



**BLAIRGOWRIE YACHT SQUADRON**

# **PETERSVILLE REGATTA**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

**27 - 30 December 2023**

Limited to boats with max. 3m draft

Organising Authority  
**BLAIRGOWRIE YACHT SQUADRON**  
2900 Nepean Road, Blairgowrie 3942, Victoria

Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron is pleased to invite all competitors to the 2023 Petersville Regatta to be held at Blairgowrie on the Mornington Peninsula from 27 – 30 December 2023.

## 1. RULES

- 1.1. The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) - Part 1 Category 6 will apply for all divisions except the Sportsboat Division where Category 7 will apply together with the requirements to have a working VHF radio that can transmit and receive on all regatta frequencies at all time while on the water.
- 1.3. The International Rules for Prevention of Collision at Sea, 1976, apply in all races between sunset and sunrise replacing the relevant part of Racing Rules Part 2.

## 2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

## 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to keelboats and sportsboats that meet the requirements set out in NOR section 1.2.
- 3.2. A boat name shall not offend or denigrate a person, or groups of people, based on gender, age, ability, sexual orientation, religion or ethnicity. A boat name shall not include suggestive, vulgar or obscene words and meanings and should not be in poor taste.
- 3.3. The regatta is limited to 60 keelboats.
- 3.4. To be eligible to compete in the regatta, all crew must be a current financial member of a yacht club affiliated with Australian Sailing or hold a BYS SailPass (available at registration). Proof of club membership must be indicated on the entry form.
- 3.5. Eligible boats may enter via online entry at [www.petersvilleregatta.com.au/entries](http://www.petersvilleregatta.com.au/entries) by 1700 hours on Friday 8 December 2023.
- 3.6. Late entries **may** be accepted under the following conditions:
  - Received prior to 1700 hours on Friday 15 December 2023, and
  - Subject to available space in the marina.
- 3.7. Eligible boats wishing to enter in an AMS or ORCc division must indicate this at the time of completing their online entry.
- 3.8. RRS 52 is amended to permit powered winches.
- 3.9. Boats may alter their entry up to the closing time for late entries by advising via email only to [sailing@bys.asn.au](mailto:sailing@bys.asn.au). Alternations after this time but prior 1 hour before the first race may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 3.10. The Organising Authority reserves the right to determine the final divisional structure for the regatta.

## 4. FEES

- 4.1. Regatta entry fee – all divisions: \$250 (prior to 1700 hours, Friday 8 December 2023).

## 5. MARINA BERTHING – FREE DURING REGATTA

- 5.1. Free berthing will be provided for all entrants on a first come first served basis for the duration of the Regatta.
  - 5.1.1. Arrivals will be accepted from 1000 hours on 27 December (or earlier if an entrant in the Cock of the Bay Regatta.)

- 5.1.2. Boats must depart the marina by 1000 hours on 31 December unless an extension has been organised with the marina office.
- 5.1.3. Boats may extend their stay in the marina before and after the event, please refer to the NOR Section 6.
- 5.1.4. Boats arriving prior to the arrival time and wanting to berth in the marina will be required to pay the fees in accordance with NOR Section 6.
- 5.2. Boats will be allocated a single, a shared berth, or a rafting location subject to:
  - Order of entry (including payment), and
  - Boat beam, length and draft.
- 5.3. Single occupancy berthing cannot be guaranteed and is dependent on the final mix of entrants.
- 5.4. Boats must be kept in their assigned location while they are in the Blairgowrie Marina and comply with any direction issued by BYS or its marina staff.
- 5.5. Private occupancy berths may be available in privately owned berths at an extra cost. Refer to NOR Section 24 for the relevant contact details.
- 5.6. Entrants that do not start in each scheduled race for their division may, at the sole discretion of BYS, be liable for additional berthing fees at the standard published rates.
  - 5.6.1. Boats with special circumstances including but not limited to damage, crew illness, extreme weather, or any other reasonable occurrence, may be exempted from additional berthing fees provided that BYS is advised promptly.
  - 5.6.2. Acceptance of NOT Section 5.6 is a condition of entry into the Regatta and is expressly acknowledged by all Entrants.

## 6. MARINA BERTHING – DISCOUNTED FOR REGATTA PARTICIPANTS

- 6.1. Entrants in the 2023 ORCV Cock of the Bay receive 1 night free berthing on the night of 26 December in a single or shared berth, or a rafting location.
- 6.2. For berthing either side of the regatta, BYS is offering the following reduced rates (10% pre-event, 10% post-event). These rates are only available to Entrants of the Petersville Regatta for continuous berthing either side of the regatta and are subject to availability.

Berth Size (metres)	With 10% regatta discount	
	Day	Week
10	\$162.00	\$1,134.00
12	\$194.00	\$1,360.00
15	\$243.00	\$1,701.00
18	\$291.60	\$2,041.00
20	\$356.00	\$2,494.00
25	\$445.50	\$3,118.00

- 6.3. Please contact the BYS Marina Office to arrange additional berthing before or after the event. For details refer to NOR Section 24.

## 7. DIVISIONS

- 7.1. The Organising Authority will determine final divisions based on the entries received shortly after the close of late entries (refer to NOR Section 3.4). Participants are advised to check division on the regatta website after that date. Entrants may also be advised by email.
- 7.2. It is intended to offer the following Divisions:

- Cruising Spinnaker Division AMS, ORCc and EPH (Event Performance Handicap)
- Cruising Non-spinnaker Division EPH only
- Sportsboat Division CBH and EPH

## 8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8.1. Racing and social schedule (provisional until the Sailing Instructions are issued. **Race times are approximate.**

Division/ Date	Wednesday 27 December	Thursday 28 December	Friday 29 December	Saturday 30 December
<b>All</b>	1030 - 1230 hrs: Registration  BYS meals available all day (bookings preferred)  1330 hrs: Skippers' information session  Live entertainment	After racing: Daily presentations  BYS meals available all day (bookings preferred)  Live entertainment	After racing: Daily presentations  BYS meals available all day (bookings preferred)  Live entertainment	After racing: Regatta presentations  BYS meals available all day (bookings preferred)  Live entertainment
<b>Cruising Spinnaker division</b>	From 1600 hrs: Twilight race 1	From 1130 hrs: Race 2	From 1130 hrs: Race 3  From 1600 hrs: Twilight race 4	From 1130 hrs: Race 5
<b>Cruising Non-spinnaker division</b>	From 1600 hrs: Twilight race 1	From 1130 hrs: Race 2	From 1130 hrs: Race 3  From 1600 hrs: Twilight race 4	From 1130 hrs: Race 5
<b>Sportsboat division</b>	From 1600 hrs: Twilight race 1	From 1130 hrs: Races 2 & 3	From 1130 hrs: Races 4 & 5  From 1600 hrs: Twilight race 6	From 1130 hrs: Races 7 & 8

8.2. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 8.3. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 8.4. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series scores will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 8.5. On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1300 hours.

## 9. HANDICAPS

- 9.1. AMS ratings will be obtained from the YRSA website [www.raceyachts.org/](http://www.raceyachts.org/)  
ORC ratings will be obtained from [www.ORG.org](http://www.ORG.org)  
CBH ratings will be from the Australian Sailing resources website [www.sailingresources.org.au](http://www.sailingresources.org.au)  
Except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct a rating office error, no changes to a boat's AMS, SMS or ORC rating will be accepted or permitted after 1700 hours on Friday 15 December 2023. It is the sole responsibility of the skipper to ensure that the YRSA website has the correct and most current AMS rating.
  - 9.1.1. The AMS, ORC and CBH Rules will apply.
  - 9.1.2. Boats competing in an AMS, ORC and CBH divisions will be rated using their AMS, ORC or CBH TCF (Time Correction Factor) ratings.
- 9.2. Boats entering the Cruising Non-spinnaker division will race under **Event Performance Handicap** (EPH) only.
- 9.3. EPH handicaps will be based on each boat's PHS handicap at their primary club and any past participation in earlier Petersville Regattas and will be adjusted by the Organising Authority in its absolute discretion.
- 9.4. The Organising Authority may adjust EPH handicap values at any time during the regatta and may back date any such adjustments if deemed appropriate.

## 10. MEASUREMENT

- 10.1. Participants wishing to compete under the AMS and ORC rating system and be eligible for AMS and ORC results must ensure that they have a valid rating certificate prior to the deadline stated in section 9.1 It is the sole responsibility of the participant to ensure that the rating data is available electronically via TopYacht or ORC.org

## 11. SAILING INSTRUCTION

- 11.1. Sailing Instructions will be available on Monday 18 December 2023 on the Petersville Regatta website [www.petersvilleregatta.com.au](http://www.petersvilleregatta.com.au) and from the BYS Sailing Office.

## 12. VENUE

- 12.1. Attachment A shows the location of the regatta marina and racing areas.

## 13. THE COURSES

- 13.1. The course to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 13.2. Competitors should note that the courses will be designed to accommodate boats with a **draft up to 3m**.
- 13.3. The course selection will take into account the prevailing tidal conditions when considering the **3m draft** requirement. It shall be the responsibility of each competing boat to monitor the water depth.
- 13.4. The depth reference for course design and selection will use Navionics maps. These are available on the Navionics website or the App: Boating Australian & New Zealand.

## 14. SUPPORT BOATS

14.1. All support boats must be marked with their assigned flag available from the BYS Sailing Office and shall keep at least 100m clear of the course (including both sides of the start and finish lines) at all times between the warning signal and the last boat to finish in the relevant division and race.

## **15. MARINA RULES**

15.1. The attention of all competitors is drawn to the Blairgowrie Marina Rules which are available on both the Regatta and BYS website. By entering the regatta, all competitors are expressly agreeing to abide by these Rules at all times when in the Blairgowrie Marina.

## **16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

16.1. The regatta will be a Wet Regatta, all boats launched from the hardstand are to be secured/rafted alongside the hardstand landing. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with permission of the race committee.

16.2. Boats wishing to be launched from the BYS Handstand must provide or be equipped with:

- Certified or manufacturer's lifting points (noting that slings are not permitted to be used on the BYS Hardstand), and
- Be of a total weight of 2.5t or less, and
- Provide a suitable road trailer or hardstand trolley.

## **17. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

17.1. Underwater breather apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent must not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

## **18. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

18.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## **19. PRIZES**

19.1. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third for each division as follows:

- Cruising Spinnaker Division: AMS, ORCc and EPH
- Cruising Non-spinnaker Division: EPH
- Sportsboat Division: CBH and EPH

19.2. Six (6) boats must start each race in each handicap group of each division for a third prize to be awarded.

## **20. INSURANCE**

20.1. Each participating boat must be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## **21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

21.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and are responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and for the sufficiency and adequacy of its equipment. Neither BYS, their servants, nor volunteers will accept liability or responsibility whatsoever for death or any personal or material injury or

damage sustained by a participant before, during, or after a race or series of races. Attention is drawn to RRS3, Decision to Race.

## 22. CANCELLATION

- 22.1. Boats wishing to cancel must advise the BYS Sailing Office and receive a written acknowledgement by 1700 hours on Friday 8 December 2023 in order to receive a full refund of their entry fee. Refunds for cancellations received after this time is at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 22.2. Refunds for any additional berthing (refer section 6.2) will be in accordance with the normal terms and conditions for berth rentals as advised by the BYS Marina Office.

## 23. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 23.1. In participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and 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 in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the event without compensation.

## 24. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 24.1. BLAIRGOWRIE YACHT SQUADRON Sailing Office: (03) 5925 9600

Official event website	<a href="http://www.petersvilleregatta.com.au">www.petersvilleregatta.com.au</a>
Results	<a href="http://www.petersvilleregatta.com.au/results">www.petersvilleregatta.com.au/results</a>
BYS Office & restaurant bookings	(03) 5925 9600
Philip Beattie Regatta Director	0408 502 698
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# ATTACHMENT A – RACING AREA

