

Why Sail a 9er?

Ignoring the requisite youth requirement these days of the X-factor of fun, fast and furious, the 9er classes offer all of this and more! The 9ers are Australian designed by Julian Bethwaite.

All our 9er classes can be sailed with mixed crews and single sex teams with the exception of World Sailing Events. The Australian calendar does not exclude any team combination unless it is a World Sailing Event.

The Vic 9ers offer a strong training and social program, encouraging sailors to join in training days with their peers, learning to sail with skiff style and quickly progressing onto the race course

The 29er is strict one design international class aimed primarily at youth sailors and is the smaller sister to the Olympic 49er Class. The smaller XS 29er rig is the perfect size for those sailors transitioning out of the smaller junior classes into a skiff. Rigs are available for charter through the Vic 9ers Association and RBYC.

The 49erFX is now the Olympic Womens' 2 handed high performance dinghy. It uses the same hull as the men's skiff, but carries the smaller rig. This is also a perfect transition for those wishing to sail the full 49er rig.

The 49er is the Olympic Men's 2 handed high performance dinghy.

All the 9er family are based on a strict one design, with equipment tightly controlled by strict class rules. Repairs are easily performed on all 9ers, as the hulls and decks are made from polyester FRP which is low cost and readily obtainable high strength material.

The blades are also constructed from Fibreglass Reinforced Plastic (FRP) giving strength and lightness. The rudder is a dagger board design which slots into an alloy rudder stock.

The main and jib are fully battened Mylar, the spinnaker is an asymmetric tri radial cut for longer life. All are also strict one design.

The 9er classes offer a strong pathway for all sailors, those aspiring to Olympic glory and to those who want tight, fun, exciting sailing in a skiff class.

There is a strong second hand market (great for sellers), as the 9er classes continue to grow in Australia.

Parts are really available with great after sales service from the Victorian agent Sly Boat Building and Repair Centre <https://jlsly.wordpress.com>