



**Sabre Sailing Association of Victoria Inc.**  
**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**34th Australian Championships**  
**28 December 2011 – 3 January 2012**  
**Hosted by Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron Inc.**

This regatta is organised and hosted by Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron Inc. on behalf of the Sabre Sailing Association of Victoria Inc. The racing will be held on the waters of Port Phillip, adjacent to Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron.

1. **RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the ISAF 2008-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the specific regulations of the AYF, the class rules of the Sabre Sailing Association of Australia Inc, (except as any of these are altered by the sailing instructions) and by the sailing instructions. The regatta is classified as a Category A event in accordance with RRS 79 and Appendix 1 Regulation 20 of the RRS.

2. **ALTERATIONS TO RACING RULES**

The racing rules will be modified in accordance with rule 86 as follows: Rule 41, Outside Help, will be altered by: "A boat may receive outside help as provided for in rule 1 and, in addition, where the organising body deems that the vessel and its crew require assistance in order to right a capsized vessel and/or return its crew to the vessel in order to continue racing."

3. **ADVERTISING**

RRS 80 applies. Boats may be required to carry advertising supplied by the organisers whilst racing

4. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 The regatta is open to boats of the Sabre class that comply with the class rules of the Sabre Sailing Association of Australia Inc and whose crew are current financial members of their related State Sabre Association. Competitors must also be current financial members of a club affiliated with a State or National Yachting Authority.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may either enter using the attached online form (with competitor declaration being signed at registration) or on the attached Entry Form, which shall be lodged with Barry Eastgate, Sabre Sailing Association of Victoria Inc, 17 Regent St East Brighton Vic 3187.
- 4.3 Eligibility for various divisional prizes will be governed by the competitor's age as at the start of the regatta

5. **FEES**

- 5.1 A non-refundable early bird entry fee of \$195.00 is payable to the Sabre Sailing Association of Victoria Inc for entries received by Friday 25th November 2011. This price includes the welcome dinner (\$25) and the presentation dinner (\$30), which are a requirement of entry for each competitor. Please refer to page 6 of this document for additional items that may be included in the regatta pricing.
- 5.2 Entries received after Friday 25th November 2011 and up to Thursday 22nd December 2011, are to pay an extra fee of \$50.00. Entries received after 22 December will be at the sole discretion of the Organising Committee.
- 5.3 For those who do not attend the allocated sail & foil measurement sessions prior to the regatta in each state, an on the day measurement session will be held on 27th December 2011 between 10.00 to noon for foils and sails. A fee of \$20.00 cash will apply per boat.



## 6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 Registration** – Regatta registration & pre-measured foils / sails check.  
 27<sup>th</sup> December 2011 10.00 am to 12.00 pm and 5pm to 6pm
- 6.2 Information session** 28<sup>th</sup> December 2011 12.15pm.
- 6.3 Registration** (continued) 28<sup>th</sup> December 2011 10.30 am to 11.30am.
- 6.4 Optional** – On-the-day Foils & Sail Measurement (Fee \$20.00 cash per boat – refer 5.3 & 7.2)  
 27<sup>th</sup> December 2011 10 am to noon

### 6.5 Race Schedule

Date	Event / Race	Proposed Type of Race and Course	Time of Event, or warning signal
27 December 2011	Registration I Club race Registration II	Standard BYS Course	10.00am – 12.00 pm No earlier than 2.30 pm 5pm – 6pm
28 December 2011	Late arrival Registration Information Session Warm up Race Welcome dinner	1 x long	10.30am – 11.30 am 12.15pm No earlier than 2.30 pm
29 December 2011	Race Session 1	2 x short	No earlier than 2.30pm
30 December 2011	Race Session 2 Party & Auction night	2 x short	No earlier than 2.30 pm Evening
31 December 2011	Race Session 3	2 x short	2.30 pm
1 January 2012	No racing		
2 January 2012	Race Session 4	2 x short	No earlier than 2.30 pm
3 January 2012	Race Session 5 Presentation night	1 x long	No earlier than 1.00 pm 7.00 pm

- 6.6 The series will comprise a maximum of nine heats, which may comprise both long and short courses as indicated above. The target number and type of races for a particular session indicated above is a guide only, and will only be followed should weather conditions allow, at the Race Committee's discretion.
- 6.7 At its discretion the race committee may schedule racing at times other than as indicated on days indicated in clause 6.5 only in the event that there has been a shortfall in the number of races sailed in preceding days due to cancelled or abandoned races; or when weather forecasts indicate the potential for a loss of racing in future sessions. The race committee may waive its discretion to conduct such additional racing and limit the series to less than the full nine races at its discretion.
- 6.8 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500 hours.
- 6.9 It is intended that no more than two races be held in any race session, except that on 2 and 3 January 2012, a maximum of three races may be scheduled if required, at the discretion of the Race Committee, to ensure completion of the series.



## 7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Each boat shall exhibit an "A" class measurement certificate and except in circumstances prescribed by section 7.5, shall use only one sail, one centreboard and one rudder during the regatta.
- 7.2 The Organising Committee will be drawing upon the flexibility recently agreed by the national body that now no longer makes it mandatory for state associations to require that sails and foils used in the regatta have been measured in the current season. Accordingly, competitors will only need to present sails and foils at registration which show evidence of measurement by their state measurer at some time. Competitors will still be limited to the use of only a single sail during the regatta. Any measuring of sails or foils undertaken during the regatta will incur a late fee of \$20 per boat (unless undertaken as per 7.4 below)..
- 7.4 The class measurer, or appropriate delegate, may conduct random measurement checks on boats and equipment before, during and after the regatta at the discretion of the Race Committee, the Sabre Sailing Association of Victoria Inc or the Jury.
- 7.5 Damaged equipment may be replaced on written request to and approval by the race committee. If damage occurs during the first race of the day, equipment may be replaced between races provided a written request is lodged before the end of protest time for that day

## 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available from Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron from 27 December 2011; and online at [sabre.org.au](http://sabre.org.au) from 1 December 2011.

## 9. REGATTA SITE & RACING AREA

The regatta site will be in the waters of Pt Phillip Bay adjacent to Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron.

## 10. COURSES

The course shall be triangle and windward and return in shape as described in the sailing instructions

## 11. RIGHTS TO USE NAME & LIKENESS

In participating in the Regatta each competitor grants the Organising Authority, the Association and the sponsors of the Regatta 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 or other reproduction of him/her during the period of the competition for the Regatta and in all material related to the Regatta without compensation.

## 12. SCORING

- 12.1 Low Point scoring system, Appendix A.4.1 will apply.
- 12.2 Scoring for determination of results in divisions will be determined on the basis of aggregating the results based on the results of the overall fleet
- 12.3 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.4 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - (b) When six (6) to seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - (c) When eight (8) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.



### 13. SUPPORT BOATS

Coaches and other support personnel shall not approach within 100 metres of any competitor that is racing without the prior approval of the Race Committee. Failure to comply may result in the disqualification of all competitors associated with the infringement.

### 14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and any form of GPS device.

No electronic device which could be used to increase boat speed or gain a tactical advantage shall be attached to a boat or carried by a crew member, other than (a) time keeping devices, (b) digital compasses provided these cannot calculate speed or location information for use while racing and (c) Tack Tracker type devices that record data relating to the position of a boat but do not permit any visual display of that data to the skipper during the race.

### 15. INSURANCE

15.1 All boats competing in this regatta shall have third party insurance cover of not less than AUD \$5,000,000 (recommended AUD \$10,000,000).

15.2 All owners/competitors who sign the entry form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

15.3 Competitors may be required to produce evidence of such insurance.

15.4 Any competitor not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

### 16. PRIZES

Prizes may be awarded as follows:

CATEGORY	PRIZE
Open	1 <sup>st</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> place
Ladies Champion	1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Junior Champion (Under 18 years)	1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Seniors Champion (18 – 39 years)	1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Masters Champion (40 - 49 years)	1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Grand Masters Champion (50-59 years)	1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Veterans Champion (60 - 69 years)	1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Grand Veterans Champion (70+ years)	1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
B, C,D & E Divisions (where applicable)	1 <sup>st</sup> place
Over 90 kg's	1 <sup>st</sup> place
Under 60 kg's	1 <sup>st</sup> place

Allocation of prizes in all categories remains at the discretion of the Sabre Sailing Association of Victoria Inc. and is dependent on the number of entries. Presentation will occur on the 3rd January 2012.



## 17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please see either <http://www.sabre.org.au/> or contact the following:

Andrew Graham – Regatta Organiser

**OR** Wayne Bates - Secretary

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## 18. BOAT STORAGE

18.1 Entry will be at the main gate of Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron Inc.

18.2 Boats may be left at the club at locations as directed by the club, and if done so are at the owner's risk

18.3 Trailers may not be stored at the club, and will be directed to storage location nearby.

## 19. SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

The entry fee for the regatta will include a welcome dinner on 28 December and a presentation dinner on 3 January. An additional dinner including live music and an auction night is scheduled to be held at the club on 30 December. Our agreement with caterers is such that bookings for the 28 and 30 December functions must be received by 22 December, and bookings for the 3 January function will close at the end of Registration on 28 December.

## 20. AMENDMENTS

Any amendment to this Notice of Race will be posted on the event web site at: [www.sabre.org.au](http://www.sabre.org.au)



# Competitor Details

SURNAME: ..... GIVEN NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....POSTCODE: .....

TELEPHONE: ..... EMAIL: .....

SAIL NO.: ..... BOAT NAME: .....

CLUB: .....

DATE OF BIRTH: ..... SEX: M / F OVER 90Kg's: Y/N ..... UNDER 60kg's: Y/N.....

## RESPONSIBILITY

All those taking part in this event do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Sabre Sailing Association of Victoria Inc., the Sabre Sailing Association of Australia Incorporated, & Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron Incorporated and their agents are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted, or for the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

## COMPETITOR'S DECLARATION

I \_\_\_\_\_ agree to be bound by the ISAF 2008-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of the AYF, the Sabre Sailing Association of Australia Incorporated Class Rules, the Notice of Race (except where any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions) and by the Sailing Instructions. I acknowledge that Rule 4 of the RRS – Decision to Race, places the sole responsibility for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing on the boat. I am a current financial member of the above-mentioned sailing club and a State Sabre Sailing Association. I have a current Third Party Liability and Public Liability Insurance Policy of not less than \$5,000,000 AUD valid for the period of the regatta.

SIGNATURE: ..... DATE: .....

## PARENT/GUARDIAN AUTHORISATION (if entrant under 18 years of age at time of entry)

I ....., the parent/guardian of ..... consent to his/her participation upon the terms and conditions set out above and do likewise indemnify the organisers of the above mentioned organisations.

SIGNATURE: ..... DATE: .....

