



BLAIRGOWRIE YACHT SQUADRON



2023 J70 Victorian Championships

NOTICE OF RACE

17 Nov – 19 Nov 2023

**Organising Authority
BLAIRGOWRIE YACHT SQUADRON
2900 Point Nepean Road, Blairgowrie 3942, Victoria**

**In conjunction with the:
J70 Australia Class Association**

Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron is pleased to invite all competitors to the 2023 J70 Victorian State Championships to be held at Blairgowrie on the Mornington Peninsula from 17 November to 19 November 2023.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The racing will be governed by:
- the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and
 - the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) - Part 1, and
 - the rules of the International J70 one design class.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 In accordance with the J70 Class Rules and World Sailing Regulation 20.5.1, no advertising shall be displayed pursuant to World Sailing Regulation 20.3.2.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 All skippers and crew shall be financial members of the J70 Australia Class Association and comply with RRS 46.
- 3.2 All boats competing shall be registered with the J70 Australia Class Association for the 2023-24 season.
- 3.3 All skippers and crew shall wear a lifejacket from the warning signal and for the duration of racing.
- 3.4 For purposes of categorisation, each 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.
- 3.5 Entries must be lodged online <https://sailingresults.net/entry/default.aspx?ID=1064615>
- 3.6 Each boat shall have a valid Australian Sailing Regulations Equipment Audit Form for Category 7. This form must be produced at registration.
- 3.7 The J/70 Australia Class Association have produced a [Pre-Regatta Checklist](#), skippers are encouraged to use the reference guide before attending J/70 events.
- 3.8 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority until 1700hrs on Friday 10 November 2023 and will be subject to an additional late entry fee.

4. FEES

- 4.1 Fees are as follows:

Regatta Fee	Berthing Fee
Regatta entry fee: \$ 750 Includes regatta polo (not guaranteed after 7 Nov)	Waived from 4/11//23 until 26/11/23 Standard BYS rates apply at other times
Late entry surcharge: \$50	
Saturday Event Dinner (not included in Entry Fee): \$60 per person This is a set menu dinner main course and dessert. Please book with online entry.	

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1 BERTHING, REGISTRATION & SOCIAL SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Venue	Time
Wednesday 15 Nov	Hardstand Open Berthing available	Hardstand Marina	From 0900 hrs From 0900 hrs
Thursday 16 Nov	Hardstand Open Berthing available	Hardstand Marina	From 0900 hrs From 0900 hrs
Friday 17 Nov	Registration	Deck	0800 hrs
	Competitors Information Session	Deck	0900 hrs
Saturday 18 Nov.	Welcome dinner	Racing Lounge	1900 hrs
Sunday 19 Nov.	Drinks and prize presentation	Deck	After racing

5.2 RACING SCHEDULE

Date	Racing Session	# of races per day	First Warning Signal
Fri 17 Nov	1	Heats 1, 2, 3, 4	1100 hrs
Sat 18 Nov	2	Heats 5, 6, 7, 8	1100 hrs
Sun 19 Nov	3	Heats 9, 10	1000 hrs

- 5.3 10 championship heats are scheduled, with up to four (4) heats scheduled each day.
- 5.4 Additional heats may be sailed each day provided that racing does not become more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to Standard Sailing Instructions.
- 5.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1400 hrs.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available online on the club's website (<https://www.bys.asn.au/>) in the week before the event, and also posted on the official notice board located underneath the main club house.
- 6.2 Sign on/off will be done manually adjacent to the official notice board prior to and after each race session.

7. REGISTRATION, MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 All boats shall have current Measurement Certificates and a valid Sail Measurement Certificate provided by a certified J70 measurer.
- 7.2 No boat shall carry any unreasonable quantities of water or anything else for the purpose of adding ballast. The amount of water permitted to be carried should be sufficient for the crew for drinking purposes during the day's racing. A maximum of 10 litres of water per boat is acceptable.

- 7.3 During the event, any boat may be subject to measurement or examination by the Organising Authority or its delegates at any time, including compliance with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations. Compliance failures will be referred to the Protest Committee for consideration of an appropriate penalty.

8 VENUE AND RACE AREAS

- 8.1 The preferred location for racing is in the waters directly to the north-north-east of BYS on the South Sand. However, these waters feature a number of sandbanks and are subject to low tides and some currents, and so an alternative Race Area may be utilised.
- 8.2 Attachment A shows the primary (preferred) Race Area to the North-North East of BYS, and the alternative Race Area in Capel Sound, approximately 3nm to the east of BYS.
- 8.3 No later than 90 minutes before the scheduled start of the first race on each day, the Course Race Officer shall signify the Race Area for that day by displaying from the BYS yardarm the J70 Class Flag above one of the following flags:
- Code Flag A: Primary Course Area off BYS, or
 - Code Flag B: Alternative Course Area in Capel Sound

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward courses as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10 PENALTIES

- 10.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

11 ARBITRATION

- 11.1 RRS Appendix T shall apply.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 Ten (10) championship races are scheduled of which four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3 When up to five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.4 When between six (6) and ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13 SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 BYS is able to berth coach or support vessels within or in waters adjacent to its marina for the duration of the regatta.
- 13.2 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.
- 13.3 Competitors shall have no communication with 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.
- 13.4 Support boats shall make themselves available to assist the Course Race Officer in the management of any on-water safety matter or in the event of an emergency, and drivers must register their boats and provide a mobile telephone number on which they may be contacted.

14 BERTHING AND TRAILER PARKING

- 14.1 Boats competing in the regatta may be stored free of charge at BYS from Saturday 4 Nov to Sunday 26 Nov on the hardstand prior to and after the regatta and in nominated berths during the regatta.
- 14.2 The hardstand will be open and the crane available for use for boats arriving on Wednesday 15 Nov and Thursday 16 Nov. Allocated visitor berths will be available from Thursday 16 Nov. For visitors, craning boats into the water will require assistance from the BYS Sailing Office.
- 14.3 Once boats are berthed, the trailers may be stored on the travel lift runway.

15 HAULING OUT

- 15.1 The event will be sailed as a wet regatta. Boats may not be hauled out during the regatta unless by approval from the Course Race Officer.

16 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1 All boats shall carry a marine band VHF transceiver capable of receiving and transmitting Marine VHF channels. Boats shall use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions of any other nature are permitted by competing boats during each racing day from the first warning signal until racing has been concluded for the day.
- 16.2 The race committee may use VHF radio to advise competitors of general matters relating to the racing (including recalls at the start) or for emergency or safety purposes.
- 16.3 The use of mobile phones or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication and/or connecting to the internet is prohibited after the first warning signal on each race day until the boat has finished racing, except as provided in NOR 16.1 or in an emergency threatening the safety of a crew member or the flotation of the boat. Exemption for medical needs may be granted by the Race Committee on application.
- 16.4 The radio frequency for the event is VHF channel 71.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 Prizes, based on the scratch points score will be awarded by the J70 Australia Class Association, depending on number of entries, to the first three scratch places, first three Corinthian places and a handicap winner.
- 17.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the J70 Australia Class Association.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. 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.

19 INSURANCE

- 19.1 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.

20 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 20.1 In participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authorities 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.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

21.1 BLAIRGOWRIE YACHT SQUADRON Sailing Office: (03) 5925 9600

Andrew Little; Andy McIntyre; Tony Landgren Regatta Managers	Aflittle.bys@gmail.com andy@rocketsciencetv.com.au
Glenys Hitchen AS National Race Officer	geh700@gmail.com
Richard Backwell Club Captain	richardb@vicbar.com.au
Michelle de Blaquiére Sailing Manager	michelle@bys.asn.au 5925 9620

ATTACHMENT A – RACING AREA

