



2019 Victorian Minnow Championships

NOTICE OF RACE

23rd - 24th February 2019

Organising Authority:

Rye Yacht Club

In conjunction with the:

Minnow Sailing Association (Victoria)

The Rye Yacht Club (RYC) invites entries for the Victorian Minnow Championships (the Regatta). The Regatta will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip adjacent to the Rye Yacht Club in Victoria from Saturday 23 February to Sunday 24 February 2019.

The Organising Authority is the Rye Yacht Club in conjunction with the Minnow Sailing Association Inc. (Victoria).

1 RULES:

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, Prescriptions and Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), the Minnow Class Rules and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The Novice Fleet will sail under the *ISAF 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 the Minnow Sailing Association (Victoria).
- 3.3 Competitors must also be current financial 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 Victorian 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/452748>

4 FEES:

- 4.1 The entry fee is \$120 per boat and \$100 for additional boats of the one family.
- 4.2 Entry fee includes regatta entry, regatta shirt and Saturday night meal ticket for the competitor. Saturday night meal tickets for family members can be purchased in the online entry process.
- 4.3 Entries are due by 10 February 2019. Late entries after this date will not be eligible to receive the regatta shirt.

5 SCHEDULE:

5.1 As below:

| Date | Event | Time |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Saturday 23 February | Registration & Measurement | 08:30 – 9:30 |
| | Coach & Support Boat Registration | 08:30 – 9:30 |
| | Information Sesssion | 9:30 |
| | Race Session 1 | 10:30 (1 st Warning) |
| | Race Session 2 | After sailors have had a comfort break ashore |
| | AGM | 17:00 |
| | Social Function | 18:00 |
| Sunday 24 February | Race session 3 | 10:30 (1 st Warning) |
| | Race Session 4 | After sailors have had a comfort break ashore |
| | Presentation | After racing |

5.2 A maximum of six races will be sailed.

5.3 On the last day of scheduled racing, no warning signal will be made after 15:30 hours.

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 sail shall be used for the regatta.

6.4 To replace damaged equipment permission must be obtained from the Race Committee 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 come 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 after Thursday 21st February 2019 on the Rye Yacht Club website (www.ryeyachtclub.org.au) and from the Regatta Office from Saturday 23 February, 2019.

8 VENUE:

8.1 Rye Yacht Club, 2120 Point Neapean Road Rye, 3941.

8.2 The racing area will be on the waters of Port Phillip. The location of the racing areas will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

9 THE COURSES:

- 9.1 The courses to be sailed will be 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 RSS Appendix 4.
- 10.2 A minimum of three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.3 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 10.4 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her worst score.

11 SUPPORT BOATS: [DP]

- 11.1 **Open and Junior Division.** Team managers, coaches and other support personnel shall register with the host Club at the time of Registration specified in the Schedule. Support boats shall carry a VHF radio and comply with all local safety rules in accordance with Victorian Marine Regulations, and the instructions of the Race Committee. Approved Support Boats shall keep at least 100m clear of the course area during racing, except when asked to assist by an official from the race committee. Failure to comply may result in the disqualification of all competitors associated with the infringement.
- 11.2 **Novice Division.** The above Open and Junior Division regulations apply with the exception of official safety boats registered with the Race Committee approved to provide on course support.

12 RADIO COMMUNICATION:

- 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 telephones.

13 PRIZES:

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

14 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS:

- 14.1 In participating in the 2019 Victorian Minnow Sailing 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 rule 4, 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 INSURANCE:

- 16.1 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.

17 AMENDMENTS:

- 17.1 Any amendments to this Notice of Race shall be posted on the Rye Yacht Club website (www.ryeyachtclub.org.au)

18 FURTHER INFORMATION:

For further information please contact:
Rye Yacht Club

Or

Richard Backwell
President, Minnow Sailing Association Inc (Vic)
Tel: 0409 417 135

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 invitation race.
 - A.1.2 A sailor 9 years or more on the day of the invitation race, 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).