



BLAIRGOWRIE YACHT SQUADRON

44th Minnow National Championships



Minnow Sailing Association

— VICTORIA —

NOTICE OF RACE

7th -13th January 2023

Organising Authority:
Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron

In conjunction with the:
Minnow Sailing Association (Victoria)

**2023 MINNOW
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**NOTICE OF RACE
7th JANUARY 2023-13th JANUARY 2023**

The Minnow Sailing Association Inc (Victoria) together with Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron invites entries for the 44th Australian Minnow Championships (the Regatta). The Regatta will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip in Victoria from Sat 7th January to Fri 13th January 2023.

The Organising Authority is the Minnow Sailing Association Inc (Victoria) in conjunction with the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) (2021-2024), Prescriptions and Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) and the Minnow Class Rules
- 1.2 The Novice Fleet will sail under the World Sailing Introductory Rules for Racing
- 1.3 Arbitration will be conducted in accordance with Appendix T of the RRS

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority
- 2.2 If advertising presents a conflict of interest, dispensation may be sought from the Organising Authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Minnow Class.
- 3.2 Competitors must be current financial members of their State or Territory Minnow Sailing Association.
- 3.3 Competitors must also be current financial sailing members of a club affiliated with a State or National Sailing Authority and provide an AS number.
- 3.4 Eligibility for each division shall be as follows:
Novice: The Novice Fleet is to encourage participation and enjoyment of the Australian Championship for inexperienced sailors. It

is expected that sailors skilled enough to sail in the Open Fleet will enter in the Open Fleet to maintain the spirit of the Novice Fleet. Final acceptance into the Novice Fleet will be at the discretion of the Organising Authority guided by the advice of the State Presidents. Refer Addendum A – Minnow Novice Fleet Guidelines.

Junior: Any Minnow sailor under twelve years of age on the day of the first scheduled race of the championships, and who is not competing as a Novice.

Open: All Minnow sailors (including Juniors) who are not competing as a Novice will compete in the Open division.

3.5 Competitors and guardians will agree to abide by the Australian Sailing Member Protection Policy and Procedures. A signed competitor declaration and parent/guardian authorisation shall be signed at registration

3.6 Eligible boats may enter by completing an online entry at:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CASGI>



Late entries may be accepted up until 5/1/23 at BYS.

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FEES

- 4.1 All registration is via the web address provided above in NOR 3.6
- 4.2 The entry fee for the Open fleet is \$300/boat, and \$280 for additional boats of the one family. The entry fee for the Novice fleet is \$240/boat
- 4.3 Entry fee includes regatta entry, regatta shirt, welcome dinner ticket (8/1/23) and presentation dinner ticket (13/1/23).
- 4.4 Additional tickets for non-competitors, for the welcome dinner and presentation dinner can be purchased via the online registration process.
- 4.5 Additional regatta shirts can be ordered by non-competitors via the online registration process
- 4.6 Entries are due by December 16th 2022. Late entries after this date will only receive the regatta shirt depending on availability

- 4.7 Late entries may be accepted up until 1800hrs of Saturday 7th January, 2023 at BYS
- 4.8 All fees are payable to Minnow Sailing Association (Victoria) via the online entry gateway (NOR 3.6)
- 4.9 If any entry is cancelled by the competitor, the Entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Cancellation Date	Entry Fee Refund
Three weeks before event	100%
Two weeks before event	50%
One week before event	No refund

- 4.10 Should the Organising Authority cancel the event due to Covid 19, the entry fee will be refunded less any costs incurred.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1

Date	Event	Time
Sat 7 th Jan	Registration & measurement	1000hrs – 1800hrs
	Coach & support boat registration	1000hrs – 1800hrs
Sun 8 th Jan	Registration & measurement	0900hrs – 1100hrs
	Coach & support boat registration	0900hrs – 1100hrs
	Volunteers briefing	1100hrs – 1200hrs
	Competitors briefing	1300hrs
	Invitational race	1430hrs (1 st warning)
	Welcome Dinner	1800hrs
Mon 9 th Jan	Race Session 1 (2 races)	1000hrs (1 st warning)
	Race Session 2 (2 races)	1430hrs (1 st warning)
Tues 10 th Jan	Race Session 3 (2 races)	1000hrs (1 st warning)
	Race Session 4 (2 races)	1430hrs (1 st warning)
Wed 11 th Jan	Lay Day	
Thurs 12 th Jan	Race Session 5 (2 races)	1000hrs (1 st warning)
	Race Session 6 (2 races)	1430hrs (1 st warning)
Fri 13 th Jan	Race Session 7 (2 races)	1000hrs (1 st warning)
	Presentation Dinner	1800 hrs

- 5.2 A maximum of 14 races will be sailed

- 5.3 A maximum of 3 races may be sailed in a session if necessary.
- 5.4 Under normal sailing and weather conditions it is not expected that more than 4 races will be sailed on any race day. An additional race may be sailed if necessary, provided the fleet does not become one race ahead of schedule and the change is made to the sailing instructions
- 5.5 The Lay Day may be used for re-sails or to bring racing forward if forecast weather for subsequent day(s) is considered unsuitable for sailing.
- 5.6 On the last day of scheduled racing, no warning signal will be made after 1300hrs.

6 MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 All boats shall hold a valid measurement certificate and shall be kept in compliance with the Minnow Class Rules throughout the regatta
- 6.2 Measurements may be taken of hulls, equipment and sails at the discretion of the Organising Authority to confirm compliance with the Minnow Class Rules.
- 6.3 Only one set of equipment, including sails shall be used for the regatta
- 6.4 To replace damaged equipment permission must be obtained from the Race Committee in compliance with the Sailing Instructions, using the Application Form available from the Regatta Office.
- 6.5 Note: Changes in the Rules of Measurement and Construction (Amended and approved to Aug 2015) which came into effect on 25 December 2016, namely Clause B (i) The minimum hull weight shall be 22.25kg.
- 6.6 Measurement checks and inspections may be carried out at any time. A boat notified of inspection shall follow the instructions of the Race Committee

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the BYS website from January 2ND 2023. They will also be posted on the official noticeboard from January 7th

8 VENUE

- 8.1 The regatta site will be Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron, Nepean highway, Blairgowrie.
- 8.2 The racing area will be on the waters of Port Phillip to the northeast of the yacht club. The precise location of the racing areas will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The courses shall be a triangle, windward, leeward course, to be sailed as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.2 The Novice Fleet will sail a separate course, at times determined by the Race Officer depending on the conditions

10 SCORING

- 10.1 Scoring will be in accordance with the Low Point System of RRS Appendix A4
- 10.2 A minimum of four races must be completed to constitute a series
- 10.3 When fewer than six races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 10.4 When six to seven races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 10.5 When eight or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her two worst scores
- 10.6 Within the Open Fleet, two Divisions will be scored; Open and Junior. Any sailor who is less than 12 years of age on 7th January 2023 will be scored in both the Open and Junior Divisions
- 10.7 All Division prizes will be awarded based on the position of the boat in that Division.

11 SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1 All support person vessels shall register for the event not later than 1100 hours Sunday 8th January 2023. The organising authority may refuse registrations and accept late registrations at their discretion.
- 11.2 Support person vessels shall be a seaworthy boat with motor, shall comply with local legislation, including the safety equipment to be carried and conditions under which lifejackets shall be worn. Kill cords must be used when the motor is operating.
- 11.3 Support person vessels shall familiarise themselves with RRS 37, Search and Rescue Instructions

All support person vessels shall keep at least 100m to leeward of the start line and its extensions between the preparatory signal and the start signal and more than 100 metres clear of any competing boat or mark of the course, between the start signal and the finish of the last boat, except when asked by the race committee to enter the course area or assist competitors. Failure to comply may result in the disqualification of all competitors associated with the infringement.

- 11.4 All support person vessels are required to carry a working VHF radio to monitor the advised frequency
- 11.5 Support boats are required to render assistance if requested to do so by the race committee or a competitor. They shall also comply with all instructions of the Race Committee.
- 11.6 **Open and Junior divisions.** On water coaching is not allowed after the preparatory signal. Failure to abide by this instruction may result in penalties being applied to the Minnow class boat or boats involved under RRS 4, or as specified in the Sailing Instructions. This instruction continues to apply if a general recall or postponement is signalled, but not after a race is abandoned. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in disqualification after protest of any or all boats associated with the infringing persons
- 11.7 **Novice Division.** The above Open and Junior Division regulations apply with the exception of Official Safety Boats registered with the Race Committee and approved to provide on course support.

12 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 12.1 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 phones

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 Prizes in the Australian Championships will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the Open and Junior Division, and the Novice Fleet.
- 13.2 The Junior division prizes will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the overall results of the Open fleet
- 13.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

14 RIGHTS TO USE NAME & LIKENESS

- 14.1 In participating in the 44th Australian Minnow Championships, a parent/guardian unless they opt out in writing at Registration, automatically grants the Organising Authority, the Association and the sponsors of the Championships, 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 reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said Championships in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said Championships without compensation

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 **COVID STATEMENT**

By taking part in the event covered by the Notice of Race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force with respect to COVID-19 and complying with the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron COVID Safety plan.

17 **INSURANCE**

17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000.00 per event or the equivalent.

18 **SOCIAL & CATERING**

18.1 A welcome dinner (free to competitors) will be held on Saturday 8th January, from 1800hrs

18.2 A presentation dinner (free to competitors) will be held on Friday 13th January, from 1800hrs.

19 **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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APPENDIX A

Novice Fleet Guidelines

- A.1** Whether a sailor is to sail in the Novice or Open fleet at a State or National Championships can be a difficult decision for parents. Here are some guidelines for when entering such an event. They are guidelines only as 'hard and fast rules' in this situation do not cater for everyone.
- A.1.1 8 years of age or less on the day of the first racing session race.
- A.1.2 A sailor 9 years or more on the day of the first racing session, competing in their first State/National Championships.
- A.1.3 A sailor with a medical condition that requires on-water treatment or has a recognized learning/cognitive disorder.
- A.1.4 A sailor who has never had a podium finish in an organized Minnow race.
- A.2** The goal of the Novice fleet is to encourage participation and enjoyment of the State and National Championships for beginner sailors.
- A.3** A sailor who fits the above criteria but is skilled enough to sail the Open course is strongly encouraged to enter the Open fleet to maintain the spirit of the Novice fleet, and for that sailor to challenge themselves and build their own skills.
- A.4** Final acceptance into the Novice fleet will be made by the Organising Authority following advice from the President of the Minnow Sailing Association (Victoria) (or their nominated representative).