

**S80**



# NOTICE OF RACE

**2026 S80 Victorian State Championships**  
**9 - 11 January 2026**

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## [After NTC#1]

The Royal Yacht Club of Victoria (RYCV) as the Organizing Authority, on behalf of the S80 Association of Victoria, invites entries of eligible boats to participate in the S80 Victorian State Championships to be held on Port Phillip from 9-11 January 2026.

### 1. Rules

The races will be governed by: -

- 1.1. The rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2. The current Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 1
- 1.3. The S80 VIC Class Rules and S80 Championship Rules are available at <https://s80.org/>
- 1.4. The requirements of the Port of Melbourne Corporation (POMC)
- 1.5. Any required protocols to ensure compliance with Government health regulations and guidance.
- 1.6. **[DP]** Denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 64.1
- 1.7. **[SP]** Denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- 1.8. **[NP]** Denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

**[NP]** Any actions by event officials to implement Government protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.2 (b) and 62.1.

### 2. Eligibility

- 2.1. Races are open to all boats on the S80 Association of Victoria Yacht Register, who have submitted a current AS Special Regulation Equipment Audit Form (Category 6) to their home club and comply with the published Class and Championship Rules.
- 2.2. Each competitor shall be a member of Australian Sailing through an affiliated yacht club.
- 2.3. Eligible boats enter by completing the online entry form at -

<https://rycv.com.au/s80-victorian-state-championship/>

Entry fees must be made to the S80 Association separately. Entries will close at 17:00 on Tuesday 6 January 2026.

### 3. Safety

- 3.1. A compliant and functional marine grade VHF radio shall be carried and the race management frequency monitored, for all races. This modifies AS Special Regulations sub-clause 3.25.
- 3.2. Lifejackets shall be worn at night and at times of heightened risk. Marine Safety Victoria regulations regarding Life Jackets shall always apply.
- 3.3. Boats not fitted with an inboard engine shall carry an outboard motor which shall always be operational and capable of driving the boat in smooth water at a speed exceeding 4 knots.
- 3.4. When not in use the motor may be carried and secured so it cannot move below decks or may be mounted in the normal operating position.
- 3.5. A minimum of 5 litres of fuel shall be carried in the stern locker in an approved container, which can be connected to the motor. Boats with an inboard engine shall carry a minimum of 5 litres of fuel in their tank.
- 3.6. **[SP]** Boats failing to undertake any of the above (Section 2 and 3) will be scored 'Did Not Compete' DNC without hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

#### **4. Equipment Inspection**

- 4.1. Each boat shall have a valid weight certificate. Provision for weighing boats can be made by arrangement with the S80 Association of Victoria Race Secretary, well before the regatta.
- 4.2. Sails to be used shall have been measured and signed by an Association Measurer prior to the event. To arrange measurement please contact Luke Reinehr (0413 866 611) or Bas Huibers (0414 454 377).
- 4.3. Boats may be inspected and/or re-measured at any time, at which time the owner or representative shall be available and present.

#### **5. Fees**

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$350 per boat.
- 5.2 The late entry fee is an additional \$50 per boat.
- 5.3 In addition to the entry fee, each boat is requested to purchase at least three tickets to the S80 Saturday night dinner at \$40 pp. Tickets can be purchased online from RYCV.

#### **6. Schedule and Warning Signal/Start Times**

##### **On-Shore Schedule**

Date	Time	Event
Friday 9th January	<b>09:00</b>	Event Briefing
Friday 9th January	After Racing	Food and drink at the club
Saturday 10th January	18:30	S80 Dinner
Sunday 11th January	After Racing	Trophy Presentation

##### **Race Schedule**

Date	Races Scheduled	First Warning Signal	Course Type
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	2	<b>10:25</b>	Laid Course
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	3	10:25	Laid Course
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	2	09:55	Laid Course

One extra race per race day may be sailed provided races do not become more than one ahead of schedule.

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

#### **7. Venue**

Racing shall be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip.

#### **8. Courses**

The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions

#### **9. Penalty System**

- 9.1 For infringements of Class Rules 4, 8 and 9 the penalty may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee decides.
- 9.2 For laid Courses the Two-Turn penalty is changed to be a One-Turn penalty, except for infringements that occur within the zone of a rounding mark.

#### **10. Scoring**

- 10.1 A maximum of seven (7) races are scheduled.
- 10.2 Three (3) races are required to be constituted a series
- 10.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.4 When from five (5) to seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

## **11 Support Boats**

11.1 All support boats, including boats containing team leaders, coaches and other support personnel, shall keep a minimum of 100m clear of any competing boat in the course area between the warning signal and the finish time of the last boat in each race. This does not include official boats.

11.2 Support boats shall monitor the Race Management frequency.

11.3 Support boats shall familiarize themselves with RRS 37, Search and Rescue Instructions.

## **12. Haul Out Restriction.**

12.1 All boats shall be in the water before 9:30 AM on the day of the first scheduled race.

12.2 All boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

## **13. Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools.**

Underwater breathing apparatus (including snorkels), plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats after 1030 hours on the day of the first scheduled race, except with the prior written permission of the Race Committee.

## **14. Disclaimer of Liability**

14.1 Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.

14.2 RYCV will not accept any liability for the material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after any race, series, or event.

## **15. Insurance**

15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with currently valid third-party liability insurance of not less than \$10,000,000.00 A certificate of insurance shall be lodged with the RYCV office prior to a boat's first race.

## **16. Prizes**

16.1 The following prizes will be awarded.

First Overall	Perpetual trophy and take-home trophy
Second Overall	Trophy
Third Overall	Trophy
Most Improved Performance	Perpetual trophy and take-home trophy
Second Most Improved Performance	Trophy
Third Most Improved Performance	Trophy
Masters Trophy	Best skipper overall, with 5 or more entries <b>and</b> not a winner of the State Titles, Most Improved or Masters Trophy in the last 5 years.
Rookie Award	Best overall; with at least one crew member under the age of 30 (at the time of the start of the championships) who started in all races conducted.

16.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee

## **17. Further Information**

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