



2024 SHARPIE VICTORIAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

at

McCrae Yacht Club, 690 Point Nepean Rd, McCrae

16th March – 17th March, 2024

Organising Authority

McCrae Yacht Club Inc.

in conjunction with

Australian Sharpie Sailing Association (Victorian Division)

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.
- 1.2 Appendix T, arbitration shall apply.
- 1.3
 - a) RRS 42.3(c) is changed in accordance with the Class Association By-Laws, Part B, Clause 20(1) to allow “On a free leg of the course when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the leeward side of a wave) or planning is possible, the yacht’s crew may, in order to initiate surfing or planning, pump the sheet, boom or guy, controlling any sail a maximum of three (3) times for each wave or gust of wind.”
 - b) Devices which indicate remotely or transmit or correlate data about wind direction, wind speed, boat speed or location shall be prohibited in accordance with the Class Association By-Laws, Part B, Clause 20(2).
- 1.4 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

2. Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising 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 boats of the Australian Sharpie Class that comply with the rules of the Class Association. Crews must be financial members of their State Division of the Australian Sharpie Sailing Association, and a yacht club affiliated with Australian Sailing.

a) If you are an interstate boat, you are not required to be a VSSA member.

3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form no later than 1030 hours, Saturday 16th March 2024.

3.3 Parents/Guardians of Competitors under 18 years of age shall acknowledge the Entry Declaration at the time of entry.

4. Fees

4.1 The entry fee will be \$60.00 per boat.

4.2 Online entry is available at: <https://www.clubops.com.au/event/GHJYN>

4.3 Other fees for social functions will be advised at the regatta.

5. Schedule of Events:

DAY DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
Sat 16th March, 2024	Registration	1000hrs – 1030hrs
	Information Session	1100hrs
	Racing	First Warning 1327hrs
Sun 17th March, 2024	Racing	First Warning 1027hrs
Sunday 17th March, 2024	Presentation	Approx 1600hrs or as soon after racing as possible

- 5.1 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed on the race committee vessel with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.2 Code flag "L" flown on the finish boat indicates that another race will be started following completion of the current race.
- 5.2 There will be a maximum of 6 races sailed.
- 5.3 No warning signal shall be made after 1500hrs on Sunday 17th March 2024.

6. Measurement

- 6.1 Skippers shall hold and present at registration upon request, 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.
- 6.3 Substitution or replacement of equipment during the regatta must comply with the rules and measurement certificate and are subject to measuring at the Race Committee's discretion.

7. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available online on the official notice board which is the Sailor App regatta page entitled "2024 SHARPIE VICTORIAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS" and on the McCrae Yacht Club website before 16 March, 2024.

8. Venue

The Regatta site will be at McCrae Yacht Club, 690 Point Nepean Rd, McCrae VIC 3938. .

9. Courses

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

11. Scoring

- 11.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series;
- 11.2 If four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score.

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.

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 event without compensation.

19. Further Information

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Racing Area

The racing area will be on the waters of Port Phillip off McCrae



