



BLAIRGOWRIE YACHT SQUADRON

**BYS Women's Sportsboat Regatta
NOTICE OF RACE**

16 & 17 March 2024

**Organising Authority
BLAIRGOWRIE YACHT SQUADRON
2900 Nepean Road, Blairgowrie 3942, Victoria**

Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron is pleased to invite all competitors to the 2024 BYS Women's Sportsboat Regatta to be held at Blairgowrie on the Mornington Peninsula on 16 & 17 March 2024.

1. RULES

1.1. The racing will be governed by:

- (a) the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- (b) Appendix UF, Umpired Fleet Racing – BYS Women's Sportsboat Regatta Edition will apply.
- (c) The rules for the handling of boats detailed in the Sailing Instructions, will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing. Class rules will not apply.

1.2. The notation '(NP)' in a rule of the notice of race or sailing instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1.3. (NP) [DP] Competitors shall always wear personal floatation devices while afloat, expect briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. The sailing instructions will be available on the BYS website at www.bys.asn.au/2024-womens-sportsboat-regatta

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board located at www.bys.asn.au/2024-womens-sportsboat-regatta

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. Each helmsperson and their crew shall be financial members of their respective clubs.

4.2. The event is open to female competitors over the age of 16 with the helmsperson to be 18 years or over.

4.3. All members of the crew shall be female, unless otherwise approved by the organising authority.

4.4. A maximum number of 12 entries will be accepted for the event.

4.5. Entries must be lodged at <https://sailingresults.net/entry/default.aspx?ID=E7564354>

4.6. Entry closes 0900hrs Tuesday 12 March.

5. FEES

5.1. Entry Fee

An Entry fee of \$800 shall be paid by registration and before any racing. The entry fee includes regatta entry with supplied boats, five crew meal tickets to Saturday's regatta dinner and competitors teeshirts.

6. DAMAGE DEPOSIT AND INSURANCE

6.1. Damage Deposit

(a) An initial damage deposit of \$800 shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum deposit payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.

(b) In the event that a deduction is made from the damage deposit, the skipper will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to continue in the event.

(c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded as soon as possible after the conclusion of the event.

6.2. All competitors are required to have adequate third-party personal liability insurance coverage.

7. BOATS AND SAILS

7.1. This event will be sailed in J/70s. Up to six boats will be provided.

7.2. The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, Asymmetrical spinnaker.

7.3. Competitors must supply their own VHF radio.

7.4. Boats will be allocated by as decided by the race committee. The intention of the RC will be to allocate the boats by draw for each round.

7.5. While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

7.6. Boats will be available for practice on Friday 16 March by arrangement with the BYS Sailing Office.

8. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

8.1. The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four or five. All registered crew shall sail all races.

8.2. After the warning signal for a race, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.

8.3. When a registered skipper or crew is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

9. EVENT FORMAT

9.1. Racing will be in a round robin format, with a semi-final and a final.

9.2. The RC may change the format or terminate any stage of the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

10. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10.1. SUMMARY EVENT/SOCIAL SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Time
Sat 16 March	Registration (Clubhouse)	0800 - 0815 hrs
	Information Briefing (Clubhouse)	0815 hrs
	After racing Dinner (Clubhouse)	1900 hrs
Sun 17 March	Presentation (Clubhouse)	Approx. 1830 hrs

10.2. RACING SCHEDULE

Date	Racing Sessions	
Fri 15 March	J/70 training day. Teams to contact Michelle in BYS Sailing Office to arrange access to boats	1000 – 1700 hrs
Sat 16 March	Racing Session #1. RED (3 races)	Warning: 1000 hrs Random allocation of teams
	Racing Session #2. WHITE (3 races)	Warning: approx. 1200 hrs Random allocation of teams
	Racing Session #3. GREEN (3 races)	Warning: approx. 1400 hrs Top 3 from RED session Top 3 from WHITE session
	Racing Session #3. YELLOW (3 races)	Warning: approx. 1600 hrs Bottom 3 from RED session

		Bottom 3 from WHITE session
Sun 17 March	Racing Session #1. PURPLE. (3 races)	Warning: 0930 hrs Top 3 from GREEN session Top 3 from YELLOW session
	Racing Session #2. BLACK. (3 races)	Warning: approx. 1130 hrs Bottom 3 from GREEN session Bottom 3 from YELLOW session
	Ranking of final positions (1-12)	
	Final Session (up to 5 races) Top 4 boats from ranking to race in final session	Warning: approx. 1330 hrs Outcome of final determines overall positions.

11. COURSES

- 11.1. Attachment A shows the primary location of the racing areas in the waters directly to the north-north-east of the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron on the South Sand.
- 11.2. The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward courses as described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. Penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One-Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2

13. SCORING

- 13.1. A maximum of 9 races will be raced by every team.
- 13.2. After this series of round-robin heats, a ranking of teams will be completed.
- 13.3. The top 4 teams will go into a semi-final series.
- 13.4. The winner of each semi-final session will compete in a best of 3 final series. This changes RRS Appendix A2.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1. Coaches and support boats must remain well away from the start area, the course area and racing areas from the time of the first warning signal while racing.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1. All boats shall carry a marine band VHF transceiver capable of receiving and transmitting Marine VHF channels. Boats shall use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency.
- 15.2. The race committee may use VHF radio to advise competitors of general matters relating to the racing (including recalls at the start) or for emergency or safety purposes.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1. Prizes will be awarded to first and runner-up place getters.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organizing 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.

18. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

18.1. In participating in this event, 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.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

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ATTACHMENT A – RACING AREA

