



NOTICE OF RACE

Victorian Special Olympics Sailing Team Selection Regatta

Organised by Albert Park Yacht Club in conjunction with Sailability Victoria

This regatta is a selection event to identify Victoria's Special Olympics Sailing Team Squad that will prepare for the Special Olympics National Summer Games Sailing Competition being conducted in Adelaide next year. The regatta is open to all Australian Special Olympics registered sailors.

The regatta will be hosted by Albert Park Yacht Club
and racing conducted on the waters of Albert Park Lake on
Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd August 2009

1. Organising Authority

1.1 Albert Park Yacht Club is the Organising Authority. The event will be conducted in association with Sailability Victoria and Special Olympics Victoria.

2. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The Prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 2 of Yachting Australia Inc will apply except where amended by the Special Olympics Summer Sports Rules – Sailing, or the Rules of the Australian Access Class Association (except as altered by the Sailing Instructions).

The Racing Rules will be changed as follows, and these changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions:

- Rule 26 'Starting Systems' will be amended with the addition of an audible timed 'count down';
- Rule 41 'Outside Help' will be altered. The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will authorise specific outside assistance;
- Rule 61.1(a) 'Informing the Protestee' will be altered so that the hail "protest" is not required, but should be made when possible and the 'Protestee' be advised in accordance with the Access Class Rule H.4.9;
- Rule 63.3(a) 'Right to be present' will be altered such that a representative at a protest hearing, may not necessarily have been on board at the time of the incident and will be allowed to speak on behalf of the party involved;
- Membership of the Access Class Association is not required.

3. Advertising

- 3.1 Competitors may be required to display a sponsor's logo and bow numbers. If this is required, they will be supplied by the Organising Authority and affixed as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 The Selection Regatta is open to all persons classified as having an intellectual disability such as to meet the eligibility specifications as laid down in Special Olympics General Rules, Section L.3 (Degree of Disability) and L.4 (Identifying Persons with intellectual disability)
- 4.2 Special Olympics Athletes are required to be Australian Nationals and must be affiliated with Yachting Australia (RRS 75) and registered athletes with Special Olympics Australia.
- 4.3 Entry applications shall be made on the attached Entry Form. The fully completed forms shall be received at the entry address no later than 5pm, Friday 14 August, 2009. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

5. Equipment

- 5.1 Boats used in this Special Olympic Selection Regatta will be the Access 2.3 and the Access 303.
- 5.2 Competitors are expected to provide their own boats, however, pool boats may be provided by the Organising Authority upon request. Boats are not to be modified in any way except that:
- (a) Wind indicators, including yarn or thread may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
 - (b) Hulls, centreboards and rudders may be cleaned but only with water;
 - (c) Adhesive tape may be used anywhere on the boat above the waterline; and
 - (d) All fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted provided the class rules are complied with.
- 5.3 All equipment provided with the boat for sailing purposes shall be in the boat while afloat.
- 5.4 The penalty for not complying with one of the above instructions will be disqualification from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken.
- 5.5 Competitors shall report any damage, malfunction or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Organising Authority's representative immediately after securing the boat ashore. The penalty for breaking this instruction, unless the Protest Committee is satisfied that the competitor or their representative made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.

6. Classification

- 6.1 The Special Olympics International classification system will apply. A person is considered to have an intellectual disability for purposes of determining his or her eligibility to participate in Special Olympics if that person satisfies any one of the following requirements:
- a. The person has been identified by an agency or professional as having an intellectual disability as determined by their localities; or
 - b. The person has a cognitive delay, as determined by standardized measures such as intelligent quotient or "IQ" testing or other measures that are generally accepted within the professional community in that Accredited Program's nation as being a reliable measurement of the existence of a cognitive delay; or
 - c. The person has a closely related developmental disability. A "closely related developmental disability" means having functional limitations in both general learning (such as IQ) and in adaptive skills (such as in recreation, work independent living, self-direction, or self-care). However, persons whose functional limitations are based solely on a physical, behavioral, or emotional disability, or a specific learning or sensory disability, are not eligible to participate as Special Olympics athletes.

7. Fees

7.1 An Entry Fee of \$20 is payable by the Special Olympics competitors in this regatta. No fee is payable for on-board coaches or unified sailors.

8. Levels of Competition

8.1 Training and racing for four (4) levels of sailors from the Special Olympic Summer Games Sailing Rules may be available depending upon demand:

- Level 1 Unified Sports - the Special Olympic athlete member of the crew has responsibility for headsail trim. Access 303.
- Level 2 Unified Sports - the Special Olympics athlete member of the crew shall helm for 100% of the race and start manoeuvres. Access 303.
- Level 4 All Special Olympics athlete team of two sailors, with NO onboard coach. Access 303.
- Level 5 Special Olympic athlete competes single-handed. Access 2.3.

9. Schedule (subject to change)

Saturday August 22

Registration	9.30am to 10am
Briefing	10.00am
Morning Session First Warning Signal	10.55am
Lunch	1.00pm approx.
Afternoon Session First Warning Signal	1.55pm
<i>No Warning Signal will be made after 3.00pm on Saturday August 22</i>	

Sunday August 23

Briefing	9.30am
Morning Session First Warning Signal	10.25am
Lunch	12.00pm approx.
Afternoon Session First Warning Signal	12.55pm
Presentations	3.30pm approx.
<i>No Warning Signal will be made after 2.45pm on Sunday August 23</i>	

10. Measurements

Measurement checks and inspections may be carried out at anytime. A boat notified of inspection will follow the instructions of the Organising Committee.

11. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available to competitors and/or their representatives on registration.

12. Venue

The racing will be held on Albert Park Lake departing from Albert Park Yacht Club, Aquatic Drive, Albert Park Reserve VIC 3204

13. The Courses

Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

14. Penalty System

For all Divisions, Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn in the same direction, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

15. Scoring

15.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

15.3 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. Radio Communication

16.1 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.

17. Special Olympic Selection and Awarding of Prizes

17.1 Medals will be presented to those placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each Division

17.2 Ribbons shall be presented to all athletes in accordance with Section Z of the SOI General Rules in order of finishing. Athletes who are disqualified (for reasons other than unsportsmanlike conduct or violations of the divisioning requirements of the Sports Rules) or who do not finish, shall be awarded a participation ribbon.

17.3 Selection for the Victorian Special Olympics Sailing Team to prepare for the 2010 National Special Olympic Summer Games will be conducted by the SOV Selection Committee following the regatta.

18. 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.

19. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$ (AUD) 5 million per event or the equivalent.

20. Further Information

For further information please contact:

David Staley – Secretary, Sailability Victoria
Email: david.staley@optusnet.com.au
Tel: 0428 514 058

Please forward entries to:

Special Olympics Selection Regatta
C/- Sailability Victoria Inc
2/77 Beach Road
SANDRINGHAM VIC 3191

Application for Entry

Victorian Special Olympics

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Special Olympics Sailor

Athlete's Family Name:

Athlete's Given Name:

Address:

Contact Details: Tel (h): (m):

Email:

Gender: Male Female

I am seeking selection for the Victorian Squad I am participating just for fun

Crew (if applicable)

Special Olympics Sailor Unified Sailor On Board Coach

Athlete's Family Name:

Athlete's Given Name:

Address:

Contact Details: Tel (h): (m):

Email:

Gender: Male Female

Emergency Contact

Name:

Contact Details: Tel (h): (m):

Please enter membership details of Skipper (if applicable):

Sailability Program:YA Silver Card:SOA Reg No:.....

I / We would like to enter the following division:

Level 1 – Access 303

Level 2 – Access 303

Level 4 – Access 303

Level 5 – Access 2.3

I request that a boat be provided I am providing my own boat

Please Note: The Special Olympics Sailor Entry Fee of \$20 is payable at registration

Indemnity Form

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To be completed by or on behalf of all competitors

My attention has been drawn to YA SR Part 1 Section 1 - 1.02 Owner's responsibility and to RRS rule 4, Decision to race and acknowledge that Yachting Victoria, Special Olympics Victoria, Sailability Victoria, Albert Park Yacht Club, their associates and appointees will not accept any liability for personal or material damage, injury, death or inconvenience sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the Regatta.

Special Olympics Sailor:

Name:

Signed: Date:/...../...09

Crew or Unified Team Crew Member:

Name:

Signed: Date:/...../...09

If a competitor is under the age of 18 years, the following Consent Clause must be signed

I, being the parent, legal guardian or custodian of

..... consent to him/her participating in the Regatta upon the terms and conditions set out in the Notice of Race and this Race Entry Form, and do likewise agree to indemnify the Organising Committee, the authorities and officers mentioned in those race documents.

Signed: Date:/...../...09