



Adams 10 Victorian Championships 2026 14 – 15 February 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron (BYS).

BYS invites entries from the Adams 10 Class for the 2026 Victorian Championships and others for the Adams Promotional Regatta.

1. RULES

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 1 Category 6 of Australian Sailing (AS), as may be amended **[DP]**, apply.
- 1.3. The current Adams 10 Class Association Class Rules, apply, except as follows:
 - 6.21(a): Mainsail, No.3 Jib and Storm Sail part 1 and 2 do not apply and are replaced with: *“Construction of the Mainsail and No.3 Jib may be of any material”*.
 - 6.29: Headsail LP Measurement does not apply and is replaced with: *“Excluding the Storm Sail, a maximum of 3 Headsails is permitted. The maximum LP measurement for any Headsail is 5334mm. There is no minimum LP for No.1, No.2 or No.3.*
 - 10.70 Mainsail or Headsail halyard locks affixed to a mast above the gooseneck of the boom under 10 PROHIBITIONS are allowed.
- 1.1. In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will prevail. This changes RRS 63.5(c).
- 1.2. Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 1.3. **[NP]** denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The SIs will be available after 1700hrs on 10 February 2026 on the official notice board.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board is located at <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/?ID=82257> and can also be accessed via the regatta page of BYS's website www.bys.asn.au/adams-10-victorian-championship-2026/.
- 3.2. **[DP]** All boats shall carry a marine band VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting Marine VHF channels 16, 67, 69, 71 and 77. The radio shall be switched on at all times and tuned to the correct race committee frequency. The race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts on and monitor these and other VHF channels and may communicate race information to competitors. The channel for the event will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.3. **[DP]** Boats are required to use VHF radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency.
- 3.4. **[NP]** While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice and data transmissions or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY AND REGISTRATION

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the Adams 10 class. All skippers of the Adams 10 boats must be members of a Victorian yacht club affiliated with Australian Sailing.

- 4.2. The Adams Promotional Regatta is open to Adams 10.6 and non-class compliant Adams 10's and will be handicapped using an event handicap allocated by the event Race Committee.
- 4.3. All boats shall have a valid AS Special Regulations Category 6 Equipment Audit form. This changes RRS 46 and 75
- 4.4. All skippers and crew shall comply with RRS 46. Skippers and crew who are not financial members of an Australian Sailing recognised yacht club shall apply for and receive a valid BYS Sail Pass at: www.bys.asn.au/sailpass before racing.
- 4.5. Entries, payment of the applicable fees and lodging entry documentation shall be made online at <https://sailingresults.net/entry/default.aspx?ID=1969160> before 1700 hours on 7 February 2026.
- 4.6. A minimum of four entries is required for the regatta to proceed.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$200 including GST.
- 5.2. The entry fee includes berthing as set out in NOR 14.

6. [DP] ADVERTISING

- 6.1. Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 6.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA from the close of check-in through the end of the event.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. A maximum of six (6) championship races is scheduled, with up to four (4) heats sailed each day.
- 7.2. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1430 hrs.

| Date | Time | Event |
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| Friday 13 Feb 2026 | 0900 – 1600 | Berthing available (or earlier by arrangement) |
| | 1730 | The Wooden Boatshop Sunset Series Race 7 Twilight Invitation Race, enter here: https://sailingresults.net/entry/default.aspx?ID=1769169 (*see note below) |
| Saturday 14 Feb 2026 | 0900 - 1000 | Registration |
| | 1030 | Competitor briefing |
| | 1200 | Race session 1, first warning signal |
| | | Post racing drinks and snacks |
| | | Dinner available in the BYS Club Racing Lounge and the deck at member prices, subject to prior booking via ph: 59259600. |
| Sunday 15 Feb 2026 | 1100 | Race session 2, first warning signal |
| | TBA – as early as possible | Post racing drinks and presentation of awards |

*Boats and crews are encouraged to join the BYS fleet in its Twilight Race on Friday 13 February, but this race does not form part of this event.

8. REGISTRATION

- 8.1. No later than the close of registration (see NOR 7), all skippers and crew members shall be nominated on the event's online entry list.
- 8.2. No later than the close of registration (see NOR 7), each boat shall:
 - provide valid and current written evidence of insurance as required by NOR 17, and
 - provide a copy of current and valid AS Special Regulations Category 6 Equipment Audit form.

9. REPLACEMENT OF CREW, SAILS OR EQUIPMENT

- 9.1. **[NP] [DP]** Substitution of crew or the replacement or repair of sails or required equipment will require the prior written consent of the Race Committee.

10. VENUE AND RACE AREAS

- 10.1. Racing shall be conducted on Port Philip in one of two race areas – race area 1 directly to the north of BYS, or race area 2 in Capel Sound, northeast of Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron. (See Attachment A).
- 10.2. **[NP]** The Race Committee may notify competitors via SMS or radio of the intended race area for a race session prior to boats leaving the BYS marina for that session.

11. COURSES

- 11.1. The courses shall be windward/leeward courses as described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. The penalty for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 or RRS 31, shall be a One Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, shall be used.
- 13.2. In addition to penalties at the time of the incident in accordance with RRS 44.1 and 44.2, boats may also take a 30% Post Race Penalty in accordance with RRS Appendix T by notifying the Race Committee.
- 13.3. Three (3) races are required to constitute a series.
- 13.4. When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.5. When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14. BERTHING

- 14.1. Boats competing in the event will be allocated marina berth or hardstand landing location at BYS from Friday 13 February 2026 until Monday 16 February 2026.
- 14.2. Visiting boats competing in the event may also be stored free of charge in an allocated marina berth or hardstand landing location at BYS from Sunday 9 February 2026 until Friday 20 February 2026 subject to availability and by application in writing to marina@bys.asn.au. **Early application will ensure that suitable berthing is available free of charge.**
- 14.3. Underwater breathing apparatus, closed plastic pools or their equivalent, the use of dehumidifiers or electric fans of any type shall not be used around boats while they are afloat.

15. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 15.1. **[DP]** All competing boats shall be afloat by the close of registration (see NOR 7).
- 15.2. Competing boats shall not be hauled out from the close of registration until the end of the event except for emergencies or with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

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.**
- 16.2. All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the AS Special Regulations clause 1.02 'Responsibility of the Person in Charge'. 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, spares, 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. They shall also nominate a person to take over the responsibilities of the person in charge in the event of his incapacitation.

17. INSURANCE

- 17.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party property and personal liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000.00 per incident or the equivalent, with racing risk. All insurance cover shall be maintained for the period of racing.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1. Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.
18.2. A prizegiving ceremony will be held as soon as possible after completion of racing on Sunday 15 February 2026.

19. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 19.1. In participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the OA 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.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

BYS Sailing Office: (03) 5925 9620 sailing@bys.asn.au

ATTACHMENT A – RACE AREA OPTIONS

