

sabre nationals

28th December 2011
to 3rd January 2012

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This will be my 12th consecutive Sabre nationals – there really must be something about the buzz of a Sabre championship that makes you want to do it year after year. There are a lot of great people in the class, we sail in some great places, and it's a great family holiday. I have the extra thrill of having been able to compete alongside my son Robbie for the past 5 nationals and fellow organisers Callum Burns, Wayne Bates and Jonathan Harding are all expecting their daughters to compete this year. It does make you work that little bit harder in the gym. As a class we have lifted the bar just so much over the past decade. Our fleets are so much bigger; our social events are fantastic, the prizes are great – and it's happening in each state. No state just wants to do as they did the previous time they hosted – and we're no different. We had just under 100 boats at our state championships this year, and we have high hopes for the Sabre's biggest nationals ever. Looking forward to seeing you later this year!

Andrew Graham and the Organising Committee



- > 100+ boats
- > Great racing
- > Flat water
- > Summer holidays
- > Good times
- > Blairgowrie 2011



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Well this is it – the really big date in the Sabre calendar. The Nationals. We'd like to invite you to take part in what we're planning to be the largest Sabre championships in our history with 100+ boats. There is a buzz about a big sailing regatta – whether lining up at the startline, or a boat park filled with boats. You just don't want to miss it!

Blairgowrie – the Regatta.

Few classes in Australia offer such fabulous big fleet racing – and after more than 3 decades we just continue to grow. Our nationals are fun to compete in regardless of skill level – whether hot sailors at the pointy end of the fleet; or the many many club sailors out to experience the best racing you will find anywhere. We're aiming for afternoon racing only, with a 9 heat series over the week. This is what sailing is all about.

Blairgowrie – the Venue.

This will be the 3rd time the nationals have come to Blairgowrie, and with good reason. The club sits on a delightful arching coastline near the tip of the Mornington Peninsula. The prevailing breezes are offshore making for nice flat water and easy launching. The club has lots of grassy areas for rigging, a great beach and of course a clubhouse with full facilities and great views. The club is a favourite location for many class championships; with the Lasers, Sharpies, Hobies, A Class, Sabres and Minnows all having held nationals at the club in the past decade.

Blairgowrie – the Location.

Only 90 minutes from the centre of Melbourne, Blairgowrie and the Mornington peninsula are one of Victoria's favourite holiday areas. Visit the stunning coastline with its back beaches facing Bass straight or enjoy the many protected beaches on Port Phillip Bay itself. Enjoy the shopping, cafes and restaurants of Blairgowrie and neighbouring Sorrento and Portsea. Pop up to the red Hill area with its great wineries and strawberry picking. Take the ferry trip over to historic Queenscliff. Nationals are not just about the sailing – this is a great place for a family holiday.

Blairgowrie – the Event.

Well – it's not just the sailing is it! We'll be putting on a fabulous social program across the week for competitors and their families. Expect music, prizes, and a range of fun events across the week. It is Christmas/New Year after all.



If you need accommodation for the regatta we suggest you book this asap, follow the link www.sabre.org.au for more information on accommodation availability.