



GIRLSAIL

TOORAK COLLEGE
in association with Davey's Bay Yacht Club
as organising authority

NOTICE OF RACE

Davey's Bay Yacht Club, Mount Eliza
Friday, 21st February 2025

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the *2025-28 Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Races will be umpired as described below under the Penalty System.
- 1.3. Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.4. Competitors, Teachers, Coaches and Parents / Supporters are required to abide by the Codes of Conduct of Australian Sailing, their school and the School Sporting Association of which the school is a member.
- 1.5. In addition to the responsibilities of the competitors to decide whether to race or continue racing in Rule 3, schools shall nominate a representative responsible for ensuring that the helm and crew are physically fit and skilled to face the expected conditions and are in compliance with school policies.
- 1.6. Competitors shall wear gloves, footwear and PFDs, with whistles, at all times while afloat. This changes the preamble to part 4 and rule 40.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration from 0800 hrs on Friday 21st February 2025. A copy may be available on the [DBYC website](#) from Monday 17th February 2025.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The official notice board will be on the windows of the boat display room adjacent to the training room of the Davey's Bay Yacht Club.
- 3.2 A boat, whilst racing, shall neither make nor receive Electronic Communications.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 General

The event is open to full time female students of Victorian Secondary Schools to enter teams of 2 students who have sailing experience. Entries may be limited to 30 teams overall with the final split into Divisions being determined after entries are received.

A school may enter up to 3 teams and may nominate a 4th team. If entries do not reach the maximum number of teams overall using the teams entered, then the Organising Authority may accept the nominated fourth teams in the order the entries were received to fill out the draw. Priority will be given to 1st Division entries as described in 4.2 below.

4.2 1st Division

Schools with teams capable of **racing** in wind conditions averaging 15 knots with the corresponding sea conditions may enter those teams in the 1st Division. See the Cancellation policy as outlined in NoR 17 below.

4.3 2nd Division

Schools with teams **not** capable of **racing** in the conditions required to qualify for entry into the 1st Division but are capable of **racing** in wind conditions averaging 10 to 12 knots may enter those teams in the 2nd Division. If the 1st Division team allocation is not fully taken up then 2nd Division entries will be able to fill out the balance of the draw up to the entry limit. Also see the Cancellation policy as outlined in NoR 17 below.

4.4 Expression of Intent and Entry

Expressions of Intent are encouraged to register by 10th December 2024 via link:

Expression of Intent [insert hyperlink](#)

Schools may **enter** their eligible qualified teams for the event via link:

[Girlsail Entry form](#)

Entries must be received by Toorak College by 18:00 hrs on Monday 17th February 2025.

Entries will **only** be accepted after 18:00 hrs on Monday 17th February 2025 at the discretion of the Organising Authority if the draw is not complete.

4.5 Change of Crew

There shall be no change of crew without permission from the Race Committee in writing.

4.6 Mixed School Teams

If a school has a sailor who is unable to find a sailing partner from within their school community, they may contact the Organising Authority. The Organising Authority may at its discretion organise a mixed school team to fill out the draw. Mixed school teams **not** coordinated by the Organising Authority will **not** be accepted. Mixed school pairings will only be eligible for individual trophies and will not be able to contribute to either school's team score.

5. FEES

5.1 Entry Fee

The entry fee per team is **\$185** inc GST.

5.2 Damage Coverage

Each school shall be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment and property. Damage to boats, equipment and/or property must be reported to a DBYC volunteer as soon as is practical. The cost of the damage will be advised and invoiced to the school concerned within 14 days of the event.

Damage attributed to competitors generally or to an unidentified team will be attributed equally between all schools and each school will be advised and invoiced within 14 days of the event.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 Registration

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>
Friday 21st February 2025	0730-0830

6.2 Races

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time (Warning Signal)</i>
Friday 21st February 2025	Information Session	0830 hrs
Friday 21st February 2025	Racing	0900 hrs – 1600 hrs
Friday 21st February 2025	Presentation	1630 hrs

The warning signal for the first race will not be made before 0900 hrs on the day indicated.

6.3 Racing Format

It is the intention of the Organising Authority to conduct a series of umpired qualifying races culminating in a finals round to determine the overall winning team for each Division. At the end of the qualifying races the fleets will be divided based on results into Gold, Silver and perhaps Bronze fleets for the finals. All races will be umpired.

7. VENUE

The event venue will be Davey's Bay Yacht Club Mt Eliza, Melway's map 101 reference E7. Access is via Davey's Bay Road carpark and walking track to the right. Access includes a number of stairs.

8. COURSES

The courses will be as defined in the Sailing Instructions.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 Where a boat takes a voluntary penalty under RRS 44 as a result of a valid protest from another boat for a breach of one or more rules of Part 2, or rule 31 or 42 in an incident while *racing* the Two Turn penalty is changed to a One-Turn Penalty.
- 9.2 An umpire may penalise a boat for a breach of sportsmanship, a rule of Part 2 or Rules 31, 42 or 69 by signalling the boat with a whistle and red flag.
- 9.3 A boat penalised by an umpire shall complete a Two-Turn penalty in accordance with rule 44.
- 9.4 A boat that fails to take a penalty signalled by an umpire will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 9.5 Umpires may signal with a green and white flag where they saw an incident and no rule was broken, where they did not see the entire incident or for any other reason where it is not possible to impose a penalty.
- 9.6 If there is not a valid protest for an incident between boats, the umpires are less likely to initiate a penalty.
- 9.7 Any incident not signalled by the umpires may be protested or subject to Arbitration.

10. BOATS

The boats will be 'Pacer' class dinghies provided by the Organising Authority.

11. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Depending on the numbers in each Division the event will consist of a qualifying series of races and a finals series of races.

The number of flights and races will be as stated in the Sailing Instructions based on the number of entries and the split between divisions.

12. SCORING

The Low point score system as per RRS Appendix A4 will apply.

A boat's series score will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

The number of races required to be completed to constitute a series shall be stated in the sailing instructions.

13. SUPPORT PERSONS AND VESSELS

This is not a coaching event. Team Managers and coaches will only be permitted to go on the water during racing if they are by prior arrangement assisting the race management team in some capacity on a boat organised by the organising authority. Competitors and Schools attention is drawn to the provisions of RRS 3.

14. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd individual teams in each finals flight in each Division. A prize may also be awarded to the best School based on the results in the 1st Division at the discretion of the Organising Authority. This trophy, if awarded, will be based on overall places in the finals. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

15. LIABILITY

15.1 General

It is the Competitor's decision to enter the event or to start in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the event is at their sole exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry to the event competitors shall indemnify Davey's Bay Yacht Club Inc., their officers, members, servants and agents in respect of all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the event including but not limited to material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event. Davey's Bay Yacht Club Inc. takes no responsibility for decisions made by schools in compliance with a school policy outside of the provisions of the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

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, but are not limited to, 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.

16. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In participating in an Event, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the Event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said Event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said Event without compensation.

17 CANCELLATION POLICY

17.1 The Organising Authority may cancel the event, cancel divisions and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.

17.2 Should the Organising Authority cancel a division or reject an entry the entry fee shall not be charged.

17.3 Should the Organising Authority cancel the event any refunds will be at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.

17.4 If an entry is cancelled by a competitor, the entry fee will be charged as follows:

Cancellation Date	Entry Fee
Up to 18:00 hrs on 19th February 2024	0%
After 18:00 hrs on 19th February 2024	75%

18 AMENDMENTS

Any amendments to this Notice of Race will be emailed to all schools that have entered at that stage and posted online on the Davey's Bay Yacht Club website (www.dbyc.com.au). Schools that enter after an amendment has been posted will be emailed a copy when their entry is received.