



The Victorian Paper Tiger Catamaran Association

2024 VICTORIAN PAPER TIGER CATAMARAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

at

45 Sunset Drive, Eppalock

24th February – 25th February, 2024

Organising Authority

Bendigo Yacht Club Inc.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024*.

1.1 Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 Off the Beach boats shall apply.

2. Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 The regatta is open to all Paper Tiger Catamarans registered with the Victorian or other Regional Class Associations. All competitors shall comply with ISAF Eligibility Rules and will be required to provide their Yachting Australia membership number as a part of the entry or registration process.

3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form no later than Wednesday 22nd February 2024. The online entry shall be submitted at: <https://www.clubops.com.au/event/GHJYC>. Entries after this date will incur a \$10 late fee.

2.3 Entry and Registration must be completed before a boat competes in any race.

4. Fees

Entry Fee: \$60 (Until 22/02/2023)

5. Schedule of Events:

DAY DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
Sat 24th February, 2022	Registration	1000hrs – 1030hrs
	Information Session	1100hrs
	Racing	First Warning 1330hrs
Sun 25th February, 2024	Racing	First Warning 1000hrs
Sunday 25th February, 2024	Presentation	Approx. 1500hrs or as soon after racing as possible

When more than one race will be held on the same day, the start time for the second and subsequent races in a day will be as soon as practical after the conclusion of the preceding race, at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer.

5.2 There will be a maximum of 6 races sailed.

5.3 No warning signal shall be made after 1400hrs on Sunday 25th February 2024

6. Measurement

6.1 Skippers shall hold and present at registration, evidence of a current valid measurement certificate.

6.2 During the regatta, measurement checks and inspections may be carried out. A boat selected for inspection shall report to the nominated area upon return to shore and follow the instructions of the Race Committee.

7. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available online at the Australian Paper Tiger Catamaran Website (papertigercatamaran.org), the relevant Sailor App page and at Bendigo YC prior to the start of the first session on Saturday 24th February 2024.

8. Venue

The Regatta site will be at Bendigo Yacht Club, 45 Sunset Drive, Eppalock VIC 3551.

9. Courses

The format and courses to be sailed will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

11. Scoring

Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series;

- (a) If only 4 or fewer races are completed then all races will be counted towards a boat's total series score.
- (b) If five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score.

12. Support Boats

Team Managers, coaches, and other support personnel shall keep more than 100 metres clear of any competitor whilst they are racing or the inside of the course as defined by the marks of the course between the preparatory signal and the finish of the last boat in a race, except in boats provided by the organising authority or when asked to assist by the Race Committee. Support boats need to be registered with the Race Committee and display the required flag.

13. Radio Communications

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions whilst racing nor receive communications not available to all boats for the purpose of obtaining outside assistance. This requirement also applies to mobile telephone communications.

14. Trophies

Prizes will be awarded to VPTCA members as follows, with all entrants results counted in the overall results:

- Overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
- Youth Champion 1st place if less than 5 competitors
1st, 2nd if five to seven competitors
1st, 2nd, 3rd if more than seven competitors
- B grade (as for Youth)
- C grade (as for Youth)
- Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the VPTCA Committee.

15. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, Decision to Race. Neither the Organising Authority nor its in conjunction partners will 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

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 incident or the equivalent.

17. Right to use Name and Likeness

In participating in an 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 said Event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said Event without compensation.

18. Further Information

Further information may be obtained from: Sarah Stout on email: victorianpapertiger@gmail.com

19. Social

A dinner will be held at Bendigo Yacht Club after racing on Saturday 24th February 2024. Tickets will be sold as part of the online registration and will need to be completed by Wednesday 22nd February 2023.

20. Accommodation

Camping will be available for both tents and caravans (unpowered) at Bendigo Yacht Club from Friday 23rd February until Monday 26th February. This will be at a cost of \$15 per site per night and payable at the time of registration.

