

# 51st Sabre Class Victorian Championships



## NOTICE OF RACE

**21- 22 February 2026**

**Western Port Yacht Club Balnarring Beach**

**Organising Authority:**  
Westernport Yacht Club (WYC)

**In conjunction with the:**  
Sabre Sailing Association of Victoria Inc (SSAV)  
*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

### 1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028* ('RRS').

1.2 The *Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 For Off the Beach Boats*, shall apply.

1.3 Appendix T, Arbitration of RRS will apply.

1.4 The sailing instructions will be available from February 16<sup>th</sup> 2026 online on the WYC website, on the Sailor app and with a copy posted on the official notice board of WYC clubhouse.

1.5 A boat may receive outside help where the Race Committee deems that the vessel and its crew require assistance in order to right a capsized vessel in order to continue racing, and where no advantage in the boat's position in the race is obtained through such assistance. This changes Rule 41, RRS.

## **2 ADVERTISING**

2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. Details will be supplied at registration.

## **3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY**

3.1 The regatta is open to all registered boats of the Sabre class that comply with the class rules of the Sabre Sailing Association of Australia Inc and whose crew are current financial members of their State Sabre Association.

Note: Registering as a member of the Sabre Sailing Association of Australia website does not constitute financial membership of a State Association.

You can register for Victorian Association membership for the 2025/26 season at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/216924?eid=216924>

3.2 All competitors shall also be current financial members of a club affiliated with a State or National Yachting Authority and provide an Australian Sailing number.

3.3 Competitors who enter online are deemed to have declared that their boat has a valid measurement certificate issued by the Sabre Sailing Association of Australia Inc.

3.4 Eligible boats must enter by completing the online entry form no later than 2000 hrs on Friday 20th February 2026.

3.5 The online entry shall be submitted at

<https://www.trybooking.com/DEOFR>

3.6 Eligibility for various divisional prizes will be governed by the competitor's age as at 21 February 2026.

3.7 Youth age is under 18 years as at 21 February 2026

3.8 Entry fee for the regatta is \$120 for senior persons and \$100 for Youth.

## **4. COVID**

4.1 If COVID restrictions are enacted, the Race Committee and all competitors will maintain and enforce compliance with:

- i) All current and applicable COVID related State and Federal health directions and guidance.
- ii) All applicable COVID related Australian Sailing guidelines.

A competitor that fails to comply shall be disqualified from the regatta without a hearing.

The onus is on each competitor to be aware of how the guidance is applied to themselves and to their boats.

## 5. COVID CANCELLATION POLICY

The cancellation policy for the event will be as follows:

- i) If WYC or the SSAV cancels the regatta before 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026, all entry fees paid by competitors will be 100% reimbursed.
- ii) If WYC or the SSAV cancels the regatta between 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026, 10% of the entry fees may be withheld if there is a need to cover costs already expended by the club or the Association.

## 6. SCHEDULE

6.1 The proposed schedule is as per below:

Date	Event	Time
Saturday 21 Feb 2026	Registration	0830 – 0945 hrs
	Competitors' Briefing	1000 hrs
	Race Session #1 warning signal	1130 hrs
Sunday 22 Feb 2026	Race Session #2 warning signal	1030 hrs
	Presentation	After racing (unless re sail required)
Saturday 1 Mar 2026	Provision for re-sail	1030 hrs

6.2 No warning signal will be made after 1600 hrs on Sunday 22 February 2026. If a re-sail is deemed necessary, no warning signal will be made after 1600hrs on Saturday 1st March 2025.

6.3 The series will comprise a maximum of five races.

6.4 The provision for a re-sail will only be invoked if 3 races have not been completed on the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026.

## 7. MEASUREMENT

7.1 Each boat is required to hold a measurement certificate as issued by the Sabre Sailing Association of Australia Inc and, except in circumstances prescribed by section 7.4 below, shall use a maximum of two sails, one centreboard and one rudder during the regatta and which show evidence of measurement by their State Measurer at some time.

7.2 Competitors may be required to present the sails and foils to be used in the regatta at registration. Any measuring of sails or foils undertaken during the regatta will incur a late fee per boat, unless undertaken as per section 7.3 below.

7.3 The measurer may perform spot check of boats at any time during the Regatta. A boat notified of inspection shall follow the instructions of the Race Committee. The penalty for a boat failing to measure in accordance to the rules will be to be scored DSQ in all her completed races prior to the protest committee's decision. This changes RRS 64.1(a).

7.4 Damaged equipment may be replaced on written request to and approval by the Race Committee. If damage occurs during the first race of the day, equipment may be replaced between races provided a written request is lodged before the end of protest time for that day.

## **8 VENUE**

8.1 The racing area shall be on Westernport Bay in the vicinity of Westernport Yacht Club.

8.2 Attachment A shows the location of the Westernport Yacht Club and approximate location of the racing areas.

## **9 THE COURSES**

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be triangular (60/60/60) as described in the sailing instructions.

## **10 PENALTY SYSTEM**

10.1 A boat which has taken a penalty or retired according to RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Regatta Office within the protest time limit [DP].

10.2 The Post-Race Penalty in RRS T1 (b) is changed to 25% of the difference between the boat's finishing score and the score for RET rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded upwards).

## **11 SCORING**

11.1 Five races are scheduled of which 3 are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11.3 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11.4 Scoring for determination of results in divisions will be established by aggregating the results based on the results of the overall fleet.

## 12 SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 Support boats shall register with the regatta office before going on the water for the first time.

12.2 All support boats must carry a working VHF radio as well as be prepared to assist the Race Committee if requested to do so until cleared to leave the course area.

12.3 At no time during racing shall a support/rescue boat go closer than 100 metres to a boat that is racing or impede it in any way whatsoever unless participating in a rescue or unless directed to do so by the Race Committee.

12.4 When the Race Committee displays flag V with repetitive sounds, all official and support boats shall monitor the Race Committee radio channel for search and rescue instructions.

## 13 BERTHING

13.1 Boats and trailers are left at the club and surrounding beach area, and any designated trailer park, at the owner's risk.

13.2 All trailers may be stored in the areas as directed by the organising authority.

13.3 Boats may be dropped off at the club prior to the event on Friday 20th Feb after 11am.

## 14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

14.1 Except in an emergency, 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 and any form of GPS device.

14.2 No electronic device which could be used to increase boat speed or gain a tactical advantage shall be attached to a boat or carried by a crew member, other than (a) time keeping devices, (b) digital compasses provided these cannot calculate speed or location information for use while racing and (c) Tack Tracker type devices that record data relating to the position of a boat but do not permit any visual display of that data to a crew member during the race.

## 15 PRIZES

15.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Category	Prizes awarded to
Open	1 <sup>st</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup>
Ladies Champion	1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Youth Champion (Under 18 years)	1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Seniors Champion (18 – 39 years)	1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Masters Champion (40 – 49 years)	1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup>

Grand Masters Champion (50 – 59 years)	1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Veterans Champion (60 – 69 years)	1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Grand Veterans Champion (70+ years)	1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup>
All timber hull	1 <sup>st</sup>
Under 60 kg's	1 <sup>st</sup>
Over 90 kg's	1 <sup>st</sup>
Female – Mid Fleet	1 <sup>st</sup>
Male – Mid Fleet	1 <sup>st</sup>

15.2 Allocation of prizes in all categories remains at the discretion of the Sabre Sailing Association of Victoria Inc and is dependent on the number of entries.

15.3 The championship is an 'open' championship and therefore prizes will be awarded in order of scoring irrespective of a competitor's state of origin.

## 16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk see RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organising 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

17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent (recommended AUD \$10,000,000).

17.2 Competitors who enter online are deemed to have declared they hold such cover.

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

## 18 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

18.1 In participating in the regatta, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority, the Association and the sponsors of the regatta, 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 reproduction of him/her during the period of the competition for the said regatta in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said regatta without compensation.

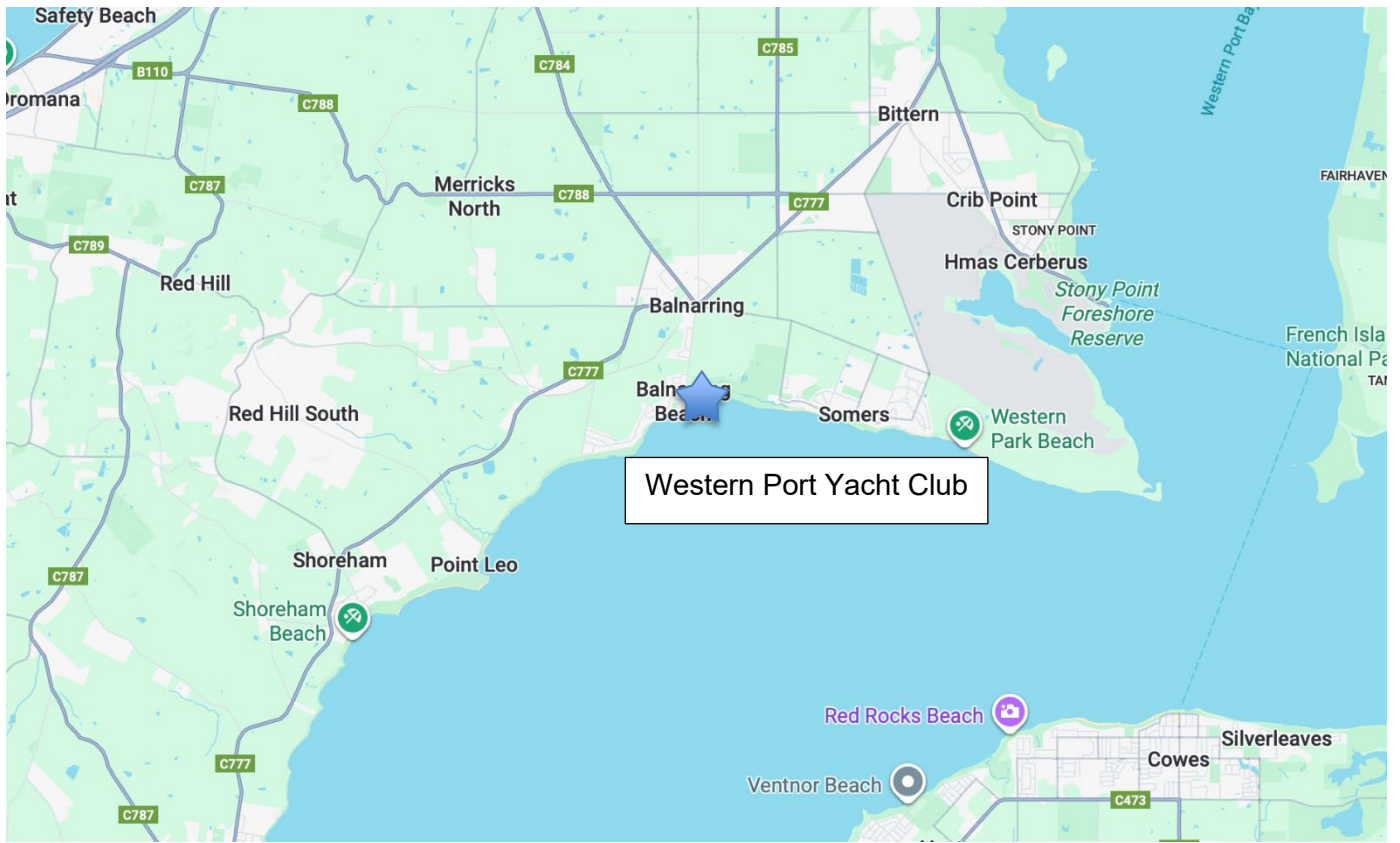
## **19 AMENDMENTS**

19.1 Any amendments to this Notice of Race shall be posted on the Westernport Yacht Club website <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/westernportyacht> the Sabre Sailing Association of Victoria website [www.sabre.org.au](http://www.sabre.org.au) no later than 2000 hrs on Friday 20th Feb 2026 for the regatta and/or no later than 2000 hrs on Friday 28th Feb 2026 in the event of a re-sail.

## **20 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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Racing Area  
Inside Reef Course



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