

MINNOW
SAILING ASSOCIATION



Australian Minnow Championships 2011

5 – 9 January 2011

The Minnow Sailing Association (The Association) invites entries for the Australian Minnow Championships (the Regatta). The Regatta will be conducted on the waters off Safety Beach on Port Phillip Bay, Victoria adjacent to the Safety Beach Sailing Club (“SBSC”) from Wednesday 5 January 2011 to Sunday 9 January 2011. The Organising Authority is Safety Beach Sailing Club Inc. in conjunction with the Australian Minnow 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 Victorian Minnow Association members or other State or Territory association members.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the Entry Form which shall be lodged electronically with the Victorian Minnow Association no later than 8.30am on the day of the scheduled first heat of the regatta (5 January 2011), together with the required entry fee.

Regatta entries and subscriptions to the Association can be only made via our website, www.minnow.org.au

- 3.3 Eligibility for each division shall be as follows:

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

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

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 Monday 13 December 2010;

Single \$105 plus any additional entrant from the same family will be \$95 per entry.

Entries received after 13 December 2010 may be subject to a late entry fee of \$ 20.

Late entries may not receive regatta apparel.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Registration:

Wednesday 5 January 2011 From 0800 until 1100

6.2 Measurement and inspection:

Wednesday 5 January 2011 From 0800 until 1100

6.3 Dates of racing:

Date

5 January 2011 Information session 1130

Session one racing 1300

(Includes invitation race)

6 January 2011 Session two racing 1000

7 January 2011 Session three racing 1000

8 January 2011 Session four racing 1000

9 January 2011 Session five racing 1000

7 MEASUREMENTS

A measurement panel will be appointed by the organising committee.

All boats **not** weighed and measured at the 2010 Minnow National Champs in Darwin in July 1010 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 December 2010 at www.minnow.org.au and copies will be available at the registration table on 5 January 2011 at SBSC.

9 VENUE

9.1 The waters of Port Phillip adjacent to Safety Beach Sailing Club.

10 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be trapezoidal 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 Twelve short races are scheduled.

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

13 SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall fly a SBSC 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 National Minnow Champion Perpetual Trophy.

The highest placed Junior sailor in the overall standings will be awarded the National 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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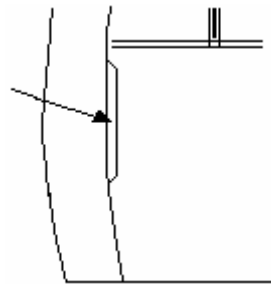
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Attachment "A"

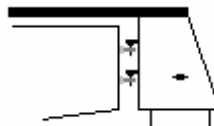
Alterations to the Class Rules for the Minnow; Proposed and voted on at 2007 Minnow State Championship AGM. All proposed changes/additions were carried by a majority.

These alterations now form part of the Minnow Class Rules.

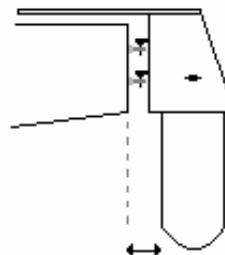
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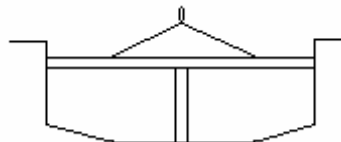
- Aluminium tiller handles allowed:



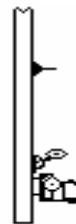
- Max distance between the Transom of boat and the front edge of tiller blade of 85mm.



- Non adjustable Bridal Allowed



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



- 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