



J/70 Victorian Championships 11 - 13 October 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron (BYS) in conjunction with the J/70 Australia Class Association Inc (J70ACA).

1. RULES

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), as may be amended [DP],
- 1.3. World Sailing's Equipment Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (ERS) [DP]
- 1.4. The current International J70 Class Association (IJ70CA) Class Rules (J70CR) including Part III, Sections I.3 (Outside Assistance) and I.4 (Corinthian Division). [DP]
- 1.5. Bow numbers pursuant to IJ70CA [J/70 Equipment Regulations](#) (J70ER) Appendix A are required to be fitted for this regatta
- 1.6. The OA will include the Vakaros Atlas 2 RaceSense as required equipment for this event. Each boat shall either provide a working Atlas 2 at check-in for configuration with RaceSense, or an Atlas 2 will be provided by the OA for a fee.
 - A set of instructions about the use of the electronic device can be found [here](#) and will also be posted on the Official Notice Board.
 - Those needing to rent an Atlas 2 for the event can do so here: <https://bys.asn.au/2025-j-70-victorian-championships/>
- 1.7. In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the sailing instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 2.2. 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.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The event is open to all boats of the J/70 Class holding a valid Manufacturer's Declaration.
- 3.2. All boats shall have a valid AS Special Regulations Category 7 Equipment Audit form.
- 3.3. All skippers and crew shall be financial members of the J70 Australia Class Association and 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 Sail Pass from BYS before racing to comply with RRS 46.
- 3.4. All boats competing shall be registered with the J/70 Australia Class Association for the 2024-25 season.
- 3.5. Entries, payment of the applicable fees and lodging entry documentation shall be made online at <https://bys.asn.au/2025-j-70-victorian-championships/>
- 3.6. The J/70 Australia Class Association have produced a [Pre-Regatta Checklist](#), skippers are required to complete the checklist, including declaring the J/70 International Class Association royalty number for all sails to be used for the series, and submit as part of final registration.
- 3.7. A minimum of five entries are required for the regatta to proceed.

4. CATEGORISATION

- 4.1. In accordance with RRS 79 Categorization, the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code will apply (see J70CR C.3.1(b) and J70CR C.3.2).

- 4.2. Each crew member of a competing boat shall obtain a World Sailing sailor classification code. Inability to provide a WS classification code for all members of the crew at registration will automatically categorise that boat as a non-Corinthian competitor.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$750.
5.2. The Fee for hire of Race Sense Atlas 2 is \$30 AUD per day.
5.3. The entry fee includes berthing and trailer storage from 10 – 14 October, championship racing, awards and prizes. Early arrivals are welcome from Friday 4 October at no additional charge. Standard BYS berthing rates apply before 4 October and after 14 October.

6. EVENT FORMAT

- 6.1. A maximum of eight (8) championship races are scheduled, with up to four (4) heats sailed each day.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1400 hrs.
7.2. Berthing, registration, racing and social schedule:

| Date | Time | Event |
|---------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| Thursday 10 October | 0900 - 1600 | Hardstand open, berthing available |
| | 1500 - 1700 | Registration |
| Friday 11 October | 0800 - 0900 | Registration |
| | 0900 | Competitors briefing |
| | 1100 | Race session, first warning signal |
| Saturday 12 October | 1100 | Race session, first warning signal |
| | 1800 | Regatta dinner at BYS |
| Sunday 13 October | 1000 | Race session, first warning signal |
| | | Presentation of awards |

8. REGISTRATION

- 8.1. No later than the close of registration (see NoR 7), all skippers and crew members shall:
- be listed on the event's online entry list
 - be members of the J/70 Australia Class Association
- 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 23
 - provide a copy of current and valid AS Special Regulations Category 7 Equipment Audit form
 - provide completed and signed J/70 Regatta Check-in Form. This form is available on the event website.
 - Complete all required equipment inspection items as directed by the OA and J70ACA pursuant to the J70ER.

9. INSPECTION [DP]

- 9.1. Boats, sails and equipment may be inspected at any time during the event.
9.2. Prior to the event, all boats must obtain (and have with the boat at all times) a valid and current Manufacturer's Declaration. Owners should contact the IJ70CA Class Office well prior to the event with any questions and/or to arrange for a Manufacturer's Declaration.
9.3. All sails to be used in the event may be inspected for compliance with the J70CR, the J70ER, and the ERS. IJ70CA issued sail royalty numbers to be recorded on the J/70 Regatta Check-in Form.

- 9.4. Bow numbers and any sponsor stickers will be assigned and supplied by the OA and shall be affixed to each boat prior to the first warning signal; these shall be retained on both sides of the hull throughout the event. This rule shall not be ground for protest by a boat. See J70ER 6. This change is added to RRS 60.1(a). [NP]
- 9.5. RRS 78.1 is in effect from the close of registration until the end of the event. Sails and required equipment shall not be removed from a boat without the prior written consent of the event Race Committee.

10. REPLACEMENT OF CREW, SAILS OR EQUIPMENT

- 10.1. Substitution of crew or the replacement or repair of sails or required equipment will require the prior written consent of the Race Committee pursuant to J70ER 10.

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available online on the regatta page of the club's website <https://bys.asn.au/2025-j-70-victorian-championships/> from 4 October 2024 and also posted on the official online notice board.

12. VENUE AND RACE AREAS

- 12.1. Racing shall be conducted on Port Philip in the vicinity of Capel Sound, north east of Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron. (See Attachment A).

13. THE COURSES

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

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements within the Zone, as defined in the RRS, the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1.

15. ARBITRATION

- 15.1. RRS Appendix T shall apply.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, applied including the provisions of RRS Appendix A5.2.
- 16.2. In addition to penalties at the time of the incident in accordance with rules 44.1 and 44.2, boats may also take a 30% Post Race Penalty in accordance with RRS Appendix T by notifying the OA.
- 16.3. Three (3) races are required to constitute a series.
- 16.4. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.5. When five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 17.1. Visiting coach or support vessels may be berthed at BYS for the duration of the regatta by prior application with the Sailing Office and subject to availability. Additional fees may apply.
- 17.2. Coaches and support boats must remain well away from the start area, the course area and racing areas (at a minimum of 100m) from the time of the first warning signal each day until racing has concluded for the day.
- 17.3. Competitors shall have no communication with boats and boats shall not be tied to coach or support boats from the first warning signal each race day until racing has been concluded for the day.
- 17.4. Support boats shall make themselves available at all times while afloat to assist the Race Committee in the case of an emergency or rescue, as directed in person by the relevant race officer, or via VHF Radio or as signalled by the flying of code flag V on the start boat. Refer to RRS 37.

18. BERTHING AND TRAILER PARKING

- 18.1. Boats competing in the regatta may be stored free of charge at BYS from Saturday 5 October to Monday 14 October on the hardstand prior to and after the regatta and in nominated berths during the regatta.
- 18.2. Any visiting boats wishing to berth outside of the above-mentioned times must apply in writing to sailing@bys.asn.au and receive written approval. Additional fees may apply.
- 18.3. The hardstand will be open and the crane available for use for boats arriving on Thursday 10 October. For visitors, craning boats into the water will require assistance from the BYS Sailing Office.
- 18.4. 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.
- 18.5. Once boats are berthed, the trailers may be stored on the travel lift runway.

19. HAULING OUT

- 19.1. All competing boats shall be afloat by the close of registration (see NOR 7).
- 19.2. Competing boats shall not be hauled out and shall not remove their rudders or lift their keels from the time they are launched following their inspection until the end of the event except with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 20.1. All boats shall carry a marine band VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting Marine VHF channels. The radio shall be switched on at all times and tuned to the correct race committee frequency. The race committee intends to monitor VHF channel 69 and communicate race information to competitors. [DP]
- 20.2. Boats are required to use the VHF radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions are permitted by competing boats during each racing day from their warning signal until the completion of their race. The only exception to this rule is digital transmissions to and from Race Sense transponders.

21. PRIZES

- 21.1. A prizegiving ceremony will be held as soon as possible after completion of racing on Sunday 13 October.
- 21.2. The J/70 Victorian Championship perpetual trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 21.3. Trophies will be awarded in the Open, Corinthian and Youth Divisions depending on entry numbers.
- 21.4. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the J70 Australia Class Association.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 22.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race, which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." 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.
- 22.2. The OA, sponsors, class associations, the race committee and other race officials are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 22.3. 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.

23. INSURANCE

- 23.1. 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. All insurance cover shall be maintained for the period of racing.

24. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 24.1. 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.

25. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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

ATTACHMENT A – RACING AREA

