



# **125 Class Victorian Championships 2025**

The Organizing Authority, Williamstown Sailing Club (WSC), in conjunction with the 125 Class Association, hereby invites 125 Class dinghies to the 53<sup>rd</sup> Victorian State Championships.

**Saturday 05 – Sunday 06 April 2025**

**Williamstown Sailing Club  
The Strand, Williamstown**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**



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## 1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028* and *The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off The Beach Boats 2025-2028*; and,
- 1.2. The class rules and constitution of the Victorian 125 Association; and,
- 1.3. Any applicable rules and regulations as required by Ports Victoria (**PV**) in the Aquatics Events Advise application lodged with the Harbor Master; and,
- 1.4. Appendix T - Arbitration to The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028, shall apply.
- 1.5 [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 64.
- 1.6 [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- 1.7 [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be made available before 28 March 2025.
- 2.2 Sailing instructions will be available via the **"Sailor app"** and the Organising Authority website.
- 2.3 The Sailing Instructions may include supplementary documents or information regarding the

schedule of races, the courses, racing are notices issued by Ports Victoria such as commercial shipping movements and notices to mariners.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Organising Authority website: <https://www.williamstownsailingclub.org.au/regatta-racing/> and The “Sailor App” will be used to promulgate official notices, results and information.
- 3.2 The regatta office is located on the ground floor of the sailing club.
- 3.3 A competitors briefing may be conducted in the sailing club 1 hour before the first warning of the day.
- 3.4 [NP] 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.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The Regatta is open to all boats of the 125 Class that hold a valid measurement certificate.
- 4.2 Both helm and crew shall be current financial members of the Victorian State 125 Association
- 4.3 Both helm and crew shall be current financial members of Australian Sailing or affiliated to an alternative Member Nation Authority.

4.4 Divisions are defined as follows:

125 Open	Spinnakers are allowed, nominated skipper and crew.
125 JAM	Spinnakers are not allowed. Nominated Skipper and up to 3 nominated crew. Crew may be swapped between races. Sail one lap less than the Open division.

- 4.5 Persons nominated on the entry form to sail the boat in the Championship may not be substituted without the permission of the Race Committee.
- 4.6 Eligible boats may enter the regatta online via the regatta page on the WSC website by the 31 March 2025.
- 4.7 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.8 Late entries, post 31 March 2025, may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority and will incur an additional fee of \$30

### 5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee for the regatta is \$160 for both the Open and Jib and Main (JAM) Divisions
- 5.2 The entry fee includes Saturday night dinner.

### 6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 To be eligible for Junior Champion the skipper must be under the age of 18 years on the 4th of April 2025
- 6.2 To be eligible for Masters Champion skipper must be over the age of 50 years and under the age of 60 years on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2025
- 6.3 To be eligible for the Grand Masters Champion skipper must be over the age of 60 years on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2025
- 6.4 To be eligible for the Ladies Champion the skipper shall be female.

## 7. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

## 8. SCHEDULE

8.1 Race program as below:

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
Saturday, 05 April 2025	Registration	09:00 to 11:30
	Information Session	12:00
	Racing - Session 1	PM – refer to sailing instructions.
Sunday, 06 April 2025	Racing – Session 2	Refer to Sailing Instructions
	Racing – Session 3	Refer to Sailing Instructions

8.2 Registration will be conducted at WSC between 09:00 and 11:30 hours Saturday 05 April

8.3 The race committee may schedule the race program and races during the regatta per RRS 80.

8.4 On the last day of schedules racing, no warning signal will be made after 14:30 hours.

### OTHER EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
Saturday 5 April 2025	Pre-ordered lunches	11.30 am
	125 AGM	18:00 at WSC clubrooms
	Dinner	Following AGM
Sunday	Presentation	As soon as possible after racing.

## 9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1. Each boat shall hold a valid measurement certificate.

9.2. Boats may be inspected at any time.

## 10. VENUE

10.1 The venue for this Regatta will be Williamstown Sailing Club, Corner Stevedore Street and the Strand, Williamstown.

10.2 NoR Addendum 1 show the approximate race area/s for the regatta.

## 11. COURSES

The courses sailed, course diagrams, the order in which marks are to be passed and side on which marks are to be passed will be described in the sailing instructions.

## 12. SCORING SYSTEM

13.1 The RRS Appendix A, Low Point Scoring System will apply.

13.4 (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13.2 A maximum of seven races will be sailed, of which three are required to be completed to constitute a series.

### **13. SUPPORT VESSELS**

14.1 Support vessels are to register by completing a registration form available from the WSC website: <https://www.williamstownsailingclub.org.au/regatta-racing/> or at the Regatta Office.

14.2 At all times, the registered driver(s) of a support vessel shall comply with directions given by a Race Official.

14.3 All support vessels are required to carry a working VHF radio to monitor the advised frequency (Channel 73).

14.4 Prior to going on water and returning ashore, support vessels are to sign on / off via radio to the regatta control tower (Willy Tower) each session.

14.5 When on water support vessels shall "join a course" on the Bouy Zone app.

14.6 Support boats shall keep 100m clear of the course area during racing, except when asked to assist by a Race Official.

14.7 Support boats are not to be launched or stored within the Club compound, there is a public launching ramp located at 'the warmies' in Newport.

<https://www.boating.vic.gov.au/ramps/a157F000001P6ULQA0>

### **14. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

### **15. MEDIA RIGHTS AND PHOTOGRAPHIC CONSENT**

By entering the event, competitors are consenting to being photographed and/or videoed whilst participating in the race and/or using the Regatta facilities. Furthermore, competitors consent to taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication, and reproduction of such images and any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such image or any use thereof.

### **16. RISK STATEMENT**

16.1 Competitors and their parents/guardian's accept that the participation in the regatta is at their own risk in every respect. The Victorian 125 Sailing Association Inc, Williamstown Sailing Club and their members, officials and all others involved in the conduct and management of this regatta, shall not be liable for any loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of participation or intended participation in the Regatta or whatsoever or howsoever arising.

16.2 Participants are still 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 a 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 the control of vessels may be lost, resulting in a 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 participant may be injured by equipment on the vessel - The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available; and - Exposure to the elements for extended periods. Williamstown Sailing Club also warns participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. The participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing in the event.

16.3 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.

**17. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$5,000,000 (recommended \$10,000,000) per incident.

**PRIZES**

18.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- Open Division\* – 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- JAM\* – 1st
- Handicap - 1st
- Junior Division – 1st
- Masters Division – 1st
- Grand Masters Division – 1st
- Ladies Division – 1st
- Classic boat (pre 3100) – 1<sup>st</sup>

18.2 The first three (3) places overall and all JAM competitors are not eligible for handicap prizes.

18.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Victorian 125 Sailing Association.

**18. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact:

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## NOTICE OF RACE - ADDENDUM 01



A **No Boating Zone (NBZ)** exist along the shoreline starting at Sandridge Beach and Lagoon Pier in an easterly direction towards St. Kilda extending on average 50 meters to seaward. They are designated at the seamark by a yellow pole with diagonal cross.

A75-meter **Waterside Restricted Zone (WRZ)** is in place around Station Pier. Any boat entering the WRZ while racing will be scored a DSQ.

**Beach landings.** In the event of an unexpected weather event The **Sandridge Life Saving Club**, **Sandridge Beach**, and **Port Melbourne Yacht Club (PMYC)** can be used as safe beach landing area. Skippers shall report their location to WSC Race Control Tower as soon as possible on arrival.

**Shipping:** Attention is drawn to the **Marine Safety Regulations 2023** in particular **Regulations 77(2), 78 and 79** which essentially requires the master of a vessel to keep out of the way of a vessel that can only safely navigate within the shipping channel or fairway.

**Shipping Channels (traffic lanes):** -The Williamstown Channel (Yarra River) is the main shipping channel for commercial (freight and container shipping) to the Melbourne docks. The Melbourne Channel (Princess Pier) is to the east of the Williamstown Channel and mainly used by passenger shipping. These channels must only be crossed when sailing to/from the racing area or the alternative racing area i.e. in front of Port Melbourne Yacht Club.

A vessel shall, so far as practicable, avoid crossing traffic lanes but if obliged to do so shall cross on a heading as nearly as practicable at right angles to the general direction of traffic flow.

The WSC Race Management Team (RMT) will (where possible to do so) alert Skippers (master of vessel) of shipping on these channels. Skippers shall obey all verbal directions from WSC RMT vessels.