

Vic 9ers



NOTICE OF RACES

Entries are invited for the following:

VIC 9ers GP Circuit 2023 -24

VIC 9ers GP Circuit is the accumulation of 6 events in the Victorian sailing calendar including VIC 9ers State Titles. **The Organising Authority (OA) will be** the VIC 9ers Association and associated clubs sailing clubs noted below for the round hosted by their club.

Round	Club and Location
1	2023 Sail Mordi Regatta Mordialloc Sailing Club https://www.mordiallocsc.com.au/coming-regattas/2023-sail-mordi/ 26 – 27 August 2023
2	Sail Sandy Sandringham Yacht Club https://syc.com.au/sail-sandy/ 21 - 22 October 2023
3	Nationals circuit training camp Sprints racing 25-26 November 2023 Club to be confirmed.
4	Schnapper Point Regatta https://www.morningtonyc.net.au/schnapper-point-regatta.html Mornington Yacht Club 10 - 11 February 2024
5	Western Port Montalto Marathon Westernport Yacht Club Late Feb 2024
6	VIC 9er State Titles Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club 9-11 Mar 2024

Each participant will receive coaching from the VIC 9ers State Coach at each regatta with the exception of VIC 9er State Titles.

1. RULES

1.1. The VIC 9ers GP Circuit 2024 Series will be sailed in accordance with the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) and the current International 29er class rules (except as any of these are altered by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions).

1.2. All boats must comply with AS Special Regulations Addendum A Part 2: For Off the Beach Boats with the exception that Lifejacket Level 50S or Type 3 are deemed non-compliant for all events. Where the current class rules are of a lesser standard than the Special Regulations then the latter will prevail.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1. Advertising will be in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20. The OA reserves the absolute right to require any competitor to remove any material from their boat, equipment or clothing which may be in contravention of moral decency or competitive to any event sponsor. There will be no request for redress to any such ruling.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1. The regatta is open to 29er class boats that meet the following criteria:

- Vessels are to be fully compliant with the International 29er Class rule this includes sails .
- Crews (both Helms person and Crew) are to be:
 - Current financial members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing,
 - and**
 - Current financial members of VIC 9ers Class Association

3.2. The Crews are to arrange the entry to the sailing venue in addition to the entry of the VIC 9ers GP series. Please note to entry Sail Country it is recommend that crews enrol on the day bookings open.

3.3. Rules of entry will be based on the Sailing clubs and VIC 9ers.

4. FEES

4.1. The boat entry fees for the VIC 9ers GP Circuit 2022 Series will be as follows:

Series Entry (6 Rounds)	\$150.00
Individual Round Entry (each Round)	\$ 50.00

Note: You will have to pay a separate entry fee for each round to the club hosting the event.

5. BRIEFING

5.1. A competitors briefing for all helmspersons, crew, race management team members and support and coach boat operations will be held at the host club as noted above at a location noted in the respective Club's Sailing Instructions.

5.2. It is compulsory for a delegate from each boat to attend the competitors brief.

5.3. At the OA's discretion a Briefing may be delivered remotely and a link will be provided via the Association Website, Facebook or other digital channels.

6. MEASUREMENTS

6.1. Except as noted in 3.1, it is the owner's responsibility to ensure that their boat conforms to Class Rules. **This will be strictly enforced by the committee.**

6.2. Any boat may be inspected before or after a race. Any boat found not to be complying with Class rules or AS Special Regulations Part 2: For Off the Beach Boats may have her entry refused or rejected, recorded as did not start (DNS) or disqualified (DSQ) as appropriate

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1. Sailing Instructions will be published prior to each round by the Club as part of the Sailing Regatta. The VIC 29ers Facebook page will advise the sailing instructions for the VIC 9ers State Titles and the AUS 9er Australian Nationals.

8. REGATTA SITE

8.1. The Regatta sites will be the clubhouses and grounds of the various host clubs:

- The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur medical care is available.
- Exposure to the elements for extended periods.
- The possible presence of dangerous marine life.

The OA also warns participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event with the OA

10. RACING AREA

10.1. The racing area will vary with each regatta location. The host club will provide a diagram of their race area in the variable Sailing Instructions. Any specific features or warnings applying to a particular location will be provided by the host club and be contained in the variable Sailing Instructions.

11. COURSES

11.1. The courses will generally be windward leeward with bottom gates. Marks, rounding and number of laps will be detailed in the Variable Sailing Instructions. The Western Port Montalto Marathon is a longer distance sailing even in competition with multiple class on the same course.

12. SCORING

12.1. For each round, the score determined by the participating club committee, will be allocated to the VIC 9ers GP Circuit. The accumulation of these scores at the six events will be used to determine the overall result of the VIC 9ers GP Circuit. In the event of a tie the scorer will complete a count back of the results.

12.2. No score/race can be discarded

12.3. Competitors wishing to request a review of results must submit their request by completing a Results Query Form and notify the Association committee and submit it to the OA no later than three days after the publication of results for each round.

12.4. Abandoned races will only be resailing if the participating club arranged a new regatta date/ race.

13. CHANGE OF HELMS PERSON OR CREW

13.1. The helmsperson and crew (if applicable) of each boat contesting a race shall be nominated on the online entry form together with their full contact and emergency contact details. Change of helmsperson and/or crew may be permitted at the discretion of the OA. A boat's entry shall be updated to reflect this change prior to racing.

14. ARBITRATION

14.1. Arbitration may be used for protests alleging infringements of a RRS of Part 2, Part 4 or RRS 31.

15. PRIZES

15.1. The VIC 9ers will provide prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

Each participating boat will receive 1 ticket for each sailing day attending the GP Circuit events. At the end of the series, a draw will take place to win a new 29er Jib and other valued 29er and sailing gear. The same boat cannot win both prizes from the draw.

Other prizes may also be provided.

16. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

16.1. In participating in the Event, a competitor automatically grants to the OA and the sponsors of the Event, the right in perpetuity, to make use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still motion pictures and live taped or filmed television, digital images and other reproductions of him / her.

17. ENTRY DISCLAIMER

17.1. This Risk Warning is issued, pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002, to all persons wishing to participate in the sailing activities conducted by the OA. Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death. As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
- The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
- The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
- The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur medical care is available.
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18. INSURANCE

18.1. All competitors who enter into the series or into an individual round are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold adequate Public Liability and Third – Party Property insurance to the sum of at least AUD\$10,000,000 (ten million).

19. NOTICES AND AMENDMENTS

19.1. Notices and Amendments will be posted on the Association website and on the Official Notice board on the day it will take effect at the host club prior to the scheduled opening of registration.

19.2. Any change to the schedule of races will be made at least four days prior to the race it will affect.

19.3. Amendments to the NOR / SI may be communicated on water for that race or day.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact the following:

- President Andrew Conacher 0408 336 839
- Treasure Cameron Stevens 0408 807 491