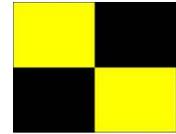




Notice to Competitors

Thursday 12 February

Update to RYCV Standard Sailing Instruction 2025-2026



All competitors are advised of the following requirements applying to youth competitors and all skippers:

2.7 Youth Competitor Requirement

Competitors under the age of eighteen (18) years shall have a suitably experienced adult onboard the vessel at all times while racing. Any request for exemption from this requirement must be submitted in writing to the Sailing Committee prior to the event. Exemptions may be granted at the sole discretion of the Sailing Committee and, where approved, will be confirmed in writing to the competitor.

While in command of a vessel departing or returning to RYCV, all skippers, regardless of age, are required to have and maintain a sound working knowledge of the current *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, the *International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS)*, and all applicable *Port of Melbourne regulations*.

Rationale:

This requirement has been reinforced following a recent incident involving a youth-crewed vessel crossing in close proximity ahead of a cruise ship operating within Port Phillip.

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15:00