



BLAIRGOWRIE
YACHT SQUADRON

BYS Youth Sportsboat Regatta 18 - 19 April 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron (BYS).

Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron is pleased to invite all competitors to the 2026 Youth Sportsboat Regatta to be held at Blairgowrie on the Mornington Peninsula. The regatta will showcase and encourage young adults in sailing, as is generously supported by BYS Past Commodore Kurt Jaks through his financial contribution, and by the Club's J70 boat owners who make their boats available for this event.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The racing will be governed by:
 - the rules as defined in the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
 - the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), as may be amended [DP];
 - Appendix UF, Umpired Fleet Racing – BYS Youth Sportsboat Regatta Edition, will apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The event is open to all boats of the J/70 Class, with crew aged 15 – 30 years.
- 2.2. For entries using a loan boat the skipper must be at least 18 years old.
- 2.3. All boats shall have a valid AS Special Regulations Category 7 Equipment Audit form.
- 2.4. All skippers and crew shall be financial members of an Australian Sailing recognised yacht club, or hold a valid BYS Sail Pass, available at www.bys.asn.au/sailpass, to comply with RRS 46.
- 2.5. Entries and payment of the applicable fee shall be made online at <https://sailingresults.net/entry/default.aspx?ID=1569141> by 15:00hrs on Monday 13 April 2026.
- 2.6. 6 loan boats shall be made available for the regatta to teams without their own boat, subject to a usage agreement. Boats will be allocated by the Race Committee.

3. FEES

- 3.1. The entry fee with a BYO boat is \$200.
- 3.2. The entry fee with a supplied boat is \$350.
- 3.3. The entry fee includes berthing and trailer storage from 18 April – 19 April, five competitor tee shirts, five dinner tickets for Saturday night and regatta racing.
- 3.4. An additional damage and repair deposit of \$1000 will apply for entries using a loan boat. Deposits held will be refunded at the end of the regatta minus any incurred costs for damage.

4. EVENT FORMAT & SCHEDULE

- 4.1. The event will be short course fleet racing.
- 4.2. A maximum of sixteen races is scheduled, with up to eight races sailed each day.
- 4.3. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1600 hrs.
- 4.4. Berthing, registration, racing and social schedule:

Date	Time	Event
Saturday 18 April	0900 – 0915 hrs	Registration
	0930 hrs	Information Briefing (Racing Lounge)

	1100 hrs	Race Session
	1800 hrs	Competitor dinner (Clubhouse)
Sunday 19 April	1100 hrs	Race Session
	ASAP after last race	Presentation

5. INSPECTION

- 5.1. 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.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available online on the regatta page of the club's website <https://bys.asn.au/youth-sportsboat-regatta-2026/> by 15 April 2026 and also posted on the official online notice board.

7. VENUE AND RACE AREAS

- 7.1. The Racing Area will be the waters of Port Philip in the vicinity of BYS.

8. THE COURSES

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

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1. 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 RRS 44.2.

10. ARBITRATION

- 10.1. RRS Appendix T shall apply.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 11.2. A maximum of 16 races is scheduled of which four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.4. When between five (5) and eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.5. When nine (9) races or more have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores. This changes RRS Appendix A2.

12. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. 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.
- 12.3. Competitors shall have no communication with support boats and competing 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.
- 12.4. 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.

13. BERTHING AND TRAILER PARKING

- 13.1. Boats competing in the regatta may be stored free of charge at BYS on the hardstand prior to and after the regatta and in nominated berths during the regatta.
- 13.2. Any visiting boats wishing to berth before or after the regatta must apply in writing to sailing@bys.asn.au and receive written approval. Additional fees may apply.
- 13.3. The hardstand will be open and the crane available for use for boats arriving on Friday 4 April 2025. For visitors, craning boats into the water will require assistance from the BYS Sailing Office.
- 13.4. 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.
- 13.5. Once boats are berthed, the trailers may be stored on the travel lift runway.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 14.1. 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 radio and communicate race information to competitors. [DP]
- 14.2. 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.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1. Prizes will be awarded to the first three overall places.
- 15.2. Kurt Jaks Award for sportsmanship.

16. RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1. 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.**
- 16.2. 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'. The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who shall do their best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather. They must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spares, rigging, sails and all gear. They shall ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used. They shall also nominate a person to take over the responsibilities of the person in charge in the event of his incapacitation.

17. INSURANCE

- 17.1. 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. Supplied boats will include the appropriate insurance cover.

18. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 18.1. 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.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

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

ATTACHMENT A – RACING AREA

