

**2023 Victorian
O'pen Skiff Formula One Un-Regatta**
1st – 2nd April 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority

Australian International O'pen Skiff Association
in conjunction with

Albert Park Yacht Club



1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

Australian Sailing Special Regulations - Part 2 (for off the beach boats) shall apply. It is the responsibility of all competitors to ensure that life jackets comply with a standard equivalent to those listed in the regulations.

1.1 Fleets

This regatta is designed to cater for sailors of all abilities from Green through Gold fleet. The focus is having fun while sailing.

2 ADVERTISING

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

2.2 The organising authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by a boat or competitor when it is in conflict with an event sponsor or government regulations.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to boats complying with the current O'pen Skiff class rules.

3.2 All competitors must wear enclosed footwear at all times

3.3 **All boats must be dropped off at the venue by 5pm Sunday the 26th of March and will be available for pick up from Tuesday the 4th of April.**

3.4 Boats may be available for charter. The charter fee is \$100 and can be booked online during entry.

3.5 All sailors shall be financial members of a yacht club that is affiliated with Australian Sailing or their MNA.

3.6 Each boat shall be covered for a minimum \$10 million of third-party liability insurance. APYC requires all boats participating in aquatic events provide evidence of insurance cover both on shore and while racing.

3.7 Competitors and guardians shall abide by the Australian Sailing Member Protection Policy and Procedures.

3.8 Boats shall enter online a <https://openskiff.org.au/whats-on/> and pay the \$45 entry fee.

3.9 **As part of the entry requirements of the Grand Prix all competitors and guardians must supply their full names, DOB, contact number. Please email these through to mattghosie@gmail.com**

3.10 **For each junior competitor, ONE adult will be allowed access to the venue. Adults attending must be a parent/carer of a competitor and be prepared to have an allocated job.**

4 SCHEDULE (NOTE: An updated version may be available at registration)

Date	Time	Event
Sunday March 26th	1700	Boat drop off closes – exact time window will be posted via email
Sat. April 1st	10:00-10:30	Registration & Charter boats available
	11:00	Briefing followed by on water session
	12:30 to 13:30	F1 practice session (Skiffs on water practicing their freestyle moves)
	15:30 to 15:40	Track inspection (Skiffs inspecting the slalom course)
	16:00 to 17:00	Qualifying sessions (slalom head to head racing)
Sun. April 2nd	11:30	Coaching Clinic
	13:00 to 13:30	Driver's Parade (Skiff boom rider challenge)
	14:00 to 14:10	Track inspection (Skiffs making there way back to the sailing area)
	15:00 to 17:00	Grand Prix (Skiff relays, two up races, speed trials)
Tue. April 12th	0900	Boats can be picked up

Note:

4.1 There is no formal scoring at this event

4.2 Spot prizes maybe awarded to sailors that show a great Open skiff attitude.

4.3 All sessions are designed to line up with the time the F1 cars are on the track. These sessions will be weather dependent.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions (SIs) may be available at registration and posted online prior to the event. SIs will be posted on the Official Notice Board at Albert Park Yacht Club. Other documents governing the event may be published with the Sailing Instructions.

6 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk (refer RRS 3 - Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the event.

The boat's decision to enter will be considered to be testament that:-

- the boat complies with the event entry eligibility requirements within this Notice of Race;
- the skipper fully understands the meaning and intent of the RRS PART 1 – FUNDAMENTAL RULES;
- the skipper has the necessary knowledge and skills to safely participate in and complete the event
- the participants indemnify the organizing authority, its agents and volunteers from any responsibility for any matter relating to the boat's participation in the event.

7 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

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Introductory Rules for Racing

Version 1.01 - February 2008

Some Explanations

Windward and Leeward: The *leeward* side of your boat is the side where your mainsail lies. The *windward* side is the other side.

Port and Starboard tack: You are on *port* or *starboard tack* according to your *windward* side.

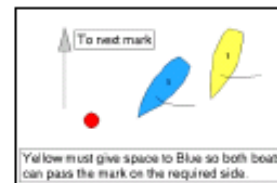
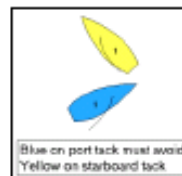
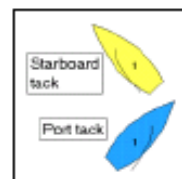
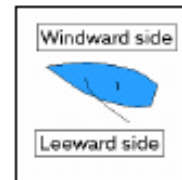
Advisor: A person appointed by the race organizers to assist competitors in understanding the rules and, when appropriate, to penalize a boat.

Basic Rules

1. You must comply with the principles of good sportsmanship.
2. You must try not to collide with another boat.

Rules When Boats Meet

3. When you and the other boat are on opposite *tacks*, if you are on *port tack* you must avoid the boat on *starboard tack*.
4. When you and the other boat are on the same *tack*, you must avoid the other boat
 - (a) if she is in front of you, or
 - (b) if she is on your *leeward* side.
5. After starting, when you and the other boat approach a mark or an object that both boats need to avoid, and the other boat is between you and the mark or other object, you must give her sufficient space to pass it safely on the same side. However, when the boats are on opposite *tacks* at a windward mark, this rule does not apply.
6. When the other boat is required to avoid you, if you change course, you must give the other boat an adequate opportunity to avoid you.



Other Rules

7. At the starting signal you must be behind the starting line.
8. After the starting signal, you must sail the course described by the race organizers.
9. You must not touch a mark of the course that is a committee vessel.
10. If you think you or another boat has broken a rule or if you are unclear about the rules at any time during the race, you must describe the incident to the *advisor* after the race. The *advisor* may then add two points to the score of any boat that has broken a rule. If the offence is serious, the *advisor* may add extra points to the boat's score.