

NOTICE OF RACE

2023/2024 Victorian ILCA Open & Youth and Masters Championship



25th & 26th November 2023

Port Melbourne Yacht Club

The Organising Authority is the Port Melbourne Yacht Club Sailing Club (PMYC) in conjunction with the Victorian Laser Association Inc and the regatta will be conducted on Port Philip.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Australian sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats shall apply.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies for this regatta.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the ILCA 7, ILCA 6 and ILCA 4 Classes.
- 2.2 Eligibility for Youth Divisions is the competitor's age as at **31**st **December 2023** and the Divisions are as follows:

Class	Division	Birth Year
ILCA 4	Youth – Under 16	2008 & later
	Youth – Under 18	2006 & 2007
	Women	2006 & later
ILCA 6	Youth – Under 17	2007 & later
	Youth – Under 19	2005 & 2006
	Women – Under 21	2003 & later
	Women	
ILCA 7	Men – Under 21	2003 & later

- 2.3 All boats shall be entered and skippered by a current financial member of a District of the ILCA, to update your Vic ILCA Membership <u>here</u>
- 2.4 Eligible boats may enter online via the Australian Lasers app at: https://www.clubops.com.au/event/GHJXB

3. ENTRY FEE

- 3.1 The regatta entry fee is \$110 per boat for the ILCA 7 and ILCA 6 and \$90 for the ILCA 4.
- 3.2 All ILCA 7 and ILCA 6 entries received prior to **25th October 2023** are eligible for a discounted entry fee of \$90.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 All competitors shall complete registration at PMYC between 9:00hrs and 12:30hrs on the 25th November 2023.
- 4.2 Five races will be scheduled.
- 4.3 A maximum of 3 races may sailed in a session.

4.4

Saturday 25 November	Registration	9:00hrs -> 12:00hrs
	VLA Annual General Meeting	11:00hrs
	Information Session	12:00hrs
	Racing	13:30hrs
Sunday 26 November	Racing	10:30hrs
	Presentation	Following conclusion of racing

4.5 No warning signal will be made later than 1500hrs on Sunday 26th November 2023.

5. MEASUREMENT

Measurement checks and inspections may be carried out at any time. A boat notified of inspection shall follow the instructions of the Race Committee.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available via the Australian Lasers app Regatta tab by 25 October 2023.

7. VENUE

The Racing Area will be the waters of Port Philip in the vicinity of PMYC - 38 Beach St. Port Melbourne (end of Bay St.)

8. THE COURSES

Trapezoid courses will be sailed as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

9. SCORING SYSTEM

- 9.1 A minimum of three races are required to be completed to constitute the regatta.
- 9.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 9.3 When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 9.4 All Division prizes will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the overall results of the applicable class.

10. SUPPORT BOATS/COACHES

- 10.1 Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel ("Support Boats") shall not be in the racing area, which is defined as within 100 metres of a competitor or a mark of the course. This will apply from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished that race, or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, except in the case of an emergency. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be disqualification of all boats associated with the Support Boat who infringes.
- 10.2 All Support Boats shall register at PMYC by 1230 hours on 25th November 2023.
- 10.3 All Support Boats shall display any insignia supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 10.4 Coaches using a Support Boat shall fill in and sign a 'Coach Boat Registration' form at the time of registration.
- 10.5 Operators of Support Boats shall hold a current Power Boat License (or equivalent) at the time of the event and have a working VHF Radio on board their vessel and other applicable Safety Gear (as detailed in the Coach Boat Registration form available on the Australian Lasers app). It is also a requirement for all personnel on a Support Boat to wear an appropriate PFD at all times while afloat, regardless of vessel size.
- 10.6 Support Boats shall make themselves available at all times while afloat to assist the Organising Authority in the case of an emergency or rescue, as directed in person by the relevant race officer, or via VHF Radio, or as signaled by the flying of code flag V on the start boat. Refer RRS 37.
- 10.7 A coach's briefing will be held at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer. Such briefing will be held at least 60 minutes prior to the commencement of a scheduled race session and will be announced via the Sailor App messaging service.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

In accordance with the ILCA Class Rule 22 Section 5 any use of electronic equipment not specifically

allowed in the ILCA rules is prohibited unless the rules are modified by the Sailing Instructions.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1 This is a cube event and cubes will be awarded in accordance with ILCA Rules.
- 12.2 Additional Divisional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

13. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In participating in the event, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, 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 and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the event and in all material related to the event without compensation.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

15. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 (recommended \$10,000,000) per event or the equivalent. Competitors may be required to produce evidence of such insurance and any competitor not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

16. AMENDMENTS

Any amendments to this Notice of Race shall be posted via the Australian Lasers app Regatta tab.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION:

For further information please contact:

VLA –	Andrew Crawshaw on 0425 832 462/andrew.crawshaw001@gmail.com
PMYC –	Ray Duncan on 0407 116 401/ray.duncan@outlook.com

Additional Competitor Information

The club will open at 8am each day of the regatta.

<u>Car and Trailer parking</u>

- Trailers to be left by the sea wall and down the east side of the club on the sand.
- Cars must pay for parking. There is extremely limited free parking in the surrounding streets however no free parking in the immediate vicinity of the club.
- Secure overnight boat storage is available for all competitors.

Catering

- The PMYC canteen will be open between 9am and 6pm each day.
- The bar will operate from 12 noon to 8pm each day.
- A BBQ will be held each day after racing.

Early Drop Off

The club grounds will be open for early boat drop off from 1500 hours Friday 24th November until 1800 hours. Contact Ray Duncan on 0407 116 401 to confirm.

Coach/Support Boat launching.

There is no launching facility at PMYC. The nearest public ramps are the "Warmies" at Newport or St Kilda Marina.