



2024 OK Dinghy Victorian State Championships

Black Rock Yacht Club Inc. as the Organising Authority on behalf of the Victorian OK Dinghy Association

Date: Friday 29th to Sunday 31st December 2023
Venue: Black Rock Yacht Club, Half Moon Bay
Black Rock, Victoria, Australia

NOTICE OF RACE

Rules

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2 apply for Off The Beach Boats.
- 1.3. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
2. Sailing Instructions
 - 2.1. Sailing Instructions will be available prior to event on the Black Rock Yacht Club Website: <https://www.bryc.com.au/home/> and at Registration.
3. Advertising
 - 3.1. Advertising will be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20
 - 3.2. Boats may be required to display event sponsor's name(s)/logo(s) and bow numbers.
 - 3.3. If required, the Organising Authority will supply these items and they shall be affixed and/or worn as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions.
 - 3.4. The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by a boat or competitor when it is in conflict with the laws of the Victorian and/or Australian governments or an event sponsor.
4. Communication
 - 4.1. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
5. Eligibility And Entry
 - 5.1. The Championships are open to all boats of the International OK Dinghy Class that comply with the Class Rules.

- 5.2. International OK Class boats must hold a valid measurement certificate, which shall be presented for scrutiny if requested.
- 5.3. No formal measurement will be undertaken as part of registration. However, equipment inspection may occur at any time before or after racing.
- 5.4. All competitors must be a financial member of either an Australian State or National Class Association, and also a member of a club affiliated with Sailing Australia.
- 5.5. Eligible boats may enter using the online entry form accessible on the BRYC website.
6. Fees
 - 6.1. The entry fee shall be \$150.
 - 6.2. Refunds for cancellation of entries will be as follows:
 - 6.2.1. When requested before 1st December 2023 - 50%;
 - 6.2.2. No refund will be made when requested after 1st December 2023
 - 6.3. The entry fee includes a welcome event on the back terrace of the club.
7. Schedule
 - 7.1. The schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Activity
29 th December 2023	0900 - 1100 hrs	Registration
29 th December 2023	1130 hrs	Competitors Meeting
29 th December 2023	Racing 1400 hrs	2 races Welcome Function after racing
30 th December 2023	Racing 1400 hrs	Up to 3 races
31 st December 2023	Racing 1400 hrs	Up to 3 races Presentation after racing

- 7.2. The Championship will consist of a maximum of 8 races.
- 7.3. No more than three (3) races per sailing session, with the possibility of a morning race session if required to keep to schedule.
- 7.4. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1600 hrs.
- 7.5. The race committee may modify the programme due to extreme weather conditions or other causes. This may include bringing scheduled races forward, except the first scheduled race.
8. Measurement
 - 8.1. The Race Committee may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races.
9. Venue
 - 9.1. The racing will be held on the waters of Port Phillip in the vicinity of Black Rock Yacht Club
10. Courses
 - 10.1. The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

- 10.2. The target time for the first finisher in each race is 40 minutes on days when 3 or more races are scheduled. Failure to achieve these target times shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
11. Scoring
- 11.1. There will be a maximum of eight (8) races.
- 11.2. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.4. When from five (5) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.5. The Low Point Scoring system (RRS A4) will apply
12. Risk Statement
- 12.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
13. Insurance
- 13.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000, with racing risk, per incident or the equivalent.
- 13.2. All owners/competitors who enter online are deemed to have made a declaration that such cover is held and current for the duration of the event.
14. Prizes
- 14.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows, subject to entry numbers in each category:
- 14.1.1. Victorian State Champion – the leading Australian sailor
- 14.1.2. 1st 2nd & 3rd Overall
- 14.2. Other trophies and prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.
15. Television & Photography Rights
- 15.1. Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.
16. Amendments
- 16.1. Any amendments to this Notice of Race will be posted on the Black Rock website.
17. Further Information
- 17.1. **Victorian OK Dinghy Association**
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