



Sail Country Regatta 2017

Incorporating:

2018 Victorian Laser Masters Championship &
The 2017 Victorian Dinghy Championship
- a round of the Victorian Sailing Cup
(Also incorporating VDC in 2018)

NOTICE OF RACE

Saturday 4 November & Sunday 5 November 2017

Organising Authorities:

Albury Wodonga Yacht Club

in conjunction with Australian Sailing - Victoria & VLA Inc.

1 Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 2 of Australian Sailing will apply.

2 Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 The Regatta is open to all of the Olympic Classes, International Classes, ISAF Youth Classes and other invited classes. A minimum of five (5) entries is required to constitute a class. Any other class with less than the minimum five entries required to race as a class will be raced in accordance with Australian Sailing - Victoria yardstick grouped divisions. A separate start will be considered for a class with at least eight (8) entries.
Possible classes/divisions: Minnow, Sabot, O'Pen Bic, Optimist (Green, Intermediate, Open), Laser (4.7, Radial, Standard), Sabre, Musto Skiff, 420, 29er, Tasar, Contender, Finn, Mixed Classes (Yardstick \leq 104.5; $104.5 <$ Yardstick \leq 116; $116 <$ Yardstick \leq 135; and Yardstick $>$ 135)

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- 2.2 The Victorian Laser Masters Championship is open as follows:
 - a) to all boats of the Laser Standard, Laser Radial or Laser 4.7 Classes sailed by skippers that qualify as Masters.
 - b) Eligibility for Masters Divisions is the competitor's age as at Saturday 4 November 2017. Competitors need to be aged 35 years or older and the following Divisions will be sailed:
 - All Classes: Apprentice – 35 to 44 years
 - All Classes: Master – 45 to 54 years
 - All Classes: Grand Master – 55 years to 64
 - All Classes: Great Grand Master – 65 years to 74
 - All Classes: Legend – 75 years and older
 - c) All boats shall be entered and skippered by a current financial member of a District of the ILCA.
- 2.3 There is a cap of 200 entrants. Further entries will be put on a waiting list and notified if there is a withdrawal. The Sail Country Committee does have the discretion to accept more entries e.g. if lower water levels provide more shore space for parking of boats, dollies and trailers.
- 2.4 Australian Entrants shall be required to enter their Australian Sailing mySailor details.
- 2.5 Entries with payment close at 2400hrs on Tuesday October 17, 2017.
- 2.6 Late online entries will be open until 2400hrs Monday October 30, 2017 and will incur an additional fee of \$40(AUD) on top of normal entry fee.
- 2.7 On the day entries will be taken at registration on Saturday November 4 2017 between 0800 and 1100hrs and will incur an additional fee of \$80(AUD) on top of normal entry fee.
- 2.8 Refunds: If entry withdrawal notified more than 7 days before the first scheduled race session (i.e. by 1300hrs on October 28), there will be a 100% refund. If entry withdrawal later than this, there will be a 50% refund.
- 2.9 Entrants and their Parents/Guardians (if under 18 yrs of age) agree to be bound by Australian Sailing Member Protection Policy and Code of Conduct.

3 Fees (AUD)

	Entry Fee	Late Entry	Entry at Registration
Single Handed (other than Laser Masters)	\$45	\$85	\$125
Laser Masters	\$55	\$95	\$135
Double Handed	\$55	\$95	\$135

4 Schedule

Date	Time	Item
Friday 3 Nov 2017	Afternoon until Late	Competitors arrive. <i>Wood fired pizza available (order with online entry)</i>
Saturday 4 Nov 2017	0800 -1100	Registration
	1100	Competitors Meeting then Coach/Support mtg
	1300	Session of Races
	After racing	<i>Wine tasting, music, dinner (order with online entry), relax and enjoy</i>
Sunday 5 Nov 2017	0900	Session of Races
	ASAP after conclusion of racing	Presentation Ceremony (AS-V medals and Sail Country Trophies)
	After presentation	<i>BBQ packs available (order with online entry)</i>
Monday 6 Nov 2017	0900	Class coaching sessions
	Evening	Wood fired pizza (order with online entry)

4.1 The warning signal for the first race will not be before 1300hrs on Saturday 4 Nov 2017.

4.2 There will be no warning signal made after 1300hrs on Sunday Nov 5 2017

5 Measurement and Equipment

5.1 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 Launch/Retrieval and Trolleys

6.1 A team of volunteers will assist with the launching and retrieval of boats.

6.2 Shared Trolleys – Optimists and Lasers

6.2.1 For efficiency of the launch/retrieval process, competitors in Optimists and Lasers are requested to accept any trolley suited to their boat-type.

6.2.2 Hence, the onus is on each Optimist competitor and Laser competitor to provide a trolley of a good standard (i.e. adequate size of wheels for ease of use and nothing that will cause damage under normal circumstances).

6.3 To assist competitors in recovering their own trolleys at the end of racing, all competitors are to attach the numbered coloured tags issued at registration.

7 Sailing Instructions

7.1 It is intended that the Sailing Instructions will be posted on www.sailcountry.com by October 27 2017, and will be available from the registration desks at the Regatta.

8 Regatta Location

- 8.1 The Regatta will be held at the Albury Wodonga Yacht Club, off Old Weir Road, Bonegilla.
- 8.2 Camping is available at the Yacht Club. Sites are unpowered. A camp kitchen with power will be provided.
- 8.3 Boat launching facilities will be from a concrete ramp or from exposed lake foreshore if water level is low. There are no overnight mooring facilities for competitors' boats.

9 Racing Area

- 9.1 The racing areas will be on Lake Hume in the vicinity of the Albury Wodonga Yacht Club. See Attachment A.

10 Courses

- 10.1 The courses will be Windward/Leeward or Trapezoid as described in the Sailing Instructions.

11 Scoring

- 11.1 **All Classes** - The Regatta will consist of up to eight (8) races of which three (3) races must be completed to constitute a series. The number of races to count shall be as follows:
 - a) When three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores.
 - b) When four (4) or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - c) For the Laser Masters Championship, all Division prizes will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the overall results of the applicable Masters Class.

12 Coach / Support Boats

- 12.1 Coach and support boats must register with the Organising Authority prior to the Regatta.
- 12.2 Unless directed by the race committee, support boats, coach boats and spectator boats must remain at least 50m outside the course area, starting area and finishing area.

13 Media

- 13.1 In submitting the entry form, all competitors, parents, legal guardians/custodians provide their permission for all photographs, video, TV and sound recordings to be the property of the organisers and used for any purpose including public viewing and posting on the Sail Country Regatta website.

14 Prizes

- 14.1 Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authorities
- 14.2 The Laser Masters Championship is a cube event and cubes will be awarded in accordance with ILCA Rules.

15 Insurance

- 15.1 All boats competing in the AWYC Sail Country Regatta 2017 shall have third party insurance cover of not less than AUD\$5,000,000 (recommended AUD\$10,000,000) or equivalent in any other currency.
- 15.2 All competitors who submit the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

16 Disclaimer

- 16.1 It is the competitor's decision to enter the Regatta or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Regatta is at their exclusive risk in every respect. See Racing Rule 4, Decision to Race.
- 16.2 By submitting an Entry, competitors acknowledge that the Organising Authorities accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in this Regatta or howsoever arising in connection with the Regatta.

17 Amendments

Any amendments to this Notice of Race will be posted on the Sail Country Regatta web site.

18 Further Information

For further Information contact:

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Sail Country Regatta Website: www.sailcountry.com
Tourism Albury-Wodonga: <http://www.alburywodongaaustralia.com.au/tourism/>

19 General Information

Accommodation: Camping on unpowered sites is available at Albury Wodonga Yacht Club with powered camp kitchen provided. Registrations for camping will be available on the Sail Country Regatta website.

Ample and varied accommodation is available in Wodonga and Albury.

Catering: BBQ facilities are available at the club. Pre-ordered meals will be available on the Sail Country Regatta website.

Bar and café facilities are available at the club and will be open during the Regatta.

Access to AWYC: Access to the club and camping will be available from Thursday November 2 to Wednesday November 8.

If planning to arrive on Thursday November 2, please pre-arrange a time to access the Club by phoning the Sail Country Coordinator, Phil Clements on 0407 272 375.

Directions:

From North

Exit (marked Lake Hume) Hume Freeway (M31/A31) in Albury at Riverina Highway (B58), turning left and travel east to Lake Hume Resort for a right turn into Talgarno Road (C541) past Trout Farm and over Murray River where road becomes Bonegilla Road. About 3km after the river, turn left into Old Weir Road (AWYC sign at foot of small hill), turn in through gate 400m on right, then another gate 80m on right. If you reach the Army barracks you've gone too far!

From South

EITHER: Same as for coming from the North except turning right into B58

OR: Exit Hume Freeway (M31) at Wodonga just after "Exit to Tallangatta" sign, staying in right lane of this exit, then turn right at round-about under the freeway onto Bandiana Link Road (B410). Turn left onto Murray Valley Highway (B400) through Bandiana, turn left at Bonegilla. Travel along Bonegilla Road (C541) for about 2.5km then turn right into Old Weir Road (AWYC sign at foot of small hill), turn in through gate 400m on right, then another gate 80m on right. If you cross the river you've gone too far!

For more General Information refer to the **Sail Country Information Booklet** available on the Sail Country website: www.sailcountry.com

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Attachment A – Racing Areas

