



# ROYAL YACHT CLUB OF VICTORIA

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



**Bluebird Victorian State Championships**  
7 February to 14 March 2026

# Bluebird Victorian State Championships 2026

## Notice of Race

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 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) shall apply including T1 post-race penalties
- 1.3 The Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1 will apply.
- 1.4 The Bluebird Association Class Rules will apply.
- 1.5 The Marine Safety Act (Vic) 2010
- 1.6
- 1.7 **[DP]** Denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 64.1
- 1.8 **[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.
- 1.9 **[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 [TBD] from [date TBD] February 2026.

### **3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The official notice board is located online on the Regatta page. Notices may also be posted on the noticeboard 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 Australian Sailing.
- 4.2 Eligible boats shall be entered only by financial members of the Bluebird Class Association by registering online at <https://topyacht.com.au/db/kb2/1948>.
- 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**

<b>Warning Signal</b>	
1055 hrs 07 February 2026	Laid Course Race 1 and Race 2 ASAP after race 1
1055 hrs 14 February 2026	Laid Course Race 3 and Race 4 ASAP after race 3
1255 hrs 21 February 2026	Laid Course Race 5 and Race 6 ASAP after race 4 (in conjunction with E O Digby races)
1055 hrs 14 March 2026	Long Course Race Race 7

## **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 7 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:
    - When up to four (4) races have been completed, all scores shall count.
    - When five (5) races have been completed, a boat's worst score shall be discarded.
    - When seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's two worst scores shall be discarded.
  - 10.1.4 The scoring system for each series is as detailed in Appendix A of RRS. Rule A5.3 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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