

MINNOW
SAILING
ASSOCIATION

Victorian Minnow Championships 2010

6 – 7 March 2010

The Minnow Sailing Association (The Association) invites entries for the Victorian Minnow Championships (the Regatta). The Regatta will be conducted on the waters off Blairgowrie on Port Phillip Bay, Victoria adjacent to the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron (“BYS”) from Saturday 6 March to Sunday 7 March 2010. The Organising Authority is Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron Inc. in conjunction with the Minnow Sailing Association.

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012*, the special regulations of Yachting Australia Part **21.2**.
- 1.2 Attachment “A” is a summary of alterations to the rules of the Minnow Class that will apply to the Regatta.

2 ADVERTISING

Advertising will be restricted to Category C.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Regatta is open to all boats of the Minnow class that will be sailed by persons who are current members of a State or Territory Minnow Association. Trophies will only be awarded to Minnow Sailing Association members.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached Entry Form which shall be lodged with the Minnow Sailing Association no later than 8.30am on the day of the scheduled first heat of the regatta (6 March 2010), together with the required entry fee.

Entries and fees by mail to Minnow Sailing Association, c/- Michael Knight, 39 Parkers Road, Parkdale Vic 3195.

- 3.3 Eligibility for each division shall be as follows:

Novice: Any Minnow sailor competing in his or her first Victorian or National Championship will be considered for inclusion in the novice division. Inclusion in this division will be at the discretion of the Minnow Sailing Association Committee.

Open: All Minnow sailors who are not competing as a novice will compete in the open division. This division shall be comprised of:

Senior: Any Minnow sailor 12 or more years of age on the day the first scheduled race of the Regatta, and who is not competing as a novice.

Junior: Any Minnow sailor under twelve years of age on the day of the first scheduled race of the Regatta, and who is not competing as a novice.

4 CLASSIFICATION

The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will apply.

5 FEES

5.1 Required fees are as follows:

Entries received on or before Sunday 28 February 2010;

Single \$60 plus any additional entrant from the same family will be \$ 50 per entry.

Entries received after 28 Feb. 2010 may be subject to a late entry fee of \$ 20.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Registration:

Saturday 6 March 2010 From 0800 until 1100

6.2 Measurement and inspection:

Saturday 6 March 2010 From 0800 until 1100

6.3 Dates of racing:

Date

6 March 2010	Information session	1130
	Session one racing	1300

7 March 2010	Session two racing	1000
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Presentation to follow

7 MEASUREMENTS

A measurement panel will be appointed by the organising committee.

All boats **not** weighed and measured at the 2010 Minnow National Championships will be weighed and all sails will be measured. Boats will be measured at the discretion of the Association prior to the event, and boats may be measured or remeasured during the regatta. Any competitor who wishes to have their boat measured prior to the event should advise the Association.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after 1200 on 21 February 2010 at www.minnow.org.au and copies will be available at the registration table on 6 March 2010 at BYS.

9 VENUE

9.1 The waters of Port Phillip adjacent to Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron.

10 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be triangular as described in the sailing instructions.

11 PENALTIES

A protest committee will be appointed in accordance with RRS 89.2 (b).
A Protest Arbitration process will be as a first resort for protest resolution during the Regatta.

12 SCORING

12.1 Five races are scheduled.

12.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 12.3**
- (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 SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall fly a BYS burgee and shall be registered prior to racing session one. On water coaching is not allowed by the organising committee during the following period:

An orange flag will be hoisted approximately five minutes before the commencement of the start sequence for each race. On this signal, coach boats and support boats must promptly depart the race area and proceed to a designated area for the duration of the race, unless called on to assist by the race committee.

Failure to abide by this instruction may result in penalties being applied to the yacht or yachts involved as specified in the Sailing Instructions.

The designated areas are as below and by diagram on the official notice board.

- (i) at least 100 meters clear of all course and start marks including committee vessels.
- (ii) at least 100 meters outside the course area.

This instruction continues to apply if a general recall or postponement is signalled but not after a race is abandoned.

Failure to comply with this instruction may result in disqualification after protest of any or all boats associated with the infringing persons.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the first five overall placed sailors in the Open division.

The overall winner will be awarded the Victorian Minnow Champion Perpetual Trophy.

The highest placed Junior sailor in the overall standings will be awarded the Victorian Minnow Junior Champion Perpetual Trophy.

Prizes will also be awarded to the first three place getters in each of the Senior, Junior and Novice divisions.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of five million dollars.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

Further Contacts:

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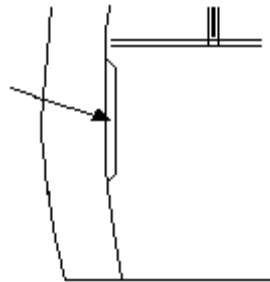
Brendan Edleston	Treasurer, Victorian Minnow Association
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Attachment "A"

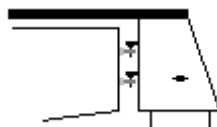
Alterations to the Class Rules for the Minnow; Proposed and voted on at 2007 Minnow State Championship AGM. All proposed changes/additions were carried by a majority.

These alterations now form part of the Minnow Class Rules.

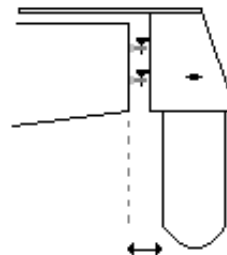
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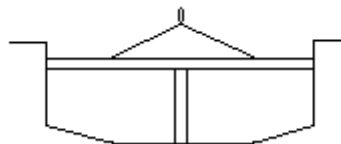
- Aluminium tiller handles allowed:



- Max distance between the Transom of boat and the front edge of tiller blade of 85mm.



- Non adjustable Bridal Allowed



- Vang fitting on mast: One cleat and one other turning block on the mast Still must remain 3 to 1 system. Allowed



pulley and fixed

- A single retainer cord can be fitted to the tail of the vang to by fitting a piece of shot cord to the boat and attaching it to the

allow easy access to the vang tail of the vang.

- Wind indicators either at the top of the mast or on the deck will be allowed.
- Main sheet system can not exceed a 4 to 1 system

ENTRY FORM

2010 VICTORIAN MINNOW CHAMPIONSHIPS, BYS

Sail Number..... Boat Name.....

Skipper First & Last Name

DOBYacht Club.....

Home address.....

City State Post Code

Telephone Home.....Mobile.....

YA Member No:email.....

ENTRY DECLARATION

'I agree to be bound by the racing rules of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) and all other rules that govern the Regatta with which I make myself clear. I acknowledge that Rule 4 – Decision to Race, places me solely responsible for deciding whether or not to continue racing. I also acknowledge and agree that in consideration of the 2010 Victorian Minnow Championships NOR Clause 16 "Disclaimer of Liability" that subject to my entry into this Event being accepted (without any obligation on your part to accept it), my participation is at my own risk.'

SignatureDate

ENTRY FEES

Single \$ 60 Additional entrant from same family \$ 50

Divisions:(please circle) OPEN SENIOR – Age 12 or over on 06/03/10 or JUNIOR - Age less than 12 on 06/03/10

Or NOVICE (First Victorian Minnow championship)

All entrants must be current members of the Minnow Association in their State or Territory.

Minnow Sailing Association Inc. Membership renewal (due 1st January 2010)

\$50 single \$70 family

Name/s: for membership

Please find enclosed a cheque (payable to the Victorian Minnow Association) for \$.....

Please return to: Minnow Sailing Association

c/o Michael Knight, 39 Parkers Road, Parkdale Vic 3195

Entries due by 28 Feb. 2010 After this date a \$ 20 late fee may apply

PARENTS TO SIGN FOR ALL ENTRANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS

I

of address

being the Parent, Legal Guardian or Custodian of (competitor's name)

consent to him / her participating in the 2010 Victorian Minnow Championship and indemnify the organisers and officers of the Minnow Sailing Association and Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron against any claim arising from the competitors participation in the Regatta.

Signed:(Parent, Guardian or Legal Custodian)