



Victorian School Team Sailing Championships

Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron 22-24 March 2018

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NOTICE OF RACE

Organised by Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron in conjunction with Australian Sailing (AS)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix D Team Racing and the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing.
- 1.2. Competitors, Support Persons, (Teachers, Coaches and Parents / Supporters) are required to abide by the Codes of Conduct of AS, their school and the School Sporting Association of which the school is a member.
- 1.3. In addition to the responsibilities of the competitors to decide whether to race or continue racing in Rule 4, schools rather than owners, shall be responsible for ensuring that the crew are physically fit and skilled to face the expected conditions.
- 1.4. Competitors shall be required to wear footwear and PFDs, with whistles, at all times while afloat. This changes the preamble to part 4 and rule 40.
- 1.5. Australian Sailing have been asked to agree that Decisions of the National Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. Victorian schools may enter a Team of 6-8 of their students.
- 2.2. Only 1 team per school shall be eligible to race in First division.
- 2.3. The Organising Authority will allocate teams to Divisions 2 and 3 considering past performance and at its absolute discretion. School preferences will be considered.
- 2.4. The Organising Authority may accept entries from teams comprised of students from multiple schools.
- 2.5. Entries may be limited subject to capacity.
- 2.6. After Wednesday 12 March 2018, late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority with the payment of a late fee of \$200.
- 2.7. Eligible teams shall enter by completing the entry form available online at www.youthchamps.org.au and must complete their entry by completing a crew list form by 19 March 2018.
- 2.8. **Weight limits for Div 1 – Nationals selection.**
 - There will be no weight limits for Divisions 2 and 3 in the Victorian Championship. Division 1 teams must comply with the VIC 18 Qualification criteria for the minimum weight requirement.
 - The combined crew weight for each two-person crew shall be no less than 110 kg. Team members shall be weighed in dry T-shirt and shorts only.
 - Crews that weigh less than the minimum combined crew weight per boat will be required to carry water ballast in containers (max 3 litres) on board whilst in a boat. Ballast shall not exceed 15 kg.
 - Girls teams, when racing within Division 1 in the finals series, must also comply with these weight requirements.
 - For a team to be selected to be nominated for the Nationals, that team must apply to be a member of VIC18 and meet all the criteria.

3. FEES

- 3.1. The entry fees are Div. 2 & 3 \$490 + GST (\$539), Div. 1 \$600 + GST (\$660) per team entered by 12 March 2016.
- 3.2. An additional late entry fee of \$200 + GST (\$220) will apply to entries received and accepted after 12 March 2018.
- 3.3. Damages incurred during the event will be directly invoiced to the school responsible for the damage. If damages cannot be attributed to a specific team, the cost will be split evenly amongst all teams and invoiced to all schools.

4. SERIES FORMAT

- 4.1. The format is 3 v 3 or following a breakdown the Race Committee may change this to 2 v 2.

4.2. Divisions & Qualification

- 1st Division will have a maximum of 12 teams.
If more than 12 teams apply to enter 1st Division, the Organising Authority will select the first 10 teams to qualify based on entry and results in the John Middleton Series
- The remaining 2 teams to be selected into 1st Division will be based on results at the Boatshed round on 17 March 2018.
- The remaining teams will be entered into 2nd and 3rd Divisions. If necessary and appropriate the OA for efficient scheduling may re-allocate teams between 2nd and 3rd Divisions

4.3. Stages for each division

The Race Committee may terminate a stage for a Division in accordance with RRS D4.2(a)

Stage 1: Split Round Robins

Stage 2a: Complete a Full Round Robin;
Or

Stage 2b: Round Robin - 1st and 2nd teams from each Stage 1 Split Round Robin

Stage 2c: Round Robin - 3rd and 4th teams from each Stage 1 Split Round Robin

Stage 2d: Round Robin - 5th and 6th teams from each Stage 1 Split Round Robin

Stage 2e: Round Robin - 7th and 8th teams from each Stage 1 Split Round Robin

Stage 3a: Semi-Final Knockout - 3rd vs. 2nd or

Stage 3b: Petite Final Knockout - 4th vs. 3rd

Stage 3c: Consolation Round Robins or Knockouts

Stage 4: Grand Final 2nd (Stage 3 winner) vs. 1st in Stage 2

Knockout Stages 3 and 4 are first to at least 3 wins, Highest placed starts with 1 race win.

5. SCHEDULE

12/3/2018 Normal entries close with VIC18 applications if applying.

19/3/2018 Team Lists to be completed and submitted

21/3/2018 Sailing Instructions available electronically

22/3/2018 Racing - 2nd and 3rd Divisions only

23/3/2018 Racing - 1st Division only

24/3/2018 Racing - Both Divisions & Presentation after racing.

Daily Schedule 08:30 Competitor briefing (compulsory)

09:15 1st warning signal

Sailors Forum (Umpires debriefing) at the conclusion of racing each day.

If races will be started after approximately 16:00 hours on a day, a notice will be posted on the school sailing website before 18:00 hours on the preceding day. The latest warning signal will not be changed to any later than 18:30 Hrs. on Saturday and we really want to avoid that late a finish.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available electronically on 21st March 2018. Printed copies will not be provided.

7. VENUE

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8. THE COURSES

S Course with a target time of between 5 and 10 minutes.

9. BOATS

Pacer dinghies will be provided by the Organising Authority, though the class rules will not apply. Competitors will be subject to the boat handling rules.

10. SUPPORT PERSONS

Support Persons are not allowed afloat without the permission of the Race Committee or Chief Umpire.

11. PRIZES & VIC18 QUALIFICATION

Prizes will be given as follows

- 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each division
- The highest placed team of each School Sporting Association (Such as GSV, APS, AGS, SSV) that has more than 4 schools competing.
- Umpires awards
- 1st Place Trophies will be presented at the Australian Sailing (Victoria) Awards night

11.2. Teams that have applied for selection and met the selection criteria will be invited to apply to join VIC18 to jointly train and represent Victoria at the 2018 Australian School Team Racing Championship in the following order:

- The winner of the Championships,
- The winner of the John Middleton Trophy,
- On the basis of any Australian Team Sailing Association preferred nomination criteria, subject to competitiveness.
- The next highest placed teams at the Championships,
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11.3. It is expected that Victoria will be able to nominate between 3 and 5 teams to compete at the 2018 Nationals. This will depend on other states' nominations.

12. Changes to the Notice of Race

Any changes made to the Notice of Race will be made on the School Sailing website. Such changes may also be notified to subscribers to the School Sailing Newsletter.

13. Further Information

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