



BLAIRGOWRIE YACHT SQUADRON

# International Contender Victorian Championships 2026



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The Organising Authority (OA) is the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron (BYS), in conjunction with the International Contender Association of Victoria.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NOR or SI's means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the NOR or SI's denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest or redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 and 61.1.

## 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 [NP] 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 The International Contender Class Rules will apply.
- 1.5 The Sailing Instructions (SIs) may also change other racing rules. All changes will appear in full in the SIs.

## 2 Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the official notice board after 17:00 on Thursday 12 March 2026.

## 3 Communication

- 3.1 The official notice board (ONB) is located at: <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/?ID=82304> and can be found on the regatta page of the OA's website: <https://bys.asn.au/international-contender-vic-championships-2026/>
- 3.2 Amendments to this NOR or the SI's will be posted on the official notice board.
- 3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## 4 Eligibility, Entry & Fees

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the International Contender Class, whose skipper is a current financial member of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing or holds a valid BYS Sail Pass for the regatta dates. Sail Pass applications shall be submitted at: <https://bys.asn.au/sailpass/>
- 4.2 The regatta entry fee is \$180 and includes a \$50 membership fee for International Contender Association of Victoria. Regatta entry closes at 11:59pm on 11 March 2026.
- 4.3 The online entry shall be submitted at: <https://sailingresults.net/entry/default.aspx?ID=9269796>

## 5 [DP] Advertising

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

## 6 Schedule

<b>Friday 13 March</b>	Competitor arrival – by arrangement with John Lindholm 0419307897	10:30 – 15:00
<b>Saturday 14 March</b>	Competitor arrival Registration Competitors' briefing Race session warning	08:00 – 10:00 10:00 – 11:00 11:00 13:30
<b>Sunday 15 March</b>	Race session warning Presentation	10:30 ASAP after last race

- 6.1 No warning signal will be made after 15:30 on Sunday 15 March.
- 6.2 The series will comprise a maximum of six (6) races.

## **7 Equipment Inspection**

- 7.1 All boats shall comply with class requirements and hold a valid measurement certificate. Boats shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate if so requested by the OA.
- 7.2 [DP] In the event of damage, replacement equipment may only be substituted with written permission of the Race Committee.

## **8 Venue**

- 8.1 The racing area shall be on Port Phillip in the vicinity of Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron ('BYS'). See Appendix A.

## **9 Courses**

- 9.1 The courses to be sailed will be triangle and windward-leeward legs with either an upwind or a downwind finish and will be described in the SIs.

## **10 Penalty System**

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

## **11 Scoring**

- 11.1 Six (6) races are scheduled of which three (3) are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.3 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.

## **12 Prizes**

- 12.1 Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places overall.
- 12.2 Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

## **13 Support Person Vessels**

- 13.1 Support boats shall register for the event by 14 March 2026 at:  
<https://sailingresults.net/entry/default.aspx?ID=9269796>
- 13.2 Support boats registered after 14 March 2026 will incur a \$100 administrative fee.
- 13.3 Marina berthing is subject to availability and fees apply. Bookings shall be made with the BYS Marina Office.
- 13.4 All support boats must carry a working VHF radio and be prepared to assist the Race Committee if requested to do so until cleared to leave the course area.
- 13.5 At no time during racing shall a support boat go closer than 200 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.
- 13.6 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).

## **14 Berthing**

- 14.1 Boats and trailers are left at BYS and surrounding beach area, and any designated trailer park, at the owner's risk.
- 14.2 Boats may be dropped off at BYS prior to the event during the times indicated in the schedule.
- 14.3 Trailers may be stored in the areas provided by the Organising Authority at the owner's risk, from 13 March until 15 March 2026.

## 15 Risk Statement

- 15.1 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.**
- 15.2 All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the Australian Sailing Special Regulations clause 1.02 ‘Responsibility of the Person in Charge.’ The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who must do their best to ensure that the boat is structurally sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by a crew who are physically fit to face the expected conditions. The owner and the person in charge must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails, and all gear. The owner and the person in charge must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew knows how to use it.

## 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 Further Information

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# APPENDIX A – RACING AREA

