



38th Australian Minnow Championships

NOTICE OF RACE

7th - 13th January 2017

Organising Authority:

Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron Inc.

In conjunction with the:

Minnow Sailing Association (Victoria)

The Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron (BYS) invites entries for the Australian Minnow Championships (the Regatta). The Regatta will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip adjacent to the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron in Victoria from Saturday 7 January to Friday 13 January 2017.

The Organising Authority is the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron Inc. 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)* which take affect from 1st January 2017, 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*.

2 ADVERTISING:

2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by 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 their State or Territory Minnow Association.

3.3 Eligibility for each division shall be as follows:

Novice: The Novice Fleet is to encourage participation and enjoyment of the Australian 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.

3.4 Competitors and guardians will agree to abide by the Australian Sailing Member Protection Policy and Procedures.

3.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing an online entry at: <https://www.trybooking.com/221759>

4 FEES:

4.1 The entry fee is \$225 per boat and \$200 for additional boats of the one family.

4.2 Entry fee includes regatta entry, regatta shirt, and skipper's tickets to the Presentation functions. Welcome night function tickets for the family can be purchased in the online entry process.

4.3 Entries are due by 30 November 2016. Late entries after this date will not be eligible to receive the regatta shirt.

5 SCHEDULE:

5.1 As below:

Date	Event	Time
Saturday 7 January	Registration & Measurement	09:00 – 12:00
Sunday 8 January	Registration & Measurement	09:00 – 12:00
	Coach & Support Boat Registration	09:00 – 12:00
	Information Session	12:00
	Invitation Race	14:00
	Welcome Function	18:00
Monday 9 January	Race Day 1 – NoviceFleet	10:00
	Race Day 1 – Open Fleet	14:00
Tuesday 10 January	Race Day 2 – NoviceFleet	10:00
	Race Day 2 – Open Fleet	11:00
Wednesday 11 January	Lay day, however racing may occur	
Thursday 12 January	Race Day 3 – NoviceFleet	10:00
	Race Day 3 – Open Fleet	14:00
Friday 13 January	Race Day 4 – NoviceFleet	10:00
	Race Day 4 – Open Fleet	11:00
	Presentation Function	18:00

5.2 A maximum of ten races will be sailed.

5.3 On the last day of scheduled racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500 hours.

5.4 Novice Fleet Only: At the discretion of the Race Committee, racing on one day may be replaced by a cruise and beach picnic.

6 MEASUREMENT:

6.1 All boats shall hold a valid measurement certificate.

6.2 Only one sail shall be used for the regatta.

6.3 To replace damaged equipment permission must be obtained from the Organising Authority using the Application Form available from the Regatta Office.

6.4 All boats shall be presented for measurement as per 5.1 - Schedule. The checklist is provided in Appendix B.

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 Friday 16th December 2016 on the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron website (www.bys.asn.au) and from the Regatta Office from Saturday 7 January, 2017.

8 VENUE:

8.1 Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron, 2900 Point Nepean Road, Blairgowrie VIC 3942 Australia.

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.

10 SCORING:

- 10.1 A minimum of four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
10.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
10.3 When from six to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her worst score.
10.4 When from nine or ten races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
10.5 Within the Open Fleet, two divisions will be scored separately; Open and Junior.

11 SUPPORT BOATS:

- 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.
11.2 **Novice Division.** The above Open and Junior Division regulations apply with the exception of official safety boats registered with the Organising Authority 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 tele-phones.

13 PRIZES:

- 13.1 Prizes in the Australian Championships will be awarded as follows:
a) 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.

14 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS:

- 14.1 In participating in the 38th Minnow National 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 Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron website (www.bys.asn.au)

18 FURTHER INFORMATION:

For further information please contact:

Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron – Sailing Office

(03) 5988 8453 or sailing@bys.asn.au

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 for a National event will be made after the invitation race by the Organising Authority following advice from the Presidents of Victoria, NT and WA Minnow Sailing Associations (or their nominated representative).

Appendix B:



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Measurement Checklist

Boat Number: _____ Skipper Name: _____

Boat Name: _____

Hull and Foils:

All boats will be weighed in dry condition. The new minimum weight will be applied which is **22.25kg** excluding mainsheet, hatches etc.

Boat Weight: _____ Foils Measured: _____

Signed by Measurer: _____

Safety Compliance Checklist:

For details on compliance refer to Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats and the Minnow Rules of Measurement.

1. Boat name, sail number, club name
2. Towing ring on bow
3. Hand bailer on lanyard
4. PFD
5. Sealed mast
6. Adequate hull buoyancy
7. Centreboard secured with lanyard
8. Rudder pintles secured with pin or ring

Signed by measurer: _____

Sail:

Sail measured and stamped _____

Signed by measurer: _____