



ROYAL YACHT CLUB OF VICTORIA NOTICE OF RACE



**Bluebird Victorian State Championships
2024
3 February to 16 March 2024**

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The Bluebird Class Association (Association) in conjunction with the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria Inc. (RYCV) invites owners of eligible boats to apply for entry to the Bluebird Victorian State Championship (Championship) to be held on Hobson's Bay. The Organising Authority (OA) is RYCV under the following conditions.

1 Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing including the prescriptions of Australian Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1 will apply.
- 1.3 The Bluebird Association Class Rules will apply.
- 1.4 **[DP]** Denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 64.1
- 1.5 **[SP]** Denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- 1.6 **[NP]** Denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available from the Regatta page of the RYCV website <http://rycv.com.au/bluebird-victorian-state-championships-2024/> from 31 January 2024

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located at the Western Entrance of the RYCV Clubhouse rooms
- 3.2 **[DP]** While racing except in an emergency a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice and data transmissions or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.3 The race committee will operate on VHF 69.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The Championship is open to Bluebird Class boats, on the register of a yacht club affiliated with Yachting Australia (YA)
- 4.2 Eligible boats shall be entered only by financial members of the Bluebird Class Association by registering online at <http://rycv.com.au/bluebird-victorian-state-championships-2024/>
- 4.3 Casual race entries shall close at 1700hrs on the Friday before each race day.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Series Fee is \$85.00
- 5.2 Casual Fee per race is \$30.00

6 SCHEDULE

Warning Signal	
1255hrs 03 February 2024	Race 1 and Race 2 ASAP after race 1
1255 hrs 10 February 2024	Race 3 and Race 4 ASAP after race 3
1255hrs 17 February 2024	Race 5 Long Race
1255hrs 24 February 2024	Race 6 and Race 7 ASAP after race 6
1255 hrs 16 March 2022	Race 8 Long Race

7 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 7.1 [DP] At the direction from the RO, a boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, AS equipment regulations, and the sailing instructions.

8 VENUE

- 8.1 Racing will take place on the waters of Hobsons Bay

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions

10 SCORING

- 10.1 The scoring system is as detailed in Appendix A of RRS.
 - 10.1.1 Up to 8 races may be included.
 - 10.1.2 The minimum number of races to be sailed to constitute a series is three.
 - 10.1.3 As allowed in part A2.1, after four (4) races have been completed a boat's worst score shall be discarded, after seven (7) races have been completed a boats two worst scores shall be discarded.
 - 10.1.4 The scoring system for each series is as detailed in Appendix A of RRS. Rule A5.5 will apply.
- 10.2 Races will only be sailed on days that are scheduled.

11 RISK STATEMENT

- 11.1 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.**

12 INSURANCE

- 12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 million per incident or the equivalent.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 Prizes shall be determined and awarded at the discretion of the Bluebird Association Committee, and presented at a presentation function

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

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