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**TLC Healthcare  
International RS Aero Class  
2026 Victorian Sailing  
Championships  
V2**



**NOTICE OF RACE**

**7<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026**



**Organising Authority:**  
Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club

**In conjunction with the:**  
RS Aero Association of Australia Inc

## **1 RULES**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028* ('RRS').

1.2 The *Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 For Off the Beach Boats*, shall apply.

1.3 The rules of the RS Aero class association shall apply.

1.4 ~~Appendix P, Special procedures for rule 42 and~~ Appendix T, Arbitration will apply.

1.5 A boat may receive outside help where the Race Committee decides that she and her crew require assistance to right the capsized boat in order to continue racing. This changes Rule 41, RRS.

1.6 The notation '[NP]' denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest or redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 and 61.1

1.7 The notation '[SP]' denotes a rule for which a standard penalty will be applied by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 60.5, Appendix A5.

1.8 The notation [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 64.

1.9 Spot checks may be conducted during the event to verify compliance with these rules and regulations.

## **2 ADVERTISING**

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. Details will be supplied at registration.

## **3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available on the official notice board by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2026.

## **4. COMMUNICATION**

4.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/?ID=82193> .

4.2 Competitors and supporters may join the following WhatsApp group which will be used for other communications during the event <https://chat.whatsapp.com/GkPDjBdOHQOKMXKLUjKkbs> .

4.3 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.

4.4 No electronic device which could be used to increase boat speed or gain a tactical advantage shall be attached to a boat or carried by a crew member, other than (a) time keeping devices, (b) digital compasses provided these cannot calculate speed or location information for use while racing and (c) Tack Tracker type devices that record data relating to the position of a boat but do not permit any visual display of that data to a crew member while racing.

## **5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

5.1 The regatta is open to all four RS Aero classes (5/6/7/9) whose skipper is a current financial member of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing and a member of the RS Aero Class Association of Australia.

5.2 Entries ~~received before 11.59pm on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026~~ are \$105. ~~A late entry fee of \$35 applies to entries received after this date.~~

5.3 The online entry shall be submitted at: <https://sscbc.com.au/2026-aero-vic-states/>

5.4 The specific Aero class (rig size) needs to be specified at entry. However, the nominated class (rig size) can be changed at registration.

5.5 If a boat wishes to change classes during the regatta (and therefore have a new entry), they will inform the Race Committee at least one hour before the first warning signal for the race affected by the change of rig. The new entry will be covered by their original entry fee. Only one change of class will be permitted, and the new rig will then be used for the remainder of the championship. The score for all previous races with the new rig will be DNC. The score for all subsequent races with the original rig will be DNC.

5.6 Charter Boats available through Sailing Raceboats Australia: [sales@sailingraceboats.com.au](mailto:sales@sailingraceboats.com.au)

## 6. CODE OF CONDUCT

Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials and SSCBC's Code of Conduct.

## 7. SCHEDULE

7.1 The proposed schedule is as per below:

Date	Event	Time
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2026	Welcome Drinks SSCBC Fort Room	1700hrs
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2026	Registration	0830 – 1000 hrs
	Competitors' Briefing	1100 hrs
	Leave Beach	1200 hrs
	First Warning Signal	1230 hrs
	Sausage Sizzle with Tips and Tricks on Western Lawn	After racing
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2026	Egg and Bacon Roll	0800 hrs
	Competitor Briefing	0900 hrs
	Leave Beach	1000 hrs
	First Warning Signal	1030 hrs
	Presentation & Prize Giving	After racing, if event has been completed
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2026	Competitor Briefing	0900 hrs
	Leave Beach	1000 hrs
	First Warning Signal	1030 hrs
	Presentation & Prize Giving	After racing

7.2 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1600 hrs.

7.3 A maximum of 4 races may be sailed in one day.

7.4 One day during the regatta (Monday if feasible) will be designated as a Lay Day. The Lay Day will be determined by the Organising Authority based on weather forecasts and competitors will be advised of the Lay Day no later than 1800 hours the day before it comes into effect.

## 8. VENUE

The racing area shall be on Port Phillip Bay and off the club.

## 9 THE COURSES

The courses will be a trapezoid as described in the sailing instructions.

## 10 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS rule 44.1 ~~and P2.4~~ are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## 11 CLASSES AND DIVISIONS

There **may** be separate starts for Aero 5, 6, 7 & 9, provided there is a minimum of 3 entries to each class.

## 12 SCORING

12.1 Six (6) races are scheduled of which three (3) are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

12.3 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 13 TROPHIES

13.1 Trophies will be awarded according to each Aero class entry numbers. A minimum of 3 boats per class will be required for the awarding of a 1<sup>st</sup> place in that class. A minimum of 4 boats per class will be required for the awarding of a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in that class.

13.2 Further trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

## 14 SUPPORT VESSELS

14.1 A Support vessel is any vessel with a support person on board.

14.2 Support vessels shall register for the event by 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar 2026 at:

<https://sailingresults.net/entry/default.aspx?ID=1469948>

14.2 All support person vessels shall carry a working VHF radio to monitor VHF 73 or as well as be prepared to assist the Race Committee if requested to do so until cleared to leave the course area.

14.3 At no time between the warning signal and the last boat to finish in the relevant division shall a support person vessel be closer than 100 metres to the course (including both sides of the start and finish lines) or a boat that is racing or interfere with it in any way unless helping a person or vessel in danger or unless directed to do so by the Race Committee. [DP]

14.4 When the Race Committee displays flag V with repetitive sounds, all official and support vessels shall listen on VHF for search and rescue instructions and work with the race committee until all incidents are resolved (Refer to RRS 37)

## 15 BERTHING

15.1 Boats are left at the club in the assigned spaces. and trailers may be stored at the Wooden Boat Shop at the owner's risk.

15.3 Boats may be dropped off at the club prior from 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

## 16 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3, Decision to Race, 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.**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and are responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and for the sufficiency and adequacy of its equipment. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## 17 INSURANCE

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

17.2 Competitors may be required to produce evidence of such insurance and any competitor not holding such cover shall withdraw their entry.

## 18 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In participating in the regatta, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority, the Association and the sponsors of the regatta, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproduction of him/her during the period of the competition for the said regatta in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said regatta without compensation.

## 19 FURTHER INFORMATION

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### Racing Area

