

NOTICE OF RACE

2007 AUSTRALIAN MINNOW CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Minnow Sailing Association (The Association) invites entries for the Channel 7 Seiza Capital 2007 Australian Minnow Championships (the Event). The Event will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip in the vicinity of the Sorrento Sailing and Couta Boat Club (SSCBC) from Monday 8th January to Saturday 13th January 2007.

The Organizing Authority is The SSCBC in conjunction with The Association.

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the current *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, the special regulations of Yachting Australia Part 2, the rules of the Minnow class (except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions) and by the Sailing Instructions. A summary of the proposed alterations to the rules and/ or the Rules of the Minnow class is as follows:

- Maximum distance from the leading edge of the tiller blade to the transom shall be 85mm (see Appendix A).
- Wind direction indicators on the top of the mast or deck shall be allowed (see Appendix A).
- Vang attachment mechanisms giving three to one purchase with one pulley and fixed cleat and one turning block on the mast shall be allowed (see Appendix A).
- A non adjustable bridal system shall be allowed (see Appendix A).
- A retainer cord fitted to the tail of the vang to allow easy access to the vang by fitting a piece of shot cord to the boat and attaching it to the tail of the vang shall be allowed (see Appendix A).
- Time limits and the allocation of score points to boats failing to finish within time limits (see Sailing Instructions).
- Aluminium tiller handles shall be allowed (see Appendix A).
- Change of course to be indicated by red or green flags in accordance with Rule 33(a)2.
- Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) type 1 or 2 in accordance with Marine Regulations 1999 Victoria that are approved for their body mass. Inflatable PFDs will not be accepted.

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2. ADVERTISING

Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The regatta is open to boats of the Minnow class that are current members of a state or territory Minnow Association.

Competitors shall comply with RRS Appendix 2 – ISAF Eligibility Code.

Eligible boats may enter on the attached Entry Form which shall be lodged with the Minnow Sailing Association prior to or on the first day of the Regatta, accompanied by the required fee (see Section 4 - Fees).

Eligibility for each division shall be as follows;

Any sailor in their first Australian Championship will be considered for inclusion in the Novice Division. Inclusion in the Novice Division will be at the discretion of the Minnow Sailing Association committee.

Sailors not competing in the Novice Division will compete in the Open Division.

All Open Division sailors who are under 12 years of age on the scheduled day of the first race of the regatta will compete in the Junior Division.

All Open Division sailors who are 12 years of age or older on the scheduled day of the first race of the regatta will compete in the Senior Division.

4. FEES

The entry fee for the regatta is \$90 for a single entry and \$60 for each additional entrant from the same family.

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5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	TIME/TIME WARNING SIGNAL/DETAILS
Registration, weigh-in & Safety Inspection	08.01.07	0800 – 1100 – SSCBC
Information Session	08.01.07	1100-1130 -SSCBC
Invitation Race	08.01.07	1355
Heat 1	09.01.07	1355
Heat 2	09.01.07	To follow as soon as practicable
Heat 3	10.01.07	0955
Heat 4	10.01.07	To follow as soon as practicable
Lay Day/Re-sails	11.01.07	Resails if necessary
Heat 5	12.01.07	0955
Heat 6	12.01.07	To follow as soon as practicable
Heat 7	13.01.07	0955
Presentation/Dinner	13.01.07	On completion – details to be advised.
Social events	TBA	Details to be advised

6. MEASUREMENTS

The Association will arrange dates for sail measurements and weighing before the Event at Blairgowrie and Sorrento Clubs to reduce the delays on registration day. Sails will be measured during the weigh-in. Random measurement checks may be carried out at any time. A boat notified of inspection shall follow the instructions of the Race Committee. A safety inspection will also be conducted during registration. Any weight to be carried by a boat to meet minimum weight requirements shall be permanently fixed to the satisfaction of the Race Committee or their delegated representative.

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7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the Sail Melbourne, SSCBC and Association websites from 27 December, and will be issued at registration. Draft Sailing Instructions may be made available at an earlier time for general information.

8. REGATTA SITE

The regatta site will be SSCBC (Melways reference Map 156 E9). The site is approximately 1½ hours from Melbourne.

9. RACING AREA

The racing area will be the waters of Port Phillip in the vicinity of SSCBC.

10. COURSES

The courses shall be triangular as described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. SCORING

The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A.4.1 will apply.

12. JURY

A Protest Committee will be appointed for the Australian Minnow Championships in accordance with RRS 88.2 (b)

The Protest Arbitration process described in Appendix B will be used as a first resort for protest resolution during the regatta.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

Unless directed by the race committee, or in order to render immediate assistance, team managers, coaches and other support personnel or spectators are not permitted in the race area from the time of the preparatory signal for the start of a race until the time the last boat has finished or until the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, unless requested to assist by the race committee.

The Race Area is defined as the area bounded by the course marks and 100 metres clear of any boat racing. All team managers, coaches and other support personnel or spectators shall travel around the course in accordance with the directions of the race committee.

The penalty for failing to comply with this section after protest may be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing personnel from the race concerned.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

A boat shall not make radio transmission while racing, receive radio communication not available to all boats, including mobile phone transmissions or use electronic navigation or tactical aids while racing.

15. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top five overall place getters. The overall winner will be the Australian Minnow Champion 2007. The highest placed Junior sailor in the overall standings will be the Australian Minnow Junior Champion 2007. Prizes will additionally be awarded to the first three place getters in each Senior, Junior and Novice Division. Additional prizes or trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.

The winner of the Invitation Race will be awarded the Brian McCarthy Trophy.

16. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In participating in the Event, a competitor automatically grants the Organizing Authority, the Association 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.

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17. ENTRY DISCLAIMER

It is the competitor's decision to enter or to start or continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in any race is at their exclusive risk in every respect. See Fundamental Rule 4 'Decision to Race'.

The Organizing Authority, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no liability in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in any race or howsoever arising in connection with any race.

18. INSURANCE

All boats competing in a race shall have third party liability insurance cover of not less than \$1,000,000 (recommended \$5,000,000).

All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover and shall continue to hold such cover for the duration of the Regatta.

Competitors may be required to produce evidence of such insurance and any competitor not holding this cover may be required to withdraw their entry.

19. AMENDMENTS

Any amendments to this Notice of Race shall be posted on the Sail Melbourne, Association and Club web sites no later than 9 December 2004.

20. CONTACTS

For further information, please contact;

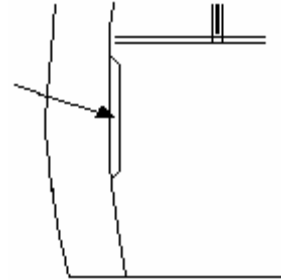
Sorrento Sailing and Couta Boat Club
Office
03 5984 2881
sail@sscbc.com
<http://www.sscbc.com.au>

Minnow Sailing Association
Mark Lloyd, President
0418 365 370
gunnamatta@bigpond.com
<http://www.minnow.org.au>

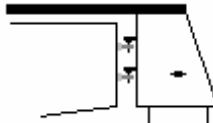
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APPENDIX A: ALTERATIONS TO THE CLASS RULES

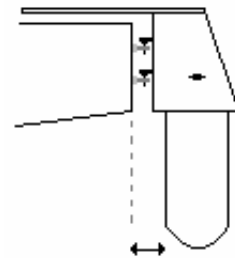
- Internal Trimmings allowed for Comfort:
To a max of 30mm



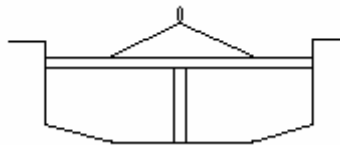
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- Max distance between the Transom of boat
and the front edge of tiller blade of 85mm.



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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 retainer cord can be fitted to the tail of the vang to allow easy access to the vang
by fitting a piece of shot cord to the boat and attaching it to the tail of the vang.
- Wind indicators either at the top of the mast or on the deck will be allowed.

APPENDIX B PROTEST ARBITRATION

1. Protest arbitration may be a new concept to many competitors. It is used to reduce the need for full protest hearings, as:
 - It will give a protesting boat the opportunity to withdraw the protest before there is a protest hearing.
 - It will give a protested boat the chance to avoid a full protest hearing by accepting a lesser penalty than may be received at a protest hearing.
2. After a protest form has been completed and lodged, the protestor, the protestee and an "arbitrator" will sit somewhere quiet to discuss the incident in (we hope) a friendly way. Each of the Parties may bring an observer, who shall not participate in the process.
3. The arbitration hearing will last for just a few minutes.
4. No witnesses will be involved.
5. All that is said to the arbitrator will be kept private. The arbitrator should not be a member of the protest committee (refer ISAF Judges Manual 04/2003, page 102) and arbitration can only apply to protests alleging a breach of the Rules of Part 2.
6. The arbitrator will try to settle the matter. If he believes a rule has been broken then that boat can accept a loss of points equal to 40% of the boats entered (rounding 0.5 upward)
7. An Arbitration hearing cannot "force" a competitor into any course of action, because:
 - Even if the arbitrator believes no rule was broken, the protesting boat may still have the matter taken to a full protest hearing.
 - Even if the arbitrator believes a boat broke a rule, that boat can still have the matter taken to a full protest hearing.

ENTRY FORM

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Sail Number and Boat Name.....
Skipper First & Last Name.....DOB.....
Yacht ClubYA Memb. No:.....
Home address.....
City State Post Code
Telephone..... e-Mail.....

ENTRY DECLARATION

I agree to be bound by the racing rules of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF), protest arbitration, conditions of entry and all other rules that govern the Event with which I make myself clear.

SignatureDate

ENTRY FEES

Single \$90 Additional entrant from same family \$60

Divisons: (Please circle nominated division) OPEN (DoB on or before 9 Jan 1995) JUNIOR NOVICE

Please find enclosed (circle which appropriate) Cash \$

cheque (payable to the Minnow Sailing Association) for \$

Please return to: **Minnow Sailing Association**
7 Hastings Road Hawthorn East Vic. 3123

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 2007 Australian Minnow Championship and indemnify the organisers and officers of the Minnow Sailing Association and Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club.

Signed:(Parent, Legal Guardian or Custodian)

Official Use

Payment Method	Cash	<input type="checkbox"/>	MSA Membership	Current	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Cheque	<input type="checkbox"/>		Cash	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Cheque	<input type="checkbox"/>

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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

I acknowledge and agree that:

1. In this Entry Application and Declaration: "Organising Authority" means and includes jointly and severally: Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club, of Foreshore Sorrento, Yachting Victoria Incorporated, the Minnow Sailing Association and their directors, officers, members, servants or agents. "Claim" means and includes any action, proceeding, claim, demand, damage or expense however arising including but not limited to negligence but does not include a claim in respect of any action, suit etc made by any person entitled to compensation under a relevant Club insurance policy or under any right expressly conferred by the constitution of the Organising Authority. "Regatta" means and includes the Australian Minnow Sailing Championships.
2. If accepted I will be permitted to participate in the Regatta subject to my complying with the terms and conditions of the Regatta including the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, this declaration and any reasonable direction issued by the Regatta organisers or their representatives.
3. The Regatta rules including the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions and this declaration comprise a contract between me and the Organising Authority and are necessary and reasonable to promote and conduct the Regatta. I agree to abide and be bound by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, rules and policies of Yachting Australia (copies of which are available from Yachting Australia) and all other Rules that govern the Regatta, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions and be subject to the jurisdiction of Yachting Australia and the Organising Authority in relation to the application and enforcement of such rules and policies.
4. **Warning:** Participation in the Regatta can be inherently dangerous. I acknowledge that I am exposed to certain risks during my participation in the Regatta including, but not limited to, physical exertion and injury, bodily contact, falls, equipment failure and unpredictable weather conditions. I acknowledge that accidents can and often do happen which may result in me being injured or even killed, or my property being damaged. I have voluntarily read and understood this warning and accept and assume the inherent risks in participating in the Regatta.

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WARNING UNDER THE FAIR TRADING ACT 1999

Under the provision of the Fair Trading Act 1999 several conditions are implied into contracts for the supply of certain goods and services. These conditions mean that the supplier named on this form is required to ensure that the recreational services it supplies to you are rendered with due care and skill; and are reasonably fit for any particular purpose or might reasonably be expected to achieve any result you have made known to the supplier.

Under section 32N of the Fair Trading Act 1999, the supplier is entitled to ask you to agree that these conditions do not apply to you. If you sign this form, you will be agreeing that your rights to sue the supplier under the Fair Trading Act 1999 if you are killed or injured because the services were not rendered with due care and skill or they were not reasonably fit for their purpose, are excluded, restricted or modified in the way set out in this form.

NOTE: The change to your rights, as set out in this form, does not apply if your death or injury is due to gross negligence on the supplier's part. "Gross negligence" is defined in the Fair Trading (Recreational Services) Regulations 2004.

5. For the purposes of this clause 5, "the Supplier" shall mean and include the Organising Authority. Exclusion of Implied Terms: I acknowledge that where I am a consumer of recreational services, as defined by any relevant law, certain terms and rights usually implied into a contract for the supply of goods or services may be excluded. I acknowledge that these implied terms and rights and any liability of the Supplier flowing from them, are expressly excluded to the extent possible by law, by this Entry Application Declaration. To the extent of any liability arising, the liability of the Supplier will, at its discretion be limited to the resupply of the services or payment of the cost of having the services supplied again.
6. Release and Indemnity: In consideration of the Organising Authority accepting my application for entry to the Regatta I, to the full extent permitted by law:
7. release and will release the Organising Authority from all Claims that I may have or may have had but for this release arising from or in connection with my participation in the Regatta; and indemnify and will keep indemnified the Organising Authority in respect of any Claim by any person including but not only another participant in the Regatta arising as a result of or in connection with my participation in the Regatta.

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8. **Fitness to Participate:** I declare that I am and must continue to be medically and physically fit and able to participate in the Event. I will immediately notify the Organising Authority in writing of any change to my fitness and ability to participate. I understand and accept that the Organising Authority will continue to rely upon this Declaration as evidence of my fitness and ability to participate.
9. **Consent to medical treatment:** If required, the Organising Authority will arrange medical or hospital treatment (including ambulance transportation) for me. I authorise such actions being taken by the Organising Authority where my further consent cannot be obtained and agree to meet all costs associated with such action..
10. **Privacy:** I understand that the information I have provided is necessary for the conduct of the Regatta. I acknowledge and agree that the information will only be used by the Organising Authority to facilitate the conduct of the Regatta. I understand that I will be able to access my information through the Organising Authority. If the information is not provided my entry application may be rejected.
11. **Severance:** If any provision of this declaration is invalid or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, the phrase or clause is to be read down for the purpose of that jurisdiction, if possible, so as to be valid and enforceable. If the phrase or clause cannot be so read down it will be severed to the extent of the invalidity or unenforceability. Such severance does not affect the remaining provisions of this Entry Application declaration or affect the validity or enforceability of it in any other jurisdiction.
12. I have read, understood, acknowledge and agree to the above declaration including the warning, exclusion of implied terms, release and indemnity. I warrant that all information provided in my Entry Application is true and correct. I acknowledge that this Entry Application Declaration cannot be amended. If I do amend it my application will be null and void.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (THIS IS NOT PART OF THE NOTICE OF RACE)

SAILING CLUB

Boat storage will be available during the regatta. All gear is stored at owners' risk. SSCBC canteen will be open each day for lunches and drinks as well as SSCBC bar at the conclusion of each day's racing.

ACCOMMODATION

A variety of accommodation is available around Sorrento; however, it is an extremely busy time of year (peak season) so early booking is strongly recommended. Following are some suggestions:

Camping/Budget

Sorrento Village Tourist and Camping Ground	(03) 5984 5000
Blairgowrie Caravan Park	(03) 5988 8394
Anchor Caravan Park Rosebud	(03) 5986 8454
Belle Vista Holiday park Rosebud	(03) 5986 1344
Nautilus Caravan Park Sorrento	(03) 5984 2277
Rosebud Foreshore	(03) 5986 8286
Sorrento YHA Backpackers	(03) 5984 4323
Sunrise Caravan Park Rosebud	(03) 5986 8977
Kangerong Holiday Park Dromana	(03) 5987 2080

Motel style

Motel Saltair, Sorrento	(03) 5984 1356
Blanche Court Motel, Rye	(03) 5985 2917
Moonlight Bay Resort, Rye	(03) 5985 7499

Luxury

Morocco Moon & Sorrento Moon Self Contained Houses	(03) 5984 4269
Sorrento Hotel	(03) 5984 2206
Shells Apartments, Sorrento	(03) 5984 0454