



Victorian 9er State Championship

Entries now open

The 2017 Vic 9er Champs are to be held on the beautiful waters of Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club, at the southern end of Port Phillip Bay, on March 11-13. We currently have 7 entries for what promises to be a sensational weekend of racing in all 9er classes.

To avoid the late entry fee- enter now as this will help us with the catering for our Sunday night BBQ. Link to race docs is below.

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Training Weekend Sandringham Yacht Club February 4/5 2017

“Practice doesn’t make perfect. Perfect practice makes perfect.”

A fantastic coaching weekend with great coaches. Led by Larry Cargill and Rod Hagerboles 19 boats turned out for what was an action packed weekend starting with on land drills and culminating in a couple of short course races in 15-20kts on Sunday afternoon. It was great to see the many new faces and boats in the 29er fleet, with many older sailors showing off their skills in their FX’s and 49ers. On land drills followed by on water practice saw many of the newcomers to our class encountering a steep learning curve on their pathway to successful skiff sailing in light to moderate breezes. whilst many of our more



experienced sailors claimed they learn’t heaps and worked on many little things.

Congratulations

To Josh Galland and Ethan Hosking on their third placing at the Australian Youth Championships in January. They competed in one of the hottest fleets in Australia, which included World Champions and gold and bronze medallists at the recent World Youth Championships held in New Zealand. Congratulations also to our other top ten finishes Harrison Sly and Brandon Demura, and Tom Alexander and Louis Schofield sailing their last 29er regatta before moving onto the full rig 49er. So what do you get for your 9er membership:

A SAILORS PERSPECTIVE- AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

HAYDEN AND I COMPETED RECENTLY IN THE AUSTRALIAN SAILING AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD AT ADELAIDE SAILING CLUB.

We are transitioning into the 29er class from the 420. The 29er is heaps of fun because you get to jump over the waves rather than plough through them! I really enjoyed the Youth Championships, especially meeting up with the Victorians from other classes.

Our team meetings each morning, on the top of the hill, really set the mood for a good day of sailing.

Although we’ve only been in the 29er class for a short time, we’ve had a lot of support from other sailors and coaches which has helped us to learn and improve. We came away from Youths with pleasing results, especially in the windy conditions.

Casey Bates
1877 “Steve”



Australian AUS 9ers Championships 2017

The Australian 9er Championships are done and dusted for another year, culminating in exciting final day racing at the highest standard in Australia. The 29er fleet is peppered with world champion sailors in the class including Youth World gold and bronze medallists, including current 29er world champions Tom Crockett alongside Tash Bryant and Annie Wilmott. To quote this years Australian Champion Miles Davey "the 29er class is a hard class to win in Australia because the competition is so high. We did not know if we had won or lost on the last race until we were in". The top 8 positions were still up for grabs on the last day, with only a few points separating them. Eventual winners Henry Larkings and Miles Davies(NSW) won on count back from current world champion Tom Crockett. Victorian sailors Harry Sly and Brandon Demura finished in a tightly contested 5th place, closely followed by Josh Galland and Ethan Hosking in 6th with Tom Alexander and Louis Schofield following in 9th position. Our first Victorian girls team of Olivia Neilson and Clare Olding finished in 15th place. Newcomers to the class, BYS pairing Hayden Harding and Casey Bates completed their series in a very credible 21st place, completing several races with top 10 finishes. I loved seeing the tight mid fleet tussle between Vics Alanna Field, Pat Distefano and Stevie Case and the major learning curve experienced by Luca, Jack, Jaimee and Alex. The standard was equally high in the FX and 49er Classes with most members of the AST sailing in these fleets. Again Victoria had strong numbers in these classes. The story of the regatta was that of Issy Kenny in her first year of the FX winning the open title, closely followed by AST members Tess Lloyd and Eliza Solly(first all female crew), who revelled in the lighter conditions. Lock Dare with new crew Lewis Duncan finished in a closely fought 4th place. The lightweight pairing of Nicola Armstrong and Carolina Werner showed their light winds prowess with a convincing second in one race. The 49er fleet featured the AST alongside some of the best skiff sailors in the country and world with tight racing experienced by all and a step up in class by several sailors graduating from the FX and 29er

Up Coming Events

11/13 March 2017

Vic 9er State Titles- Sorrento Sailing
Couta Boat Club

4-6 April 2017

Victorian Youth Coaching RBYC

7-9 April 2017

Victorian Youth Championships RBYC

28-30 April

9er Training Weekend Gippsland
Lakes Yacht Club, Paynesville

fleets. Eventual winners Dave Gilmour and Joel Turner match raced the Phillips brothers for the series on the last race. 2017 also saw the return of James Sly and Tom Dwyer to 49er racing finishing in 7th place overall, Hayden Brown and Mac Bird in 9th, closely followed by Oliie Manton and Billie Goodfellow in 10th, and 'Tassie Boys' Matt Hinson and Zac Pullen in 'Bikini Bridge'.

What do you get as a member of the Vic 9ers Association?

- Access to all Australian 9er Regattas
- Association Class Development Days and associated training programs, many cost subsidised
- Access to selection to the VST and the high performance training programs
- Access to on water support a major events
- Great social events
- Choice of long or short sleeved Vic 9ers crew neck T-shirt