2027 Australian Marblehead National Championship

16/03/2027 to 19/03/2027

AUSTRALIAN RADIO YACHTING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Yarrawonga Yacht Club

This is an ARYA Ranking Event

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This regatta is organised under the overall authority of the Australian Radio Yachting Association Incorporated (ARYA), Victorian Radio Yachting Association, Albert Park Model Yacht Club and conducted by its duly appointed Race Committee.

2 RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028 as amended by Appendix E (Radio Sailing Racing Rules).

2.2 The following documents will apply: This Notice of Race (NoR), the event's Sailing Instructions (SI), International Class Administration Rules, the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS), the respective International Class Rules.

2.3 The current ARYA approved Heat Management System (HMS) will apply in the event that multiple fleets are utilised.

2.4 The following Racing Rules will be changed:

E3.1: The control area will be defined on the course board.

E3.2: Launching area will be specified on the course board

E3.3: The course will be displayed on a Course Board.

E3.6: Following a general recall, Rule 30.1 shall apply to the restart. For subsequent general recalls Rules 30.1, 30.3 or 30.4 may apply.

E5.1 (a): The race committee will appoint Observers, who may be competitors.

E6.4: Add "but prior to the preparatory signal for the next heat or race."

RRS63.5(c)(2): Amended to read "If there is conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The competition is open to:

(a) affiliated members in good standing with ARYA and;
(b) members in good standing with the IRSA Delegated National Member of their country of residence.

3.2 Entry will be denied to anyone who has been expelled or is currently serving a suspension from the ARYA (Inc) or any state or territory RC sailing association affiliated with the ARYA.

3.3 Competitors who reside outside of Australia entering in accordance with 3.1 (b) are required to become a 'Temporary Affiliate Member' of ARYA for the period of the event. This may be exempt for competitors who are insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD $20 million per incident or the equivalent.

3.4 The following class will be sailed:

Marblehead.

All boats must have either:

(a) a current measurement certificate for the class entered for classes which issue measurement certificates, or;

(b) a current hull registration number and sail number issued by the Class Association for the class entered for classes which do not issue measurement certificates.

3.5 Eligible boats may enter online at the Event website.

Event Website: https://radiosailing.org.au

Event Organiser: Andrew Crocker.

Entries close at: 10/03/2027.

Payment Method: Pay on website.

3.6 Late entries may be accepted under the discretion of the regatta organisers under the following conditions:

After payment of both Entry and Late Fee.

3.7 Final Entry: No further entries will be accepted after 16/03/2027.

3.8 A Competitor who requires assistance to participate shall contact the Event Organisers prior to entry to confirm that suitable arrangements can be made to permit them to participate. It is the competitor's responsibility to determine that adequate facilities are available before entering the event. The Organisers shall make as fair an arrangement as possible for those requiring help.

4 FEES

4.1 Required fees are as follows:

Class Marblehead

Fee: $80

4.2 Other fees: None

Late fee : $zero

5 EVENT SCHEDULE

5.1 Marblehead on 16/03/2027 to 19/03/2027

All times are local time as available on local mobile phone services.

5.2 **Registration and measurement:**

Day 1: 16/03/2027

Registration:	1200 to 1600 hours
Measurement and inspection:	1200 to 1600 hours

5.3 **Racing Times**:

Day 1: 17/03/2027

Briefing commences:	0945 hours
Warning signal for first race:	1000 hours

Racing concludes: No heat will commence after 1700 hours

Day 2: 18/03/2027

Briefing commences:	0945 hours
Warning signal for first race:	1000 hours

Racing concludes: No heat will commence after 1700 hours

Final Day: 19/03/2027

Briefing commences:	0945 hours
Warning signal for first race:	1000 hours

Racing concludes: No race will commence after 1500 hours

Presentation function: As soon as possible after the end of the last race.

5.4 Racing will be held during the scheduled times with a maximum of 40 races for the series. There shall be no limit to the number of races/heats sailed on each day.

5.5 The warning signal for the next race/heat shall occur as soon as practical following the previous race/heat.

5.6 A break for lunch may be included at the discretion of the Race Officer. Lunch will be taken at a time to best fit in with the racing. Lunch will be provided with drinks.

5.7 Water and Sunscreen will be provided.

6 MEASUREMENT

6.1 Each boat shall produce a current, valid measurement certificate at registration for classes which issue measurement certificates, or display a sail number issued by the National Class Association for classes which do not issue Measurement Certificates.

6.2 All registration formalities, including payment and any measurement checks, must be completed in accordance with the schedule outlined in this Notice of Race. (Refer paragraph 3 and 5.)

7 FREQUENCIES

7.1 For frequency bands other than 2.4 Ghz, each competitor shall nominate a minimum of three (3) frequencies with their entry. Permitted frequency bands are 27, 29, 36 and 40 Mhz and 2.4 Ghz.

8 PERSONAL SAIL NUMBERS

8.1 Authorised Personal Numbers shall take preference over other conflicting sail numbers provided the member seeking to use their Personal Number has entered the event, and paid the entry fee prior to the nominated 10/03/2027 as set out in this Notice of Race.

8.2 Skippers wishing to use authorised Personal Numbers shall produce a current, valid personal number certificate at registration.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The ARYA Standard Sailing Instructions are available on the ARYA website (www.arya.asn.au) and a copy will be placed on the Event Notice Board prior to the commencement of racing.

10 VENUE

10.1 The event will be sailed at: https://maps.app.goo.gl/5CPmWMJCsg7XNrwaA

10.2 Launching details: Wet & Dry

11 COURSES

11.1 Where possible, the course will comprise a first leg and a finish leg to windward. The course will generally be a windward/leeward course utilising a gate at the leeward end of the course.

11.2 The Race Committee will attempt to set a course which will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes for the first boat to complete.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM AND PROTESTS

12.1 RRS 44.1 is amended by RRS E4.3: Taking a Penalty.

12.2 The Arbitration System for Protest Hearings (Sailing Instructions Appendix A) will be used.

12.3 A Protest Committee will be appointed to hear any protests arising from the event and may comprise competitors not involved in the incident. RRS 60.3 and 61.1(c) may be replaced by a verbal notification and hearing if all parties affected by the incident agree.

12.4 Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.3(b).

13 SCORING

13.1 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series except for single day events, at which the minimum number will be three (3) races.

13.2 Where there are less than 21 competitors, the event may be sailed in one fleet.

13.3 For multiple fleet racing, allocation of boats for the first race will be made in accordance with the relevant scoring system, using the most recent ARYA Ranking Table.

13.4 The scoring system is as follows:

(a.) For single fleet racing

i) The Low Point System (RRS A4) will apply.

ii) After 4 races have been completed, 1 discard.

iii) After 8 races have been completed, 2 discards.

iv) After 16 races have been completed, 3 discards, then adding one extra discard for every further 8 races completed.

(b.) For multi fleet racing RRS A4 as amended by Heat Management System (HMS) and the Event Sailing Instruction shall apply.

14 PRIZES

14.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

First three places in Open Div.

First in Masters Div(s). if raced.

15 OBSERVERS

15.1 A Competitor may be appointed by the Race Committee as an Observer for a heat or race. If the Observer is not present in the control area from the Warning Signal until released by the Race Committee, or fails to act diligently as an Observer, they may be penalised.

16 CONDUCT

The Australian Radio Yachting Association Inc and the Victorian Radio Yachting Association recognise that all events offer considerable publicity opportunities to Clubs, Associations and the sport generally. Competitor behaviour can impact unfavourably on the sport and all competitors.

Behaviour by a competitor that is in breach of good manners or sportsmanship or which may bring the sport into disrepute shall result in a hearing in accordance with RRS 2 or RRS69.1 or the PRO may offer a competitor a two turns on the spot penalty to avoid going to protest. However, the PRO is not obliged to make this offer, nor is a competitor obliged to accept it in which case a protest hearing shall proceed.

17 DIGITAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

By taking part in this event, the competitor gives the organisation and the event's sponsors the right to use and show at any time static or moving pictures, films and TV recordings of the competitor and/or their boat made during this ARYA Ranking

regatta in any materials, on any Web pages, and on any social media in support or in connection with the event, including the publication of results.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

All those entering or taking part in these Championships do so at their own risk and responsibility. (See RRS 4). The Australian Radio Yachting Association Incorporated, Victorian Radio Yachting Association, Albert Park Model Yacht Club and any other parties involved in the organisation of this event disclaim:

"Any and every responsibility whatsoever for loss, material damage, personal injury or death, or inconvenience that might occur to persons and goods, both ashore and on the water, prior to, during or after the regatta, as a consequence of entering or participating in the Championship covered by this Notice of Race."

At all times the responsibility for the safety of their boat and themselves plus the decision to participate or continue must rest solely with and remain at all times with the competitors.

A competitor may only enter the event by accepting the ARYA Regatta Terms and Conditions.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

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