

NOTICE OF RACE



**Organising Authority: Royal Brighton Yacht Club on behalf of
Australian Sailing**

**With support from Victorian partner clubs:
Black Rock Yacht Club (BRYC), Mordialloc Sailing Club (MSC)
Royal Yacht Club of Victoria (RYCV), Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron (RMYS)**

Amendments

Number	Date	Change

The Sail Melbourne Regatta will be held from 26 November to 29 November 2026.

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) and Australian Sailing Prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 2 (OTB).
- 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 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for RRS42, will apply.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix B Windsurfing and RRS Appendix F Kite Boarding racing rules will apply.
- 1.6 iQFOiL crew shall wear a helmet to the minimum standard EN1385, EN1077, EN 966, ASTM 2040, Snell S98 or equivalent, with 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.
- 1.7 iQFOiL crew shall wear an impact vest which comply with the minimum standard ISO 12402-5, or USCG Type III, or AS 4758 Level 50 or equivalent, and shall be used at all times. An impact vest is a garment worn on the torso which is specifically designed to protect the wearer around the torso from impact.
- 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 [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.
- 1.10 [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be available from 1700 hrs 24 November on the [Official Notice Board](#).

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The event will operate a virtual Notice Board. 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 [NP] All Australian competitors shall be members of the relevant Class Association.
- 4.3 The regatta is open to the boats listed in Attachment A below.

- 4.4 Competitors and Support Vessels shall enter by completing the on-line entry form on the event website <https://sailingresults.net/entry/default.aspx?ID=9269727> and paying the required fee. Late entry fee applies after midnight 12 November 2026. **No competitor entries will be accepted after 19 November 2026 23:59.**
- 4.5 For competitors under 18 years of age, a parent (or guardian) shall agree to the terms and conditions via the online registration form.
- 4.6 All competitors and support persons will be governed by the COVID-19 State Government regulations and protocols.
- 4.7 The Organising Authority may cancel or make other arrangements for an event if the minimum number of entries ten in any non Olympic class have not been received by midnight local time, **5 November 2026**. For Olympic classes, the minimum number of entries is three.
- 4.8 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.
- 4.9 For iQFOiL, the Youth division shall be open to competitors under 19 years of age on 31 December 2026 (born in 2008 or later). The Junior division shall be open to competitors under 17 years of age on 31 December 2026 (born in 2010 or later).
- 4.10 For ILCA fleets launching trolleys may be shared during the regatta. All boats shall be presented on a serviceable trolley. 'Serviceable' specifically includes being fitted with tyres at least 60 mm wide (or equivalent) and having adequate padding. Any boat found to have an unsatisfactory or unserviceable trolley may be penalised 5% of their last completed race score by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing.

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:

Cancellation Date	Entry Fee Refund
Three weeks before event start date	100%
Two weeks before event start date	50%
One week before event start date	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 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, generally trapezoid and windward/leeward while iQs and Kites will have the option of slalom courses. Classes may be divided into groups and/or race in a Qualifying and Final Series.

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 29er, 2.4mR and Foiling Boards 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 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 The maximum number of races is in Attachment A.

13 [NP] [DP] SUPPORT VESSELS

- 13.1 All support vessels shall be registered with the Organising Authority and pay a fee of \$50 if registered prior to November 19th and \$150 after this date. Registration online at <https://sailingresults.net/entry/default.aspx?ID=9269727>
- 13.2 Support vessels shall pick up an identifying flag from the Regatta Office and will be refunded \$50 on return of flag at the end of the regatta.
- 13.3 Support Boats must display their identifying flag supplied by the Organising Authority when berthed and during deployment in the race area(s).
- 13.4 Identifying flags must be displayed on a staff at a minimum height of 1.5 metres above the waterline and shall remain unobstructed.
- 13.5 All support vessels will be required to comply with the event [Support Vessel Regulations](#).
- 13.6 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 local regulations is available in the [Victorian Boating Safety Handbook](#).
- 13.7 At all times, the registered driver(s) of a support vessel shall comply with directions given by a Race Official.
- 13.8 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.

13.9 All support vessels are required to carry a working Australian VHF radio to monitor the advised frequency. VHF Course frequencies will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

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 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 may be awarded 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 Insurance House](#).

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.

- 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

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

Sail Melbourne - Website: www.sailmelbourne.com.au

Royal Brighton Yacht Club (RBYC)

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

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Access to facilities: Access is from Wednesday 25th November 8 AM. Early arrivals please contact RBYC Sailing Office



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ATTACHMENT A Preliminary Event Schedule

Preliminary Event Schedule		Entry Fee	Late Fee	Num of Races	Wednesday 25-Nov	Thursday 26-Nov	Friday 27-Nov	Saturday 28-Nov	Sunday 29-Nov	
Preliminary Event Schedule	Regatta Office Hours				1000 - 1600	0900-1700	0900 - 1700	0900 - 1700	0900 - 1700	
	Competitors Briefing					1100		1100		
	Coach/Support Personnel Briefing					1030	1030	1030	1030	
	ILCA 7	\$300	\$100	11	For early arrivals please contact RBYC Sailing Office	Racing	Racing	Racing	Racing / Pres.	
	ILCA 6	\$300	\$100	11		Racing	Racing	Racing	Racing / Pres.	
	ILCA 4	\$200	\$100	11		Racing	Racing	Racing	Racing / Pres.	
	470	\$350	\$100	8		Racing	Racing	Racing	Racing / Pres.	
	420	\$185	\$100	6					Racing	Racing / Pres.
	29er	\$185	\$100	6					Racing	Racing / Pres.
	49er	\$350	\$100	12		Racing	Racing	Racing	Racing / Pres.	
	49FX	\$350	\$100	12		Racing	Racing	Racing	Racing / Pres.	
	Nacra 17	\$350	\$100	12		Racing	Racing	Racing	Racing / Pres.	
	iQFOiL (Open Men 8m & Open Women 7.3m)	\$300	\$100	16		Racing	Racing	Racing	Racing / Pres.	
	iQFOiL (Youth Men 8m & Youth Women 7.3m)	\$300	\$100	16		Racing	Racing	Racing	Racing / Pres.	
	iQFoil (Junior 5/6/7m)	\$200	\$100	16		Racing	Racing	Racing	Racing / Pres.	
	Formula Kites	\$300	\$100	20		Racing	Racing	Racing	Racing / Pres.	
	Finn	\$160	\$100	6					Racing	Racing / Pres.
	2.4mR	\$160	\$100	6					Racing	Racing / Pres.
	International Cadet	\$100	\$100	6					Racing	Racing / Pres.
	Optimist Open	\$100	\$100	6					Racing	Racing / Pres.
Optimist Intermediate	\$100	\$100	6					Racing	Racing / Pres.	
Support Vessel	\$50	\$100								
Prize Giving									After Racing	