 April Coaching Clinic	0800 hrs 0930 hrs Approx. 1200 hrs Approx. 1600 hrs Approx. 1700 hrs	Registration opens Rigged and Ready; Registration closes Lunch Break Daily Debrief Burger and Chips & Guest Speaker Jim Colley OLY
Friday 10 April Coaching Clinic	0930 hrs 1000 hrs Approx. 1200 hrs Approx. 1600 hrs	Rigged and Ready Australian Sailing Parent Info Session - upstairs Lunch Break Daily Debrief
Saturday 11 April Regatta	0800 hrs 0900 hrs 0900 hrs 0930 hrs 1130 hrs	Registration opens Registration closes Competitor welcome and briefing Support Person briefing First Warning Signal
Sunday 12 April Regatta	0830 hrs 1100 hrs ASAP after racing	Competitor & Support Person briefing First Warning Signal Presentation

- 7.2. A maximum of four (4) races for dinghy classes and five (5) for foiling board classes

- 7.3. For iQFOiL and Wing Foil eight (8) races are scheduled. For all other classes six (6) races are scheduled.
- 7.4. No warning signal will be made after 1600 hrs on the last scheduled day of racing.
- 8. [NP] [DP] TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**
- 8.1. A Technical Committee will be appointed in accordance with RRS92.
- 8.2. Boats and equipment may be subject to inspection at any time during the regatta to ensure compliance with the Rules.
- 9. VENUE**
- 9.1. Racing will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip in the vicinity of SSCBC.
- 10. 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.
- 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 Foiling Boards, and 29er, RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 11.3. A list of boats that have been penalized under Appendix P for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.
- 11.4. The intention is to appoint a Non-Appealable Protest Committee (National Jury) so that the right to appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.3.
- 11.5. For rule breaches notated [SP] the Race Committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing. A list of these breaches and the associated standard penalties will be posted on the Official Notice Board. A boat that has been penalised with a standard penalty can neither be protested for the same incident by another boat nor can another boat request redress for this race committee action. This changes RRS 60.1, 60.5 and Appendix A5.
- 12. SCORING**
- 12.1. The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply. For the iQFOiL Class RRS B8 is deleted.
- 12.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3. To request correction of an alleged scoring error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry via the scoring enquiry link on the ONB.
- 12.4. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.5. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 13. [NP] [DP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**
- 13.1. All support person vessels shall be registered for the event via the [official website](#). The organising authority may refuse registrations and accept late registrations at their discretion.
- 13.2. Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels, shall comply with the support team regulations listed in NOR Addendum 1 – Support Person Vessel Regulations
- 13.3. Support person vessels shall comply with local legislation, including the safety equipment to be carried. A copy of the regulations are available at [safetransport.vic.gov.au/on-the-water/recreational-boating/safety-equipment/](https://safetransport.vic.gov.au/on-the-water/recreational-boating/safety-equipment/)
- 13.4. Life jackets (minimum Level 50) must be worn by all persons onboard and kill cords must be used by the driver when motor is operating.
- 13.5. Support person vessel drivers must hold a Power Boat Licence.
- 13.6. Support vessels must have a current insurance policy with a minimum value of \$5,000,000 for public liability insurance.
- 13.7. At all times, the registered driver(s) of a support vessel shall comply with directions given by a Race Official. This includes assisting in rescue operations when instructed to do so. RRS 37 - When a race committee displays code flag "V" with one sound, all boats and official and support vessels shall monitor the race committee communication channel for search and rescue instructions.
- 13.8. All support person vessels shall keep 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.

- 13.9. All support person vessels are required to carry a working VHF radio to monitor the advised frequency.
- 13.10. Penalties may apply to competitors that are associated with a support vessel that breaches any of the above conditions.

#### 14. [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 14.1. Substitution of helms will not be allowed. Substitution of crew will only be allowed with prior written approval of the Organising Committee and shall comply with any restrictions in the NOR.
- 14.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the technical committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing using the link on the ONB.

#### 15. BERTHING

- 15.1. [NP] [DP] Competitor boats and support vessels shall be kept in their assigned places at the regatta site as described by the Organising Authority with details provided on the official website.
- 15.2. Road Trailers shall not be left at the regatta site or the lower or upper car parks or their vicinity.

#### 16. RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1. 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.**

#### 17. INSURANCE

- 17.1. Each boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$5,000,000 Million (recommended \$10,000,000) per incident or equivalent.

#### 18. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 18.1. Participants at this event automatically grant to the Organising Authority, Australian Sailing and the sponsors of the 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 them during the period in which they participate, and in all material related to the event without compensation.
- 18.2. Competitors may be required for media interviews at the regatta.

#### 19. PRIZES

- 19.1. Prizes will be awarded for the first three placed boats in each division.
- 19.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising committee.

#### 20. FURTHER INFORMATION

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