2026 Zhik ACT Youth Championships

9 to 11 October 2026

Canberra Yacht Club, 1 Mariner Place, Yarralumla ACT 2600

Notice of Race (NOR)

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The Organising Authority (OA) is Canberra Yacht Club and YMCA of Canberra Sailing Club 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 Friday 2 October 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-act
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 6 entries on 18 September 2026.
4.3. The event is open to the following classes:

One Person Classes	Two Person Classes
Optimist Inter/Open	Int 420
Open Skiff Silver/Gold	Int Cadet
Sabot 1 Up	Pacer
ILCA 4	Sabot 2 Up

ILCA 6	Int 29er
iQFOiL Junior/Youth	Cherub
Wing Foil	NS14
WASZP	RS Quest
	Hobie 14

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 on 31 December 2026.
4.6. For competitors under 18 years of age, a parent (or guardian) shall agree to the terms and conditions contained in the entry form.
4.7. All competitors shall be members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing or a World Sailing MNA.
4.8. [NP] All competitors shall be members of the relevant Class Association.
4.9. All competitors shall comply with the Code of Conduct agreement contained in the entry form.

5. FEES

5.1. The event will comprise a Coaching Clinic and a Regatta from 9 to 11 October
5.2. Entry fees are as follows:

Entry Type	Early Entry Fee 1 July – 25 Sept	Standard Entry Fee from 26 Sept
One Person Classes	$225	$325
Two Person Classes	$330	$430

5.3. Should the Organising Authority cancel the Event more than three weeks prior to the start date the entry fee will be refunded less transaction fees, if the event is cancelled within three weeks of the event start date, the entry fee will be refunded less a $50 administration fee.
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 Wednesday 7 October 2026.

Date	Time	Event
Thursday 1 Oct		Registration details emailed to competitors to check details for changes.
Wednesday 7 Oct	0900 hrs	Competitor entry changes via email closed
Friday 9 Oct	0830 – 0900 hrs 0900 hrs 0915 hrs 1000 hrs	Registration open Competitor, Coach and Support Boat Briefing Coaching Clinic Session 1 or Racing – schedule to be confirmed the night before by 1900 hrs If racing in AM - First Warning Signal
Saturday 10 Oct	0915 hrs 1000 hrs	Coaching Clinic Session 2 or Racing – schedule to be confirmed the night before by 1900 hrs If racing in AM - First Warning Signal

Sunday 11 Oct	0915 hrs 1000 hrs ASAP after sailing	Coaching Clinic Session 3 or Racing – schedule to be confirmed the night before by 1900 hrs If racing in AM - First Warning Signal Presentation of Medals

7.2. A maximum of four (4) races for dinghy and catamaran classes, and five (5) for foiling boards will be completed in any one day.

7.3. For all dinghy classes ~~six (6)~~ eight (8) races are scheduled. For foiling boards eight (8) races are scheduled.

7.4. No warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs on the last scheduled day of racing.

8. **[NP] [DP] TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

8.1. A Technical Committee may 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 Lake Burley Griffin adjacent to the Canberra Yacht Club.

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, catamarans, 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 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.

12.2. For Green Fleet, no results will be recorded, the focus for this fleet is on participation.

12.3. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

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.

12.6. 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.

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 person vessels shall obtain a Boat Permit (free of charge) and comply with local legislation, including the safety equipment to be carried. A copy of the regulations and the Boat Permit application is available here

13.3. 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.

13.4. Support person vessel drivers must hold a Power Boat Licence.

13.5. Support vessels must have a current insurance policy with a minimum value of $5,000,000 for public liability insurance.
13.6. 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.
13.7. 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.
13.8. All support person vessels are required to carry a working VHF radio to monitor the advised frequency.
13.9. Penalties may apply to competitors that are associated with a support person 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] 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 be parked in the area designated by the Organising Authority.

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. All participants in Green Fleet will receive a certificate of participation
19.3. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising committee.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

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