

## 2008 AUSTRALIAN BLIND SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 2008 Australian Blind Sailing Championships

Albury-Wodonga Yacht Club

17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2008

The Organising Authority is the Albury-Wodonga Yacht Club in conjunction with the Noelex Yacht Association of Australia and Noelex Yacht Squadron Inc

# NOTICE OF RACE

## 1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing*,

1.2 The prescriptions of Yachting Australia will apply.

1.3 The Regatta will be sailed in Noelex 25 Class boats and will have a total crew of 4

1.4 The rules of the Noelex 25 Class are changed as follows:

(a) Spinnakers will not be used.

(b) The boats are not required to have a current weight certificate.

(c) Membership of the class is not required.

(d) Boats may be allocated on a rotation basis. This will be confirmed in the sailing instructions.

(f) The use of any electronic navigational aids is not permitted.

1.5 (a) Boats will be supplied by the Organising Authority.

(b) The Organising Authority may require that an Owners Representative remain on board during racing. In such cases, the Owners Representative shall not act as part of the crew and will remain within the companionway.

1.6 Approved bouyancy aids shall be worn by all crew at all times whilst racing. Crews shall supply their own bouyancy aids.

1.7 If there is any conflict between languages English text will take precedence.

## 2 ADVERTISING

2.1 Advertising will be restricted to Category C.

## 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to teams in the B1, B2, and B3 Divisions.

3.2 All competitors must be affiliated to an ISAF Member National Authority.

3.3 All Vision Impaired (VIP) competitors shall present at Registration on Friday October 17, 2008, a copy of a Blindness Grading Form (similar to attached) completed and signed by an accredited Ophthalmologist within the past 12 months.

3.4 (a) **B1 Division teams will comprise of:**

- B1 VIP Helmsperson who can assist with the Mainsheet and the Mainsheet Traveller.
- B1 or B2 VIP Mainsheet hand.
- Sighted Tactician who shall not handle any controls at any time while racing.
- Sighted Crew who can handle all controls with the exception of the Helm, the Mainsheet, and the Mainsheet Traveller.

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### 3.4 (b) B2 Division teams will comprise of:

- B1 or a B2 VIP Helmsperson who can assist with the Mainsheet and the Mainsheet Traveller.
- B1, B2, VIP Mainsheet hand.
- Sighted Tactician who shall not handle any controls at any time while racing.
- Sighted Crew who can handle all controls with the exception of the Helm, the Mainsheet, and the Mainsheet Traveller.

### 3.4 (c) B3 Division teams will comprise of:

- B1, B2, or a B3 VIP Helmsperson who can assist with the Mainsheet and the Mainsheet Traveller.
- B1, B2, or B3 VIP Mainsheet hand.
- Sighted Tactician who shall not handle any controls at any time while racing.
- Sighted Crew who can handle all controls with the exception of the Helm, the Mainsheet, and the Mainsheet Traveller.

3.5 There shall be no substitution of team members except in an emergency and only with the written permission of the Organising Authority.

## 4 CLASSIFICATION

4.1 Classification and ophthalmological examinations will not be conducted at this event.

## 5 FEES

5.1 Required fees are as follows:

\$100 AUD for each team entered. Fees do not include meals, travel or accommodation.

## 6 ENTRY

6.1 Entries will only be accepted on the attached entry form.

6.2 The completed Entry Form accompanied by all Fees shall be forwarded to:

The Secretary  
Albury-Wodonga Yacht Club  
PO Box 640  
ALBURY VIC 2640

6.3 Entries close on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

6.4 The Organising Authority may accept late entries at its sole discretion.

## 7 SCHEDULE

7.1	Friday, Oct 17	Registration	1800hrs	AWYC
		Briefing	1830hrs	AWYC
		Welcome Dinner	1930hrs	AWYC
Saturday, Oct 18	Boat Allocation & Familiarisation	0900hrs	AWYC	
	First Warning Signal	1000hrs	AWYC	
Sunday, Oct 19	First Warning Signal	0900hrs	AWYC	
	Prize Giving	1600hrs approx	AWYC	

7.2 No Warning Signal shall be displayed after 1500 hrs on Sunday, October 19.

7.3 The target time for races is 30-40 minutes. This may be varied by the Race Committee.

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### 8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 Sailing instructions will be available at registration.

### 9 VENUE

9.1 Albury-Wodonga Yacht Club  
Ebden, Lake Hume  
Wodonga, VICTORIA

9.2 The racing area will be on Lake Hume.

### 10 COURSES

10.1 The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward configuration.

### 11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 Penalty turns. Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one 360° turn including one tack and one gybe is required.

11.2 If either the Sighted Tactician or the Sighted Crew touch either the Helm or the Mainsheet at any time while racing, whether it be an emergency or not, the boat is required to complete one 360° turn (including one tack and one gybe) as soon as possible after the incident.

### 12 SCORING

12.1 The low point system of Appendix A will apply.

12.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.3 a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed a team's series score will be the total of their race scores.

b) When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed a team's series score will be the total of their race scores excluding their worst score.

c) When ten (10) or more races have been completed a team's series score will be the total of their race scores excluding their two worst scores.

### 13 SUPPORT BOATS

13.1 The sailing instructions may set restrictions on the use of Team Support Boats,

### 14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

14.1 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.

### 15 PRIZES

15.1 Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

### 16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1 Competitors participate in the Regatta at their own risk. See Rule 4 Decision to Race.

16.2 The Organising Authority has no liability for loss or damage suffered by any vessel, crew, or person taking part in this event.

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### 17 DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 17.1 At registration each participating team shall lodge with the Organising Authority a Damage Deposit of \$500.
- 17.2 The amount of each Damage Deposit shall be maintained at \$500 for the duration of the Regatta, taking into consideration any deductions made by the Organising Authority for any damage that may occur during the Regatta.

### 18 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

#### ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Terry Caldwell (Vice Commodore)

Albury-Wodonga Yacht Club

PO Box 640

ALBURY VIC 2640

Email: Terry.Caldwell@bigpond.com

Telephone: 0260432663 or 0417212347

#### BLIND SAILING AUSTRALIA

David Staley

Email: david.staley@optusnet.com.au

Telephone: 0428 514 058

### Directions to AWYC:

#### From North

Exit (marked Lake Hume) Hume Freeway (M31) in Albury at Riverina Highway (B58), turning left and travel east to Lake Hume Resort for a right turn into Talgarno Road (C541) past Trout Farm and over Murray River where road becomes Bonegilla Road. About 3km after the river turn left into Old Weir Road (AWYC sign at foot of small hill), turn in through gate 400m on right, then another gate 80m on right. If you reach the Army barracks you've gone too far!

#### From South

**EITHER:** Same as for coming from the North except turning right into B58

**OR:** Exit Hume Freeway (M31) at Wodonga just after "Exit to Tallangatta" sign, turning right onto B400 under the freeway [if you miss this, don't panic, just use the option above]. Travel along Murray Valley Highway (B400) through Bandiana, turn left at Bonegilla. Travel along Bonegilla Road (C541) for about 2.5km then turn right into Old Weir Road (AWYC sign at foot of small hill), turn in through gate 400m on right, then another gate 80m on right. If you cross the river you've gone too far!

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## Entry Form

Helmsperson's Yachting Australia Membership Number:	
Helmsperson's IBSA Classification:	B1 / B2 / B3
Helmsperson's Title: Mr / Mrs / Ms / Other.....	Gender: M / F
Helmsperson's Name:	
Street Address:	
Postcode:	
Club:	
Email:	
Phone: (H)	Phone: (W)
Facsimile:	Mobile:
Emergency Contact Name:	
Emergency Contact Phone Number: (H)	
Phone: (W)	Mobile:

### Crew Details

VIP Crew's Name:	Gender: M / F
Street Address:	Postcode:
Tactician's Name:	Gender: M / F
Street Address:	Postcode:
Sighted Crew's Name:	Gender: M / F
Street Address:	Postcode:

### Payment Details

Entry Fee:	\$100.00
Damage Deposit:	\$500.00
Cheque attached: Yes No	\$600.00

### ADMINISTRATION ONLY

Payment Received:	Date
Boat Allocation:	Boat Name: Sail No:

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## Conditions of Entry

### I acknowledge and agree that:

In this Event application and declaration: "**Club**" means and includes the Albury-Wodonga Yacht Club and Noelex Yacht Association of Australia 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 Club constitution.

1. **If accepted I will be permitted** to participate in the Event subject to my complying with the terms and conditions of the Event, this declaration and any reasonable direction issued by the Event organisers or their representatives.

2. **The Event rules & this declaration** comprise a contract between me and the Club and are necessary and reasonable to promote and conduct the Event. I also agree to abide by the rules and policies of Yachting Australia (copies of which are available from Yachting Australia), and be subject to the jurisdiction of Yachting Australia in relation to the application and enforcement of such rules and policies. I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and by all other rules that govern the event and I acknowledge that rule 4 – Decision to Race – places the sole responsibility for deciding whether or not to start or continue racing on the boat.

3. **Warning:** Participation in the Event can be inherently dangerous. I acknowledge that I am exposed to certain risks during my participation in the Event 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 Event.

### 4. WARNING UNDER THE FAIR TRADING ACT 1999

Under the provisions 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
- as fit for the purpose for which they are commonly bought as it is reasonable to expect in the circumstances; and
- 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.

For the purposes of this clause 5, "the Supplier" shall mean and include the Club.

6. **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 Club flowing from them, are expressly excluded to the extent possible by law, by this Event application declaration. To the extent of any liability arising, the liability of the Club will, at its discretion be limited to the resupply of the services or payment of the cost of having the services supplied again.

7 **Release and Indemnity:** In consideration of the Club accepting my application for entry to the Event I, to the full extent permitted by law:

- (a) release and will release the Club 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 Event; and
- (b) indemnify and will keep indemnified the Club in respect of any Claim by any person including but not only another participant in the Event arising as a result of or in connection with my participation in the Event.

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 Club in writing of any change to my fitness and ability to

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participate. I understand and accept that the Club will continue to rely upon this declaration as evidence of my fitness and ability to participate.

9 **Consent to medical treatment:** If required, the Club will arrange medical or hospital treatment (including ambulance transportation) for me. I authorise such actions being taken by the Club 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 Event and for the Objects of the Club. I acknowledge and agree that the information will only be used by the Club to facilitate the conduct of the Event and other events conducted by the Club. I understand that I will be able to access my information through the Club. If the information is not provided my Event entry application may be rejected.

11 **Copyright and right to use image:** I acknowledge and consent to photographs being taken of me during my participation in the Event and authorise the Club to use such photographs for promotional or other purposes without my further consent being obtained. Further, I consent to the Club using my name, image, likeness and also my performance in the Event, at any time, to promote the Event or Club activities by any form of media.

12 **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 membership declaration or affect the validity or enforceability of it in any other jurisdiction.

13. I warrant that my boat complies with the safety prescriptions of Yachting Australia Inc and Yachting Victoria Inc. and that it my responsibility to ensure all equipment required under these prescriptions and my declared safety category are operational at all times.

**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 Event application is true and correct. I acknowledge that this Event application declaration cannot be amended. If I do amend it my application will be null and void.

**Signed:**

**Name:**

**Date:**

Where the applicant is under 18 years of age this form must also be signed by the applicant's parent or legal guardian.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ am the parent or guardian of the applicant. I expressly authorise and consent to the applicant participating in the Event. In consideration of the applicant's participation in the event being accepted, I expressly agree to accept, in my capacity as parent or guardian, the terms set out in this Event application and declaration including the provision by me of a release and indemnity in the terms set out above.

**Parent's Signature:** (where applicant under 18 y.o)

**Name:**

**Date:**

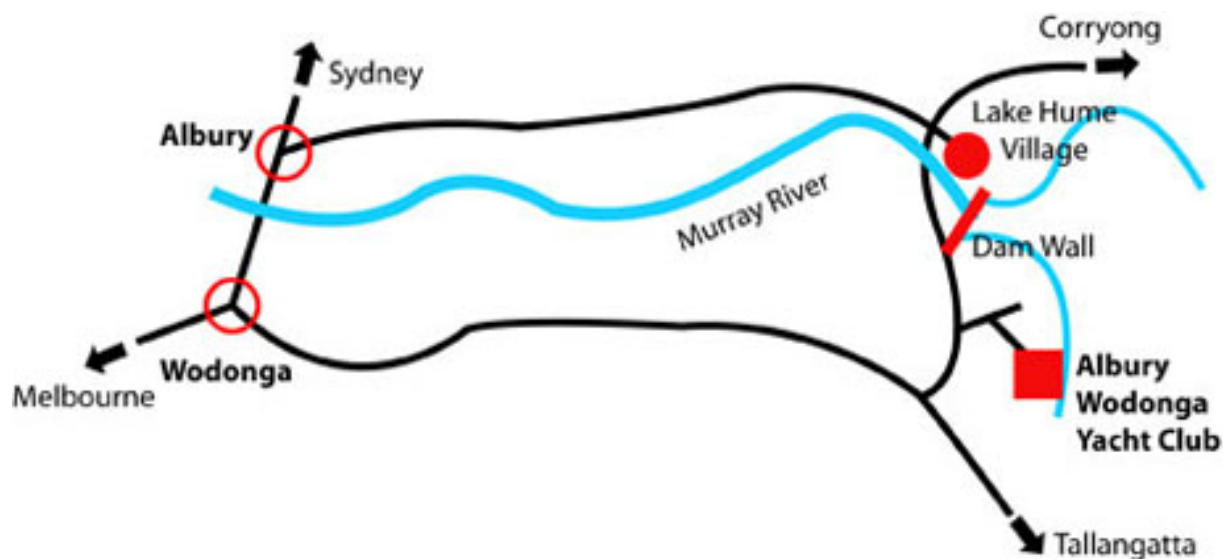
## Albury Wodonga Yacht Club

Albury Wodonga Yacht Club is located on the shores of Lake Hume. Located on the border between NSW and Victoria, the club offers great facilities for hosting Regattas from State to National Championships.

Recent events include Tasar Victorian State and 145 Nationals with the Noelex 25 Nationals scheduled for late 2001. The club is active nearly every Sunday from the middle of September through to mid April. The club has a modest size fleet with a large collection of trailerable yachts. Some of the classes raced at the club include Tasar, Noelex 25, Elliott 7, Seaway 25, Sonata 6 & 26, Castle 550 & 650, Alpha Omega, Hydra, Laser, B14, Flying Ant, Solo, Impulse.

The club has a large BBQ and lawned area for entertaining and relaxing. Coaching and sail training is run throughout the season and is open for all age groups and levels of experience. The club has a long history on Lake Hume and has hosted many famous Regattas like Cat Week.

Lake Hume is the largest body of water between Sydney and Melbourne and with the location of Albury Wodonga nearby the club is the best place to sail if not by the sea. Lake Hume is three times bigger than Sydney Harbour. AWYC now hosts the Noelex 25 Nationals annually on the first weekend in November.



## Accommodation

I have checked out the available accommodation close to the lake and I offer the following information and indicative prices, however it will be peak time and your members that want accommodation external to the camping facilities at the club will have to book soon as everything fills fast.

Maps are available from the Gateway Visitor Information Centre, on the causeway between Albury and Wodonga. They can be contacted on Free Call 1800 800 743. They would be happy to provide a fold-out map, Information Centre locator and Albury-Wodonga Visitors Guide.

### Albury Wodonga Yacht Club

- ◆ 8 Powered sites but we can run limited to 16 sites (\$7 per night)
- ◆ 5 un-powered sites. (\$5 per night)
- ◆ Canteen/Galley available – negotiate on your needs with this later e.g. packs for breakfast and dinner/BBQ as well as salad rolls, sausage rolls, pies and hot dogs for lunches. Coffee and Tea available free of charge throughout the weekend.

**Lake Hume Resort** (newer style lakeside accommodation) 02 6026 4444

- ◆ Motel accommodation

**Lake Hume Tourist Park** (older style lakeside accommodation 02 6026 4677

- ◆ Verandah units
- ◆ Holiday units
- ◆ Lake View units

**Boathaven Holiday Park** Ph: 0260206130. Fax: 0260206066. Ebdon – on lake.

[www.boathaven.com.au](http://www.boathaven.com.au). [boathaven@primus.com.au](mailto:boathaven@primus.com.au)

- ◆ Standard Cabin (up to 6 people).
- ◆ Caravan and camping powered sites.

**Blazing Stump Motel** (excellent accommodation 8km for the lake – Wodonga side)

02 6056 3433

- ◆ Cabins for 3 persons max
- ◆ Unit for 6 persons
- ◆ Unit for 2 persons