



2024 Explorer 16 State Championship
Explorer 16 Association Inc.
A 00015359C
17-18 February 2024



Notice of Race

The Explorer 16 Association Inc. as the Organizing Authority (OA), in association with the St Leonards Yacht Club & Motor Squadron (SLYCMS) invites owners and charterers of eligible boats to apply for entry to this regatta to be held on Port Phillip.

SLYCMS is located at 1001 Lower Bluff Road, St Leonards Vic 3223.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

1. RULES

- 1.1. Races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the prescriptions and special regulations of Australia Sailing (AS) Part 1 .
- 1.2. COVID 19 restrictions, regulations and guidelines shall apply as specified by the Victorian State Government and the Australian Government
- 1.3. RRS 44.1 is changed so that The Two-Turns Penalty applies for infringements inside a Zone and the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for infringements outside a Zone.
- 1.4. [NP]Boats racing with a sail number other than that registered on the entry form and who do not notify the Race Committee prior to racing shall be scored DNC without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4, A5 and G4.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. It is the intention of the OA to have the sailing instructions available 1 week prior to the start of racing.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. It is recommended that boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 16 and 69.
- 3.2. The race committee **may** broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of recalled boats and or other information of interest to competitors on VHF channel 69. Any such communications by the race committee will not be considered as outside help. This alters RRS 41.
- 3.3. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY & INSURANCE

- 4.1. Entries will only be accepted from financial members of the Explorer 16 Association Inc.
- 4.2. A boat's crew must comprise at least two persons, and the skipper must be at least 16 years of age.
- 4.3. A Declaration of Compliance for Race Category 6 shall be completed by each boat and lodged with their Entry Form, unless the boat already holds a 2022-2023 Year Safety Equipment Compliance Sticker.

- 4.4. Competing boats shall carry (as a minimum) an appropriate Third Party Liability Insurance with racing risk. A minimum cover of 10 million dollars is required.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Boats may be entered in either:

5.1.1. Championship Division –being those which comply with the measurements and prescriptions of the Explorer 16 Class Rules and Specification, including Explorer 16 Day Sailers

5.1.2. Cruising Division - Explorer 16 yachts which do not comply with the Class Specification.

- 5.2. Entries are to be made on the attached form, (also see 4.3 above), and either posted to:

Secretary, Explorer 16 Association Inc,
17 Picadilly Street,
Oakleigh South, VIC 3167
or emailed to: explorer16news@gmail.com.

Advice of Entry should be received no later than Friday 3rd February 2023. Email advice of Entry should also be sent to explorer16news@gmail.com and forms may be lodged on the day if postage cannot be achieved in time.

- 5.3. A \$50 Entry Fee per boat will apply and can be paid by the following options:

- Cheque (payable to Explorer 16 Association Inc.) and included with your entry form.
- By Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000 Account 153772603 with your name as reference, also Email remittance to Secretary at explorer16news@gmail.com
- In the event that the preferred options 1 & 2 cannot be met, payment of the \$50 Entry Fee can be made prior to launching on the day of the first Race of the Championship.

- 5.4. ENTRIES WHICH ARE NOT MADE STRICTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED.

- 5.5. The Explorer 16 Association reserves the right to refuse any entry, or if numbers are insufficient, all entries.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Event

Date		Activity
Saturday 17 th February	09:00-10:00	Registration
	10:15	Competitor Information
	18.00	Dinner at SLYCMS

6.2. Racing

Date	First Warning	No Of Races
Saturday 17 th February	10:55	3
Sunday 18 th February	09:55	2

6.3. On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 15:30.

7. MEASUREMENTS

- 7.1. No formal measurement facilities will be available at SLYCMS
- 7.2. Yachts entering in the Championship Division shall comply with the Explorer 16 Class Specification. The Explorer 16 Association reserves the right to check the measurements and eligibility under the rules of any boat participating, at any time before, during or after the Championship. Any infringements will be proceeded against by protest.
- 7.3. Note all boats (Mk1, Mk2, Daysailer) will be assigned the same new AS CBH of 0.6283 (with spinnaker) and 0.5962 (no spinnaker), with the exception of AS listed One of A Kind Explorers.
- 7.4. Yachts entering in the Cruising Division shall be substantially as constructed by the builder. Those modified so as to increase performance may be subject to a handicap penalty.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1. Appendix 'T' applies

9. SCORING SYSTEM

- 9.1. The two Divisions will be scored separately.
- 9.2. RRS A5.2 applies
- 9.3. Five (5) races are scheduled, of which two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.4. When fewer than 5 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 9.5. When five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

10. TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded by the Explorer 16 Association Inc. in the following categories and presented at the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

10.1. Championship Division:

Outright: 1st (if 4-5 entries), 1st & 2nd (if 6-7 entries), 1st, 2nd & 3rd (if 8 or more entries).

Perpetual Trophy for Outright Winner - Cecil Jeffs Memorial Trophy

(Winners of trophies in the Outright category are not eligible for other trophies).

10.2. Combined Championship and Cruising Divisions:

Handicap: 1st (if 5-6 entries), 1st & 2nd (if 7-8 entries) 1st, 2nd & 3rd (if 9 or more entries)

Perpetual Trophy for Handicap Winner - Sam Cohen Memorial Trophy

11. RISK STATEMENT.

11.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes

11.2. Competitors participating in the Explorer 16 Championships held at the St Leonards Yacht Club & Motor Squadron do so entirely at their own risk. The organising authorities will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained during or after the Explorer 16 Championship.

11.3. The Explorer 16 Association and St Leonards Yacht Club & Motor Squadron are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The two authorities reserve the right to refuse any entry.