



J/70 Victorian Championships 21 - 23 November 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

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

An application will be made to Australian Sailing to deny the right of appeal for the event under RRS 70.3(c).

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 of Australian Sailing (AS), as may be amended [DP].
- 1.3. The current International J70 Class Association (IJ70CA) Class Rules (J70CR), including Part III, Sections I.3 (Outside Assistance), and I.4 (Corinthian Division).
- 1.4. In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the sailing instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.5(c).
- 1.5. The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.6. Bow numbers pursuant to IJ70CA J70 Equipment Regulations (J70ER) Appendix A are required to be fitted for this regatta
- 1.7. The OA will include the Vakaros Atlas 2 RaceSense as required equipment for this event. Each boat shall provide a working Atlas 2 at check-in for configuration with RaceSense. A set of instructions about the use of the electronic device will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available after 1700hrs on 14 November 2025 on the official notice board.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board is located at <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/?ID=82180> and can be accessed via the regatta page of the club's website <https://bys.asn.au/j-70-victorian-championship-2025-26/>.
- 3.2. 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]
- 3.3. 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.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the J/70 Class holding a valid Manufacturer's Declaration. Weight certificates must be issued after 31st of January 2025.
- 4.2. All boats shall have a valid AS Special Regulations Category 7 Equipment Audit form.
- 4.3. All skippers and crew shall be financial members of the J70ACA 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 BYS Sail Pass at: www.bys.asn.au/sailpass before racing to comply with RRS 46.

- 4.4. All boats competing shall be registered with the J/70ACA for the 2025-26 season.
- 4.5. Entries, payment of the applicable fees and lodging entry documentation shall be made online at www.bys.asn.au/j-70-victorian-championship-2025-26/
- 4.6. The J70ACA 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.
- 4.7. A minimum of five entries is required for the regatta to proceed.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$750.
- 5.2. The entry fee includes berthing and trailer storage from 20 – 24 November 2025, championship racing, awards and prizes. Early arrivals are welcome from Friday 14 November at no additional charge. Standard BYS berthing rates apply before 14 November and after 24 November.

6. CATEGORISATION

- 6.1. 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).
- 6.2. 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.

7. [DP] ADVERTISING

- 7.1. Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 7.2. 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.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1. A maximum of eight (8) championship races is scheduled, with up to four (4) heats sailed each day.
- 8.2. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1400 hrs.

Date	Time	Event
Thursday 20 Nov 2025	0900 - 1600	Hardstand open, berthing available
	1500 - 1700	Registration
Friday 21 Nov 2025	0800 - 0900	Registration
	0900	Competitors briefing
	1100	Race session, first warning signal
		Post racing drinks and snacks
Saturday 22 Nov 2025	1100	Race session, first warning signal
		Post racing drinks and snacks
Sunday 23 Nov 2025	1000	Race session, first warning signal
	TBA – as early as possible	Post racing drinks and snacks Presentation of awards

9. REGISTRATION & MEASUREMENT

9.1. No later than the close of registration (see NOR 8), all skippers and crew members shall:

- be nominated on the event's online entry list
- be members of the J/70 Australia Class Association.

9.2. No later than the close of registration (see NOR 8), each boat shall:

- Provide a copy of a valid and current J70 Class Manufacturer's Declaration – see J70CR A.10 and J70CR C.5.2(a)(10);
- provide valid and current written evidence of insurance as required by NOR 21;
- provide a copy of current and valid AS Special Regulations Category 7 Equipment Audit form;
- provide a completed and signed J70 Pre-Regatta Checklist form – available on the event website;
- complete all required equipment inspection items as directed by the OA and J70ACA pursuant to the J70ER.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1. Boats, sails and equipment may be inspected at any time during the event.

10.2. 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

10.3. 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 Pre-Regatta Checklist form.

10.4. 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. [NP]

10.5. 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.

11. REPLACEMENT OF CREW, SAILS OR EQUIPMENT

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.

12. VENUE AND RACE AREAS

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

13. COURSES

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

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

The penalty for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 or RRS 31, 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 and 44.2.

15. ARBITRATION

RRS Appendix T shall apply.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, shall be used.
- 16.2. 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 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) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 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. J70CR 1.3 applies: "A boat shall receive no outside assistance from the time the boat leaves its dock or mooring until the boat has returned to the dock or mooring each day, including being towed by a competitor or any other vessel".
- 17.3. 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 15 November to Monday 24 November 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 20 November. 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 8).
- 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. RISK STATEMENT

- 20.1. 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.**
- 20.2. 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'.

21. INSURANCE

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.

22. PRIZES

- 22.1. A prizegiving ceremony will be held as soon as possible after completion of racing on Sunday 23 November.
- 22.2. The J/70 Victorian Championship perpetual trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 22.3. Trophies will be awarded in the Open, Corinthian and Youth Divisions depending on entry numbers.
- 22.4. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the J70 Australia Class Association.

23. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

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.

24. FURTHER INFORMATION

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

ATTACHMENT A – RACING AREA

