



# 9<sup>th</sup> WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, BLAIRGOWRIE, AUSTRALIA



BLAIRGOWRIE YACHT SQUADRON

PORT PHILLIP | AUSTRALIA



The 9<sup>th</sup> ACO Musto Skiff World Championship will be organised by Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron Inc. (The Organising Authority), in co-operation with the Musto Skiff Class Association (The Class Association).

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by World Sailing Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the International Musto Skiff Class Rules in force at the time of the Regatta.
- 1.2 No National Prescriptions shall apply.
- 1.3 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

### 2. ADVERTISING

Advertising is permitted in accordance with the Class Rules and World Sailing regulation 20. Boats may be required to display/wear advertising supplied by the Class Association and the Organising Authority, as well as event bow numbers, stickers and bibs.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Musto Skiff Class that meet with the obligations of the Class Rules and their National Authority.



- 3.2 To compete, the helm must be a current member of the International Musto Skiff Class Association.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and paying the required fee by credit card or bank transfer through the event website [www.mustoskiff.com](http://www.mustoskiff.com).
- 3.4 Each crew shall present during registration proof that the boat is insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$AUD \$10,000,000.

4. CLASSIFICATION

The World Sailing Eligibility Code will not apply.

5. FEES

The Entry Fee will be:

Early Entry Price	\$AUD 425.00	Before 15/11/2017
Standard Entry Price	\$AUD 475.00	Before 01/01/2018
Late Entry Price	AUD 525.00	After 01/01/2018

The Entry Fee includes boat and trailer storage and tickets to the principal events.

6. PRE-EVENT REGATTA

A pre-event regatta is scheduled to start on the 6th January and will allow start and course configuration experience.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1 Registration and equipment inspection will be as follows:

Friday 5th January	1000 – 1800 hours
Monday 8th January	1000 – 1800 hours

7.2 Pre-Event Regatta Racing Schedule

Saturday 6th January	will not be before 1300 hours	Aust Champs/Open - 2 races
Sunday 7th January	will not be before 1300 hours	Aust Champs/Open - 2 races

7.3 Regatta Racing Schedule

Tuesday 9th January	races
Wednesday 10th January	races
Thursday 11th January	races
Friday 12th January	Lay-day (racing possible dependent on forecast)
Saturday 13th January	races
Sunday 14th January	races

7.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Tuesday 9th January is 1300 hours

7.5 On Sunday 14th January, there will be no warning signal after 1600 hours

7.6 14 races are scheduled

## 8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1 Competitors shall register at the race office and complete all required measurement formalities before racing.

8.2 Measurement checks and inspections may be made throughout the regatta at the discretion of the class representative, measurer, race committee or the jury; they may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before, during or after any race at their discretion.

8.2 Registration of sails and limitation stamping will take place during periods stated in 7.1 above.

8.3 Chartered or loaned boats shall display the National letters and sail numbers of the helmsman.

## 9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available after 1000 hours on Friday 5th January and posted, along with all amendments, on the Official Notice Board (ONB) during the event, and may be posted on the event website before and during the event.

## 10. VENUE

10.1 The venue of the regatta is Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron, Victoria, Australia, the location of the club and marina can be seen at [www.bys.asn.au](http://www.bys.asn.au)

10.2 The racing area will be located in Port Philip Bay in the vicinity of Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron (see attached map)

## 11. THE COURSES

The course to be sailed will be windward-leeward configuration with fleet racing. Spreader marks and leeward gates shall be used.

## 12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

12.2 Decisions of the International Jury constituted in accordance with Appendix 'N' will be final as provided in Rule 70.5.

## 13. SCORING

13.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

- (c) When 10 races or more have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats for individual boats or teams will not be permitted. The Class may arrange a boat to carry spare parts and emergency items

15. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

Boats and trolleys shall be kept in their assigned places on the lawn in front of the club in the allocated spaces [as shown in the attached].

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency involving immediate peril to the crew or serious damage to a boat, a boat that is racing shall not make any voice, data, radio or other electronic transmissions and shall not receive any voice, data, radio or other electronic transmissions that are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

17. PRIZES

The prizes will be given as follows, with the addition of extra prizes decided by the Class Association.

1<sup>st</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> Overall

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Youth (under 25)

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Master (over 45)

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grand Master (over 55)

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Bronze fleet

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Silver fleet

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and they are entirely responsible for their own safety - See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

**'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'**

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;

- (c) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) the provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) their boat is adequately insured, with a minimum cover of \$AUD 10,000,000 against third party claims.

The Organizing Authority and Class Association are not liable for any direct or indirect loss, damage, costs, or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. It is for competitors to decide whether their boat, equipment, crew and clothing are fit and suitable to sail in the conditions that they might find. By launching or going to sea competitors confirm they and their boat, clothing and equipment is fit for purpose and for the conditions, and that they are competent to sail and compete in them. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the event and include the Organising Authority, race committee, race officer, safety officer, patrol boat personnel and beach masters. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve owners and competitors of their responsibilities.

#### 19. INSURANCE

The boat is required to hold adequate third-party insurance with a minimum cover of \$AUD 10,000,000, and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate.

#### 20. RIGHTS & COPYRIGHT

By entering and participating in the event competitors grant absolute right, authority and permission to the Organizing Authority, the Class Association and the event sponsors in perpetuity to make, use, distribute, broadcast and publish in any media, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, including drone coverage and other reproductions of them and their boat made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure (and to identify their name) , for all purposes without compensation.

#### 21. DRONES

The Class Association may arrange for one or more drones to film all or part of the racing. This drone may fly within 10 metres of competitors. Drones are inherently potentially dangerous and competitors recognize this risk and should avoid any contact with them. They should not try to touch them.

#### 22. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Paul Manning paulsmanning01@gmail.com or Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron [mustoworlds2018@bys.asn.au](mailto:mustoworlds2018@bys.asn.au)



MAP 1: PORT PHILLIP BAY



MAP 2: BLAIRGOWRIE YACHT SQUADRON

