



BLAIRGOWRIE YACHT SQUADRON



# Salty Dingo RS Aero Australian Championships 2026



Notice of Race

18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026



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# Organising Authority Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron

In conjunction with the  
RS Aero Class Association (Aus) Inc

## 1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 ('RRS').
- 1.2 The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats shall apply.
- 1.3 Appendix T, Arbitration of RRS will apply.
- 1.4 A boat may receive outside help where the Race Committee deems that the vessel and its crew require assistance to right a capsized vessel to continue racing. This changes Rule 41, RRS.
- 1.5 Spot checks may be conducted during the event to verify compliance with these rules and regulations.

## 2 Advertising

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. Details will be supplied at registration.

## 3 Eligibility & Entry

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all four RS Aero classes (5/6/7/9) whose skipper is a current financial member of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing or a World Sailing Member National Authority (MNA), and a member of the RS Aero Class Association (Aus) Inc ('Association') or other regional RS Aero Class Association.
- 3.2 Entries received before 11.59pm on 3rd January 2026 are eligible for the early bird fee of \$360. Entries received after this date are \$460. Regatta entry closes at 5pm on 17th January 2026.
- 3.3 The online entry shall be submitted at:  
<https://sailingresults.net/entry/?ID=9869973>
- 3.4 The specific Aero class (rig size) needs to be specified on entry. However, the nominated class (rig size) can be changed at time of registration.
- 3.5 If a competitor wishes to change classes during the regatta (and therefore have a new entry), they will inform the Race Committee at least one hour before the first warning signal for the race affected by the change of rig. The new entry will be covered by their original entry fee. Only one change of class will be permitted, and the new rig will then be used for the remainder of the championship. The score for all previous races with the new rig will be DNC. The score for all subsequent races with the original rig will be DNC.
- 3.6 Charter Boats may be available through Sailing Raceboats Australia:  
[sales@sailingraceboats.com.au](mailto:sales@sailingraceboats.com.au)

## 4 Schedule

Sunday 18th Jan 2026	Classroom coaching Registration Welcome function	1100 – 1300 1600 - 1730 1800
Monday 19th Jan 2026	Registration Competitors' Briefing Championship Racing Warning Tips & Tricks	0900 - 1015 1030 1400 After Racing
Tuesday 20th Jan 2026	Championship Racing Warning Tips & Tricks	1400 After Racing
Wednesday 21st Jan 2026	Championship Racing Warning Tips & Tricks	1600 After Racing
Thursday 22nd Jan 2026	Championship Racing Warning Presentation Dinner	1200 1900

4.1 No warning signal will be made after 1700 hrs on the last scheduled day of racing.

4.2 The series will comprise a maximum of twelve races.

## 5 Sailing Instructions

5.1 Sailing instructions will be available by Friday 16th January 2026 at:  
<https://bys.asn.au/salty-dingo-rs-aero-australian-championships-2026/>

## 6 Venue

6.1 The racing area shall be on Port Phillip in the vicinity of Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron ('BYS').

## 7 The Courses

7.1 The courses to be sailed will be of a trapezoid configuration as described in the sailing instructions.

## 8 Penalty System

8.1 RRS rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## 9 Classes and Divisions

9.1 There will be a separate start for each of the Aero class sizes, providing there is a minimum of 6 entries to the class.

## 10 Scoring

10.1 Twelve races are scheduled of which three are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10.3 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.4 When ten or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## **11 Trophies**

- 11.1 Trophies will be awarded according to each Aero class entry numbers. A minimum of 3 boats per class will be required for the awarding of a 1st place in that class. A minimum of 4 boats per class will be required for the awarding of a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in that class.
- 11.2 Further trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

## **12 Support Boats**

- 12.1 Support boats shall register for the event by 17th January 2026 at: <https://sailingresults.net/entry/?ID=1269444>
- 12.2 Support boats registered after 3rd January 2026 will incur a \$100 administrative fee.
- 12.3 Marina berthing is subject to availability and fees apply. Bookings shall be made with the BYS Marina Office.
- 12.4 All support boats must carry a working VHF radio able to be tuned to the regatta channel as well as be prepared to assist the Race Committee if requested to do so until cleared to leave the course area.
- 12.5 At no time during racing shall a support boat go closer than 100 metres to a boat that is racing or impede it in any way whatsoever unless already participating in a rescue or unless directed to do so by the Race Committee.
- 12.6 When the Race Committee displays flag V with repetitive sounds, all official and support boats shall monitor the Race Committee radio channel for search and rescue instructions (Refer to RRS 37).

## **13 Berthing**

- 13.1 Boats and trailers are left at BYS and surrounding beach area, and any designated trailer park, at the owner's risk.
- 13.2 Boats may be dropped off at BYS prior to the event on or after: 13:00 hrs, 15th January 2026.
- 13.3 Trailers may be stored in the areas provided by the Organising Authority at the owner's risk, from 18th January until 23rd January 2026.

## **14 Radio Communication**

- 14.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and any form of GPS device.
- 14.2 No electronic device which could be used to increase boat speed or gain a tactical advantage shall be attached to a boat or carried by a crew member, other than (a) time keeping devices, (b) digital compasses provided these cannot calculate speed or location information for use while racing and (c) Tack Tracker type devices that record data relating to the position of a boat but do not permit any visual display of that data to a crew member during the race.

## **15 Disclaimer of Liability**

- 15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk: see RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organising 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.

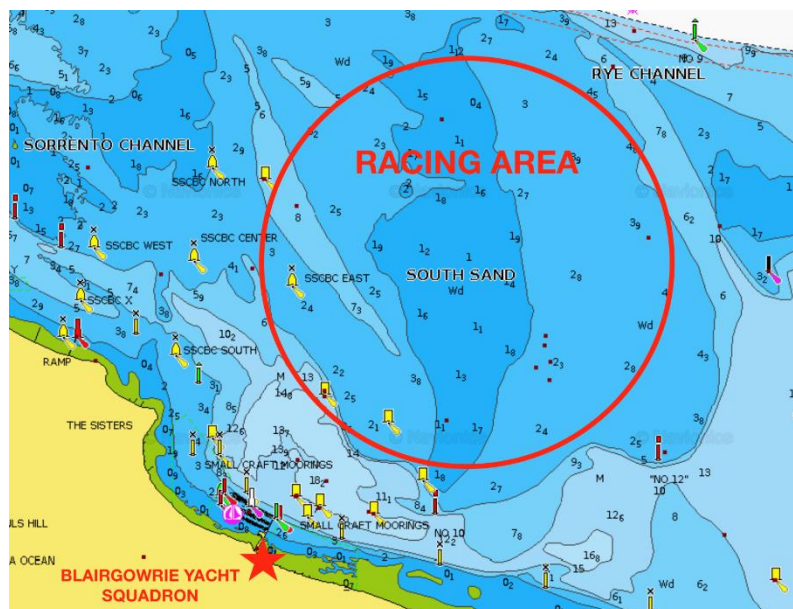
## 16 Insurance

- 16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$10,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.
- 16.2 Competitors may be required to produce evidence of such insurance and any competitor not holding such cover shall withdraw their entry.

## 17 Rights to use name and likeness

- 17.1 In participating in the regatta, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority, the Association and the sponsors of the regatta, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproduction of him/her during the period of the competition for the regatta in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the regatta without compensation.

## 18 Racing Area



## 19 Further Information

Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron	RS Aero Class Association	Boat Charter
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