

# Season 2025-26

OTB Competitor Briefing



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# Safety

Off-the-beach boats

# Safety reminders



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- Special Regulations Part 2 – Off the Beach Boats: great resource:  
<https://www.sailingresources.org.au/safety/specialregs>

## 8. IN EVENT OF DISTRESS OR ACCIDENT

Australian Sailing strongly recommends:

- (a) The crew stay with the boat at all times while the boat is capsized.
- (b) The use of the following signals to indicate that assistance is needed:
  - (i) Crew in boat:  
Either both arms raised above the head and lowered to the sides cyclically at 5-second intervals, or a flag or other object, on a spar waved from side to side through an arc of 30 degrees either side of the vertical, cyclically at 5-second intervals.
  - (ii) Crew in water:  
One arm raised above the head for three seconds at 5-second intervals.
- (c) When a boat is in difficulty with its sails lowered, some highly visible article, such as an orange or yellow garment, should be hoisted on a halyard to aid visibility to rescue craft.
- (d) Crews should call for assistance before becoming exhausted.

# Safety reminders



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## **Special Regulations Part 2 – Off the Beach Boats**

- Boats must be in good, seaworthy condition.
- Centreboards, rudders, etc securely fastened to the hull by lanyard or other effective measure.
- Sailors should be aware of how to attach or use a tow line. Tow line passed from safety boat, sailor to wrap twice around mast and then hold tail while steering.
- Hull identification – must be located externally on transom or both outboard sides of the hull. Name, sail number, BYS.
- Lifejackets must be worn, in good condition.
- Check your gear and equipment before going on the water.
- Be mindful of swimmers.
- Trapezeing sailors should carry a knife.



# Safety reminders

- Special Regs 1.02 – Responsibility of the person in charge

## 1.02 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PERSON IN CHARGE

**1.02.1** The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who shall do their best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather. They must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. They shall ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used. Attention is drawn to Regulation [2.04](#) that specifies the crew experience required for some races. They shall also nominate a person to take over the responsibilities of the person in charge in the event of his incapacitation.



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# Safety reminders

- RRS 3 – Decision to race

## 3 DECISION TO RACE

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.





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# Safety reminders

- NOR 16 – Insurance

## **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.



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# Safety reminders

- First aid room is located inside the Spar Room
- Defibrillators are located:
  - in the junior lounge near the canteen
  - inside the BSBH A/B row gatehouse



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# Safety reminders

Inform yourself about the conditions

- Meteye: wind forecasts
- BOM: Marine forecasts and warnings for Port Phillip
- BOM: tide predictions at The Rip, South Channel and Rosebud
- Bay Winds: actual wind at South Channel
- Willy Weather



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# Key changes to Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

Off-the-beach boats



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# NOR 4.5 & 4.6 – Sail Pass

- Non-members must have a Sail Pass: [www.bys.asn.au/sailpass](http://www.bys.asn.au/sailpass)

- 4.5. All skipper and crew shall be either a financial member of BYS with racing rights or comply with BYS's Sail Pass scheme. BYS Social members may enter a maximum of four races as a crew each membership year.
- 4.6. Non-members shall apply for a BYS Sail Pass here: [www.bys.asn.au/sailpass](http://www.bys.asn.au/sailpass)  
Fees apply.

# NOR 4.5 & 4.6 – Sail Pass



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- Non-members can apply for a Sail Pass advance.
- First six Sail Passes are free, second six Sail Passes are \$15.
- Encourage visiting sailors to join the club.
- Visiting OTB sailors will also sign on and off – paper sheet.



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## Sail PASS

### **Experience the thrill of yacht racing with a Sail Pass!**

Sail Pass is a temporary day membership that lets non-members join the crew of a competing yacht on race day. It includes access to our club facilities, an Australian Sailing number, and personal accident insurance for the day.

Registration is quick and simple, and you can access up to 12 Sail Pass visits in total. Your first six visits are free, with the next six available at just \$15 per visit.

**[www.bys.asn.au/sailpass](http://www.bys.asn.au/sailpass)**

# Sailing Program



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- OTB racing during the Petersville Regatta is programmed to avoid clashes, keeping the club start line course area safe.

SAT	27	1600		REGATTA	#	Petersville Regatta	
SAT	27	1330	OTB	CAL		Calcutta Summer Series Race 2	YS/PHS
SUN	28	1130		REGATTA	#	Petersville Regatta	
SUN	28	1330	OTB	CAL		Calcutta Summer Series Race 3	YS/PHS
MON	29	1130, 1600		REGATTA	#	Petersville Regatta	
TUE	30	1130		REGATTA	#	Petersville Regatta	
TUE	30	1600	OTB	CAL		Calcutta Summer Series Race 4	YS/PHS

# Sailing Program



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**\*NEW\***

- January 'Have a go!' Series on Thursday afternoons – training series.

WED	7	1630	KBC	MC		Maw Civil Twilight Series Race 1, inc. Noelex Cup Race 1	PHS (NC: CBH)
THU	8	1430	OTB	HAGO	#	Have a go! Series Race 1 & 2 (training series)	YS
FRI	9	1730	KBC	WBS		The Wooden Boatshop Sunset Series Race 2	PHS
FRI	9	1730	OTB	WBS		The Wooden Boatshop Sunset Series Race 2	YS/PHS



# OTB SI 7 – Class Flags and Signals



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- Finns are now grouped with Musto Skiff, not with ILCAs.

## 7. CLASS FLAGS AND SIGNALS

7.1. Classes not listed below should contact the Sailing Office to be allocated a division.

Division / Class	On the Wind (OTW) Start Class Flag	OTW intended start sequence	Club Start starting sequence	Club Start Light Flashes
Sabre	Sabre logo, red on white	5	3	3
ILCA, Pacer	ILCA logo	3	4	4
RS Aero	RS Aero logo	2	4	4
Contender, 420, mixed mono	Code Flag C	4	5	5
Musto Skiff, skiffs, Finns	Code Flag F	4	5	5
Minnow, Open Skiff, Opti	Minnow logo on blue	1	6	6
Minnow novice fleet	Minnow logo on green	1	6	6



# OTB Courses – On The Wind Starts

- Contenders have an additional triangle – to even out race times across divisions and better time the second race.

## 3. COURSES – ON THE WIND STARTS

DIVISION	COURSE 1 & 2
Sabre	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish
ILCA, Pacer	Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish
RS Aero	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish
Contenders, 420, mixed mono	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish
Musto skiffs, skiffs, Finn	Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish
Minnow / Opti / Open Skiff	Start – 4 – 5 – 3 – 4 – 3 – Finish
Minnow Novice	Start – 4 – 5 – 3 – Finish

# OTB – change to start mark

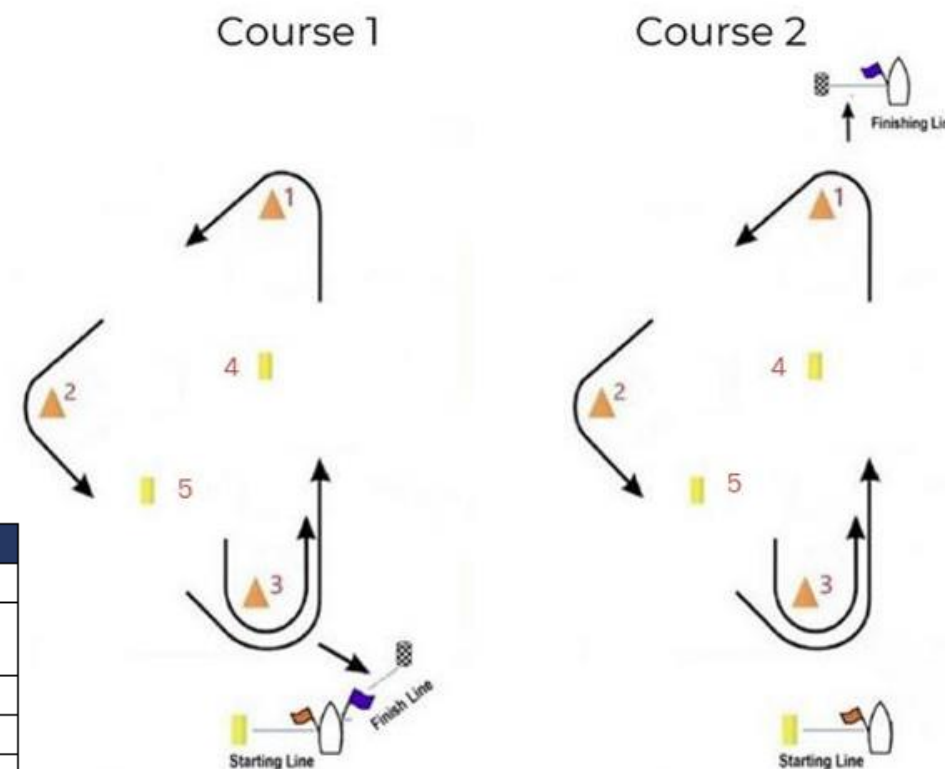


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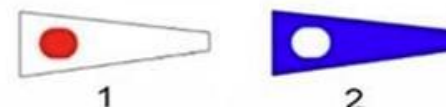
- The start mark will be yellow.

## 4. MARKS – ON THE WIND STARTS

Mark	Description	Comment
START	Yellow cylindrical inflatable	Start line pin
FINISH	Black/White checked cylindrical inflatable	
Marks 1, 2, 3	Orange truncated conical inflatable	
Marks 4, 5	Yellow cylindrical inflatable	Junior course marks
Replacement mark	Pink conical inflatable	For change of course



Numerical Pennants Course #





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# Sailing Program – Regattas

- Already 28 entries, including two from IRE and one from UK.

## SALTY DINGO RS AERO AUSTRALIAN CHAMPSIONSHIPS

18 - 22 January 2026



- Worlds in January 2027!

# Sailing Program – Regattas



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- Racing and volunteering opportunities!



## MINNOW VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

14 - 15 February 2026

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# Representing BYS – Regattas

- State and National Titles
- If you're representing BYS, please share your news and photos. Let the Sailing Office know before the event so we can celebrate your regatta participation.
- #TeamBYS
- Spread the word that BYS is a fantastic place to sail, like and share our content on social media. Tag us in your content.





# PHS Handicaps

- Performance handicap adjustment settings will be more aggressive this season
- Adjusted performance handicaps for the next race in a series are included in the results

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## OTB Perpetual Shield 2025-26

### RS Aero - PH Race 1

Name	Boat	Sail Num	Club	Finish Time	Perf H'cap	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Finish Place	Points	BCH	LBHC	CH
Shaun McKenna	Kelpie (7)	1189 (7)		16:07:35	0.785	34:35	27:09	1	1	0.905	0.879	0.823
Andrew Little	Aeronaut (6)	4050 (6)		16:07:33	0.896	34:33	30:57	2	2	0.906	0.906	0.900
Garrath James	Sea Eagle (7)	404 (7)		16:07:02	0.920	34:02	31:19	3	3	0.920	0.920	0.920
Martin Kudnig	White Out (6)	4042 (6)		16:10:30	0.839	37:30	31:28	4	4	0.835	0.835	0.837
Tim Adam	Zenergy (7)	3606 (7)		16:07:51	0.903	34:51	31:28	5	5	0.898	0.898	0.901
Geoff Smith	AirQuest (6)	4354 (6)		16:09:27	0.909	36:27	33:08	6	6	0.859	0.873	0.895



# Yardstick Handicaps

- For classes with multiple rig sizes, sign on with the rig you are using (ILCAs, RS Aeros).

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## OTB Perpetual Shield 2025-26

### RS Aero - Yardstick Race 1

Name	Boat	Sail Num	Club	Finish Time	Rating	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Finish Place	Points
Andrew Little	Aeronaut (6)	4050 (6)		16:07:33	114.7	34:33	30:07	1	1
Garrath James	Sea Eagle (7)	404 (7)		16:07:02	112.5	34:02	30:15	2	2
Shaun McKenna	Kelpie (7)	1189 (7)		16:07:35	112.5	34:35	30:44	3	3
Tim Adam	Zenergy (7)	3606 (7)		16:07:51	112.5	34:51	30:59	4	4
Geoff Smith	AirQuest (6)	4354 (6)		16:09:27	114.7	36:27	31:47	5	5
Martin Kudnig	White Out (6)	4042 (6)		16:10:30	114.7	37:30	32:42	6	6





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# Training



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# Dinghy Racing Development Program

- This is an extended training program designed for beginner/intermediate club racers who are keen to improve their racing skills.
- Aimed at 'second half of the fleet' sailors, must have own boat.
- Saturday mornings 10am -12 pm, Sat 6 Dec – Sat 31 Jan.
- Cost: \$270 for 9 sessions.
- Must register [www.bys.asn.au/dinghy-training/](http://www.bys.asn.au/dinghy-training/)



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# Pacer Social Sailing

- Spread the word and encourage members to sail with us.
- Most Saturday mornings in Dec, Jan and Feb.
- Good way to get supervised hours on the water, without being part of racing.
- We'd love skilled sailors to be mentors. Will you join us?
- Pathway to club racing.
- Members can use club Pacers during club racing.
- Must register [www.bys.asn.au/dinghy-training/](http://www.bys.asn.au/dinghy-training/)



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# Volunteering

Phone Admin Menu

PC Admin Menu

Sign on/off System

Crew Matching System

Volunteer System

Change/Update Clubs

Utilities

Refresh

Petersville Entry

Official Notice Board & Race Docs

Volunteer Roster

Today's races

Results

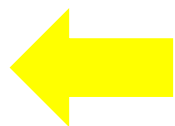
Club Emergency Contacts

Emergency Response Guidelines



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# Thank you



- Volunteering makes races possible
- Everyone should have at least 2 duties
- Some generous members have offered to be rostered as often as weekly
- If you are unable to complete a rostered duty, please find someone to fill in then notify Maria in the Sailing Office
- Its is up to **you** to find a replacement
- Sign on for duty via the Sailing Hub



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# Principal Race Officer (PRO)

- Principal Race Officer (PRO) replaces Officer of the Day (OOD).
- Updated to reflect common terminology, and better describe the role.
- The PRO supports the Course Race Officer/s (CRO) from shore, and is the Incident Controller in an emergency situation.
- The PRO will provide race management from shore where there is no course race officer rostered.
- A CRO has complete control of their course area unless an incident is escalated to an emergency situation.



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# Race Management on VHF

- When two start boats are on the water, two VHF channels will be used
- Keelboats and sportsboats will remain on VHF 71
- Check the allocated VHF channel at volunteer briefing!



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# Race Briefings – Fleet leaders

- Requesting fleet leaders from each class.
- Meet with RO and help deliver a competitor briefing each race day.
- Welcome new sailors/boats, weather, special news.
- Opportunity for newer sailors to ask questions.
- In Junior Lounge at whiteboard.



# Volunteer Training

- LOTS of training available
- E-learning: self paced, free
- Highly recommend 'Powerboat Program Essential Skills', plus more
- Access via your Australian Sailing profile
- [www.sailing.org.au/login](http://www.sailing.org.au/login)



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- Powerboat Program Essential Skills
- Mark Layer
- Committee & Finish Boat
- Race Officer
- Introduction to Safety & Risk Management
- Safeguarding Children & Young People
- Judge - Protest Committee Member
- Equipment Auditor
- plus more!

***Access FREE e-learning courses with your Australian Sailing Profile.***

# Volunteer Training



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**RACE MANAGEMENT  
WORKSHOPS 2025/26**  
*All volunteers welcome*



**MARK LAYING & BUOY ZONE**  
10-11.30, SAT 20 SEPT or SUN 14 DEC

**RACE OFFICER ESSENTIALS**  
11.30-1, SAT 20 SEPT or SUN 14 DEC

**RACE OFFICER ELEVATED**  
10-1, SUN 9 NOV or MARCH

**START BOAT PROCEDURES**  
10-11.30, SAT 25 OCT or SAT 10 JAN

**VHF RADIO REFRESHER**  
10-11.30, SAT 15 NOV or SAT 28 FEB

Practical training courses are also available for:  
Powerboat Handling | Safety Boat Operator  
VHF Marine Radio - Australian Waters Qualification.

**Information and bookings**  
[www.bys.asn.au/volunteering](http://www.bys.asn.au/volunteering)

- LOTS of training available
- Race Management Workshops
- Free and offered on multiple dates
- Register online for the courses you'd like to attend

# Regatta Volunteers



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- More volunteers needed for upcoming regattas
  - J70 Vic Champs, 21-23 November
  - Petersville Regatta 27-30 December ~ Get your entries in!
  - Salty Dingo RS Aero Australian Championship, 18-22 January 2026
  - Minnow and Adams 10 Victorian Championships, 14-15 February 2026
  - Women's Sportsboat Regatta, 21-22 March 2026
  - Youth Sportsboat Regatta, 18-19 April 2026
  - Salty Dingo RS Aero World Championships, 16-22 January 2027.
- Can you help?



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Thank you for participating



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# Questions