



2024/25 BYS NOTICE OF RACE



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ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron
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Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron invites entries for the BYS Season 2024-25 held from 1 October 2024 – 30 September 2025. This Notice of Race covers keelboat, off-the-beach and sportsboat racing. A separate Notice of Race will cover the Wind Warrior racing.

BYS uses the **BYS Sailing Hub**, powered by Sailing Results, as our boat register, for race and series entry, signing on and signing off, results and for our race day volunteer roster. Instructions for setting up a BYS Sailing Hub account and its use can be found on the BYS website under Sailing.

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).

1 RULES

- 1.1. The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the BYS Notice of Race (NoR) and Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.2. All boats shall comply with the requirements of the State Legislation and local authorities, particularly with respect to the avoidance of commercial shipping.
- 1.3. The AS Special Regulations apply:
 - 1.3.1. Keelboats – AS Special Regulation Part 1, Category 6 requirements will apply.
 - 1.3.2. Off the beach boats – AS Special Regulations Part 2 will apply.

- 1.3.3. Sportsboats – AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 6 requirements will apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTION

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions for keelboat racing will be published on the website www.bys.asn.au and on the BYS Sailing Hub before 1 October 2024.
- 2.2. The Sailing Instructions for off the beach racing will be published on the website www.bys.asn.au and on the BYS Sailing Hub before 1 October 2024.
- 2.3. The Sailing Instructions for sportsboat racing will be published on the website www.bys.asn.au and on the BYS Sailing Hub before 1 October 2024.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located via the BYS Sailing Hub here: <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/default.aspx?ID=2033>
- 3.2. [DP] All keelboats and sportsboats shall carry a VHF radio and maintain a listening watch on channel 71 (or channel 82 for long races) unless otherwise advised and on standby for distress on channel 16.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to keelboat and sportsboat competitors on VHF radio channel 71.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Keelboat racing is open to keelboats on the register of BYS or any other organisation affiliated with Australian Sailing that has lodged their Man Overboard (MOB) compliance declaration, Special Regulations



Equipment Audit form (Cat 6) and Certificate of Insurance (where not already lodged with the Marina Office).

- 4.1.1. The Douglas Trophy Trailable Series is open to trailable yachts with a CBH rating.
- 4.1.2. The Noelex Trophy Series is open to Noelex 25 and Noelex 30 yachts.
- 4.1.3. Boats competing in two-handed races shall have only two persons onboard.
- 4.1.4. The Lady Skippers race must be helmed by a female.
- 4.2. Off the beach racing is open to all OTB classes with an AS yardstick and that have lodged their Certificate of Insurance.
- 4.3. Sportsboat racing is open to sportsboats up to 9m on the register of BYS or any other organisation affiliated with Australian Sailing that has lodged their Man Overboard (MOB) compliance declaration, Special Regulations Equipment Audit form (Cat 6) and Certificate of Insurance (where not already lodged with the Marina Office).
- 4.4. Documents shall be lodged with the Sailing Office in person or via email to sailing@bys.asn.au.
- 4.5. All skipper and crew shall be either a financial member of BYS with racing rights or comply with BYS's SailPass scheme or be a financial member of a club where reciprocal rights apply. BYS Social members may enter a maximum of four races as a crew each membership year.
- 4.6. Eligible boats may enter by ensuring they are on the BYS boat register via the BYS Sailing Hub. A boat signing on for a race will be deemed to have entered that race and its series. Documents shall be lodged with the Sailing Office in person or via email to sailing@bys.asn.au.
- 4.7. A visiting boat may enter by submitting an entry form and Certificate of Insurance and lodging these with the Sailing Office at least 90 minutes prior

to the first warning signal of that race.

- 4.8. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Sailing Office.

5 ENTRY FEES

- 5.1. BYS members No fee
Visiting yacht \$20 per race

6 ADVERTISING

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

7 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 7.1. The schedule of races will be available on the BYS Program, the website www.bys.asn.au and the BYS Sailing Hub.
- 7.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for all races will be available on the BYS Program, the website www.bys.asn.au and the BYS Sailing Hub.

8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1. Boats wanting to be scored on ORC Club handicap shall ensure they have a valid rating certificate prior to the first race of the season.
 - 8.1.1. A boat with a valid ORC Club certificate at the start of a series shall be deemed to be racing with that rating for the whole of the series.
 - 8.1.2. A boat may opt out of ORC Club for a series by advising the Sailing Office in writing prior to the first race of that series.
- 8.2. A boat competing in a class division event, shall upon request produce a valid and current measurement certificate for that class.

9 VENUE

- 9.1. All races will be held on the waters of Port Phillip in the vicinity of Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron.

10. COURSES

- 10.1. The courses to be sailed will consist of both fixed mark club courses, and laid courses, and will be listed in the Sailing Instructions.



11. SCORING

- 11.1. (a) To constitute a series at least four boats must have been racing in the series.
- (b) To constitute an aggregate series, at least four races need to have been completed and at least four boats must have been racing in that series.
- 11.2. (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from four to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races excluding her worst score.
- (c) When eight to eleven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- (d) When twelve or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.
- 11.3. RRS Appendix A5.3 shall apply and is amended so that a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place three more than the number of boats that came to the starting area.
- 11.4. If a boat changes division during the season, points earned in one division cannot be transferred to another division.
- 11.5. [NP] A boat that does not race because the majority of her crew are rostered duty on a race day and notifies the OOD in writing by the volunteer briefing shall be awarded DUTY points equal to the average of all the points awarded in the series excluding discarded races.
- 11.6. Crew rostered by BYS for duty shall be ineligible to enter for a race unless appropriate volunteer substitutions have been made and the Sailing Office advised prior to the race, a penalty of DSQ shall be applied to any boat on which rostered crew ineligible to race have sailed.
- 11.7. In any one season, average points may be awarded for a maximum of two race days.
- 11.8. A boat competing in a major event for that class (state, national, or other major event) may be awarded average points equal to the average of the best three of the points awarded in the series. Skippers must apply prior to the event in writing to the Race Committee c/o the Sailing Office.
- 11.9. Prizes may be awarded as follows:
- 1st place of at least 3 boats racing, for each race.
 - 2nd place of at least 4 boats racing, for each race.
 - 3rd place of at least 6 boats racing, for each race.
 - Line Honours: keelboat, for each race.
 - Keelboat champion: by combining the results of the Keelboat Aggregate and the Keelboat Spry Series.

12. HANDICAPS

- 12.1. All handicaps will be set by the BYS Handicap Committee. Changes to a boat's sailing configuration or equipment shall be advised to the Sailing Office prior to her next race.
- 12.2. For boats with an ORC Club rating competing in the Two Hander Series, their Two Hander ORC Club handicap shall be used.
- 12.3. Handicaps set by the BYS Handicap Committee shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).



13. DIVISIONS

13.1. There will be two keelboat divisions, Division A and Division B; divisions will be determined by the Sailing Office. Race series will be designated Div A/B where two separate divisions will race, or Div Comb where one combined division will race, in the race program. Boats competing in divisional races shall carry on their divisional flag on their backstay, or starboard cap shroud below spreader level if not rigged with a backstay.

14. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

14.1. In participating in these races, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority 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 in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the event without compensation.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1. 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.**

16. INSURANCE

16.1. Each participating boat must be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per incident or the equivalent, and the insurance must be valid for each race.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1. For further information please contact the BYS Sailing Office on (03) 5925 9620 or via email sailing@bys.asn.au

