



## 42nd Australian Minnow Championships

# NOTICE OF RACE

2 January 2020 to 8 January 2020

**Organising Authority:**

Minnow Sailing Association Inc. (Victoria)

and

McCrae Yacht Club Inc.

The Minnow Sailing Association Inc (Victoria) together with McCrae Yacht Club Inc. invites entries for the 42nd Australian Minnow Championships (the Regatta). The Regatta will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip adjacent to the McCrae Yacht Club in Victoria from Thursday 2 January 2020 to Wednesday 8 January 2020.

The Organising Authority is the Minnow Sailing Association Inc (Victoria) in conjunction with McCrae Yacht Club Inc.

## **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by:
- The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
  - Prescriptions and Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS).
  - The Minnow Class Rules.
  - This Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The Novice Fleet will sail under the World Sailing Introductory Rules for Racing
- 1.3 Arbitration will be conducted in accordance with Appendix T of the RRS.

## **2 ADVERTISING**

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 2.2 If advertising presents a conflict of interest, dispensation may be sought from the Organising Authority.

## **3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:**

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Minnow Class.
- 3.2 Competitors must be current financial members of their State Minnow Sailing Association.
- 3.3 Competitors must also be current financial sailing members of a club affiliated with a State or National Sailing Authority and provide an AS number.
- 3.4 Eligibility for each division shall be as follows:

**Novice:** The Novice Fleet is to encourage participation and enjoyment of the Australian Championship for inexperienced sailors. It is expected that sailors skilled enough to sail in the Open Fleet will enter in the Open Fleet to maintain the spirit of the Novice Fleet. Final acceptance into the Novice Fleet will be at the discretion of the Organising Authority guided by the advice of the State Presidents. Refer Appendix A – Minnow Novice Fleet Guidelines.

**Junior:** Any Minnow sailor under twelve (12) years of age on the day of the first scheduled race of the championships, and who is not competing as a Novice.

**Open:** All Minnow sailors (including Juniors) who are not competing as a Novice will compete in the Open division.

- 3.5 Competitors and guardians will agree to abide by the Australian Sailing Member Protection Policy and Procedures. A signed competitor declaration and parent/guardian authorisation shall be signed at registration.
- 3.6 Eligible boats may enter by completing an online entry at [trybooking\\_minnow\\_nationals](#). Late entries may be accepted up until 1300hrs on Friday 3 January 2020, at McCrae Yacht Club.

#### 4 FEES

- 4.1 All registration is via the web address provided above in NOR 3.6
- 4.2 The entry fee for the Open fleet is \$300 per boat, and \$280 for additional boats of the one family. The entry fee for the Novice fleet is \$240 per boat.
- 4.3 Entry fee includes regatta entry, regatta shirt, lunch on race days, welcome dinner ticket (3/1) and presentation dinner ticket (8/1).
- 4.4 Additional tickets for non-competitors, for the welcome dinner and presentation dinner can be purchased via the online registration process.
- 4.5 Additional regatta shirts can be ordered by non-competitors via the online registration process.
- 4.6 Entries are due by 2 December 2019. Late entries after this date will only receive the regatta shirt depending upon availability.
- 4.7 Late entries may be accepted up until 1300hrs of Friday 3 January 2020, at McCrae Yacht Club.
- 4.8 All fees are payable to Minnow Sailing Association (Victoria) via the online entry gateway.

#### 5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 As below:

Date	Event	Time
Thursday, 2 January	Registration & measurement	1000hrs – 1800hrs
	Coach & support boat registration	1000hrs – 1800hrs
Friday, 3 January	Registration & measurement	0900hrs – 1100hrs
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	Volunteers briefing	1100hrs – 1200hrs
	Competitors briefing	1300hrs
	Invitational race	1400hrs (1 <sup>st</sup> warning)
	Welcome dinner	1800hrs
Saturday, 4 January	Race session 1	1200hrs (1 <sup>st</sup> warning)
Sunday, 5 January	Race session 2	1030hrs (1 <sup>st</sup> warning)
	Race Session 3	1430hrs (1 <sup>st</sup> warning)
Monday, 6 January	Lay Day	May be used for resails or to bring racing forward if forecast weather is considered unsuitable for sailing
Tuesday, 7 January	Race session 4	1030hrs (1 <sup>st</sup> warning)
	Race session 5	1430hrs (1 <sup>st</sup> warning)
Wednesday, 8 January	Race session 6	1200hrs (1 <sup>st</sup> warning)
	Presentation dinner	1800hrs

- 5.2 A maximum of 12 races will be sailed.
- 5.3 A maximum for 3 races will be sailed in each Race Session.
- 5.4 Under normal sailing and weather conditions it is not expected that more than 4 races will be sailed on any race day. An additional race may be sailed, provided the fleet does not become one race ahead of schedule and the change is made to the sailing instructions.
- 5.5 The Lay Day may be used for resails or to bring racing forward if forecast weather for subsequent day(s) is considered unsuitable for sailing.
- 5.6 On the last day of scheduled racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs.

## **6 MEASUREMENT**

- 6.1 All boats shall hold a valid measurement certificate and shall be kept in compliance with the Minnow Class Rules throughout the regatta.
- 6.2 Measurements may be taken of hulls, equipment and sails at the discretion of the Organising Authority to confirm compliance with the Minnow Class Rules.
- 6.3 Only one set of equipment, including sails shall be used for the regatta.
- 6.4 To replace damaged equipment permission must be obtained from the Race Committee in compliance with the Sailing Instructions, using the Application Form available from the Regatta Office.
- 6.5 Note: Changes in the Rules of Measurement and Construction (Amended and approved to Aug 2015) which came into effect on 25 December 2016, namely Clause B (i). The minimum hull weight shall be 22.25kg.
- 6.6 Measurement checks and inspections may be carried out at any time. A boat notified of inspection shall follow the instructions of the Race Committee.

## **7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 7.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the McCrae Yacht Club website [www.mccraeyc.com.au](http://www.mccraeyc.com.au), from 27 December 2019. They will also be posted on the Regatta Noticeboard from 2 January 2020.

## **8 VENUE**

- 8.1 The regatta site will be McCrae Yacht Club; 690 Point Nepean Road, McCrae, Victoria.
- 8.2 The racing area will be on the waters off McCrae. The location of the racing areas will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

## **9 COURSES**

- 9.1 The courses shall be a triangle, windward, leeward course, to be sailed as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.2 The Novice Fleet will sail a separate course, at times determined by the Race Officer depending on the conditions.

## **10 SCORING**

- 10.1 Scoring will be in accordance with the Low Point System of RRS Appendix A4.

- 10.2 A minimum of four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.3 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 10.4 When six to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 10.5 When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## **11 SUPPORT BOATS**

### **11.1 Open and Junior Division.**

Team managers, coaches and other support personnel shall register with the McCrae Yacht Club at the time of Registration specified in the Schedule. Support boats shall carry a VHF radio and monitor VHF77. They shall also comply with all local safety rules in accordance with Victorian Marine Regulations, and the instructions of the Race Committee. Approved Support Boats shall keep at least 100m clear of the course area during racing, except when asked to assist by an official from the Race Committee. Failure to comply may result in the disqualification of all competitors associated with the infringement.

### **11.2 Novice Division.**

The above Open and Junior Division regulations apply with the exception of official safety boats registered with the Race Committee approved to provide on course support.

### **11.3 Launching facilities.**

Launching facilities for support boats are not available at McCrae Yacht Club. However, between race sessions, support boats are welcome to anchor in the shallow water off the club, providing easy access from the water's edge.

Support craft can be launched from one of several public boat ramps in the area.

## **12 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 12.1 Except in an emergency, 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.

## **13 PRIZES**

- 13.1 Prizes in the Australian Championships will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the Open and Junior divisions, and the Novice Fleet.
- 13.2 The Junior division prizes will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the overall results of the Open fleet.
- 13.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## **14 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

- 14.1 In participating in the 42nd Australian Minnow Championships, a parent/guardian unless they opt out in writing at Registration, automatically grants the Organising Authority, the Association and the sponsors of the Championships, 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 said Championships in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said Championships without compensation.

## **15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising 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.

## **16 INSURANCE**

- 16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. Entrants in the Regatta are deemed to have declared that they hold such cover. Competitors may be required by the Organising Authority to produce evidence of such insurance and any competitor not holding such cover shall withdraw their entry.

## **17 SOCIAL AND CATERING**

- 17.1 A welcome dinner (free to competitors) will be held on Friday 3 January, from 1800hrs.
- 17.2 A presentation dinner (free to competitors) will be held on Wednesday 8 January, from 1800hrs.
- 17.3 Lunch orders (free to competitors) can be made with registration at McCrae Yacht Club.
- 17.4 Limited other catering will also be available at the club. A Licenced Bar will be available.

## **18 AMENDMENTS**

- 18.1 Any amendments to this Notice of Race shall be posted on the McCrae Club website ([www.mccraeyc.com.au](http://www.mccraeyc.com.au)).

## **19 FURTHER INFORMATION:**

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## Appendix A:

### Novice Fleet Guidelines

- A.1 Whether a sailor is to sail in the Novice or Open fleet at a State or National Championships can be a difficult decision for parents. Here are some guidelines for when entering such an event. They are guidelines only as 'hard and fast rules' in this situation do not cater for everyone.
  - A.1.1 8 years of age or less on the day of the invitation race.
  - A.1.2 A sailor 9 years or more on the day of the invitation race, competing in their first State/National Championships.
  - A.1.3 A sailor with a medical condition that requires on-water treatment or has a recognised learning/cognitive disorder.
  - A.1.4 A sailor who has never had a podium finish in an organized Minnow race.
- A.2 The goal of the Novice fleet is to encourage participation and enjoyment of the State and National Championships for beginner sailors.
- A.3 A sailor who fits the above criteria but is skilled enough to sail the Open course is strongly encouraged to enter the Open fleet to maintain the spirit of the Novice fleet, and for that sailor to challenge themselves and build their own skills.
- A.4 Final acceptance into the Novice fleet will be made by the Organising Authority following advice from the President of the Minnow Sailing Association (Victoria) (or their nominated representative).