

VX-ONE VICTORIAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

18-19 March 2023

Royal Brighton Yacht Club Victoria, Australia

The Royal Brighton Yacht Club Inc. (RBYC) as Organising Authority invites entries to the 2023 VX-ONE Victorian State Championship to be sailed on the waters of Port Phillip from the 18th to the 19th of March 2023.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest against another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 Rules

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2 Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions and Supplementary Sailing Instructions that will be on the official notice board.
- 2.2 The Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be available after 1030hrs on 14th March 2023 at the RBYC website. https://rbyc.org.au/

3 Communication

- 3.1 The official notice board will be an electronic online notice board
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 16 and 77.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio using channel 77.
- 3.4 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats

4 Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the VX-ONE class.
- 4.2 Competitors must be financial members of Australian Sailing (AS) and the VX-ONE association.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the on-line entry on the RBYC online entry and payment system by 16th March 2023. <u>Entry link</u>
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Late entries may be accepted until 16th March 2023 with an additional fee that is 50% of the entry fee.
- 4.6 The following documents must be submitted at Registration:-
 - An insurance certificate showing third-party insurance cover to a minimum of \$10 million AUD
- 4.7 A final Crew declaration is to be completed by 13th March 2023

5 Fees

The championship entry fee is \$150.

6 Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising material chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. Material shall be displayed in accordance with instructions provided at registration.

Day/Date	Time / First Warning Signal	Description	Races per day Scheduled	Races per day Maximum
Sat Mar 18	0930 - 1030	Registration		
	1030	Competitor Information Session		
	1300	Racing	3	4
Sun Mar 13	1100	Racing	3	4
	1700 Or as soon as possible after racing	Presentation		

7 Schedule of Events

No warning signal will be made after 1500 on the second day of racing.

8 Venue

The racing area will be on the waters of Port Phillip in the vicinity of Royal Brighton Yacht Club.

9 Courses

The course will be Windward-Leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions. The races will be of approximately 40 minutes in duration. Failure to meet target times will not be subject to a request for redress.

10 Penalty System

Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one penalty turn, including one tack and one gybe in the same direction, is required.

11 Safety

All boats are required to sign-on for each race day through the sign on/off system, a link will be sent to the designated skipper. Failure to comply with this rule for racing will result in the boat having a 3-point penalty added to their score for their first race without a hearing.

12 Equipment Inspection

Boats may be inspected at any time during the regatta.

13 Scoring

- 13.1 Six races are scheduled, of which three races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.3 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

14 Support Boats

[DP] Support boats shall be marked with the insignia of the RBYC.

15 Berthing

[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the RBYC marina.

16 Haul-out Restrictions

[DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the championship except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

17 Media

By lodging an entry, all competitors, including owners, give absolute right and permission for any photographs and/or video footage of their boat and crew to be published in any media stream for editorial, publicity or advertising purposes.

18 RISK STATEMENT

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.

The Organising Authority, and the host club, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in this Event or howsoever arising in connection with this Event.

19 Insurance

All boats shall have third-party insurance cover of not less than \$AUD10 million (or equivalent thereof in any other currency) for any accident. All owners/competitors who complete the entry form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Owner/competitors not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

20 Trophies

Trophies & Prizes will be awarded as by the Class Associations.

Individual trophies and other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

21 Further Information

Further information:

- Website: <u>http://www.rbyc.org.au</u>
- Chad Humphrey RBYC Sailing Office 0418 966 587