



Third Australian Weta Class National Championship

1st January – 6th January 2023

Notice of Race

Organized and Hosted by
Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club

On Behalf of
The Australian Weta Class Association Inc.

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is the Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club (GLYC) in conjunction with the Australian Weta Class Association Inc (AWCA).

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.
- 2.2. Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 Off the Beach Boats will apply.
- 2.3. The Class Rules of the Australian Weta Class Association Inc will apply.
- 2.4. Appendix T, Arbitration, will be available at this event

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1. The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by any boat, if it is considered offensive to public taste or if it contravenes the laws of the governments of Victoria or Australia.
- 3.2. Boats may be required to display event advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies (DP).

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The Regatta is open to all Weta 4.4 class boats.
- 4.2. Eligible boats must submit entries and payment via the AWCA online Revsport registration system <https://www.awca.org.au/events/126484/>. Entries will open on 1st September, 2022.
- 4.3. Late entries will be accepted after 16th December 2022 and will include a late entry fee (refer fees 5.2).
- 4.4. Competitors must be a current financial member of the Australian Weta Class Association Inc, and a financial member of a Club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 4.5. Ancient Mariner – the Skipper must be not less than 70 years of age at 31st December 2022.
- 4.6. In the event of dispute or protest it is the sole discretion of the Organising Authority to determine a boats eligibility to compete.
- 4.7. Two-Up entries need to register and pay for additional meals if required for crew.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee for the regatta is \$230.00 if received by 16th December 2022. Competitors under the age of 18 - \$170.00
- 5.2. A late entry fee of \$40.00 will apply for all entries received after 16th December 2022. Late entries will close at 11am at the GLYC Clubhouse on Sunday 1st January 2023 although the AWCA reserve the right to accept entries after this time.
- 5.3. Fees will include a Welcome BBQ and a Presentation Function.
- 5.4. Merchandising items will be available for purchase prior to the event via separate arrangements.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1. Up to Ten Races are scheduled. A variety of courses may be set including one long race and competitors should carefully read the Sailing Instructions. If a long race is set it will be the only race for that session and will reduce the number of races overall to a maximum of Eight.
- 6.2. There will be a maximum of three short-course races held in a Race Day Session at the discretion of the Race Management Team.
- 6.3. It is anticipated that one Invitation/practice race will be sailed on Sunday 1st January 2023 prior to the Welcome BBQ.
- 6.4. The Race Committee may elect to change the start time of the following day's racing. A notice advising any such change will be posted no later than 1800 hours on the preceding day.

Day	Date	Time (AEDT)	Race Program	Social Program
Sunday	1 Jan 2023	0900-1300	Registration & Measurement (GLYC)	
Sunday	1 Jan 2023	1300	Welcome & Regatta Briefing (Regatta Office)	
Sunday	1 Jan 2023	1500	Invitation Race	Welcome BBQ following sailing approximately 1800
Monday	2 Jan 2023	1300	Race Day Session 1	
Tuesday	3 Jan 2023	1300	Race Day Session 2	<i>*Informal Pub Dinner after racing</i>
Wednesday	4 Jan 2023		Reserve Day <i>(Provision for Re-Sail)</i>	<i>*Friends & Family Social Sail / Picnic to Sperm Whale Head (Weather dependent)</i>
Thursday	5 Jan 2023	1300	Race Day Session 3	
Friday	6 Jan 2023	1100	Race Day session 4	
Friday	6 Jan 2023	After racing	Boat wash & pack up boat park	Presentation BBQ following pack up approximately 1800

** Social functions will move in line with any decisions from Race Management to change sailing days and reserve day.*

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. All boats must comply with AWCA Class Rules and have an appropriate registration plaque attached. The Class measurers will be in attendance to carry out spot checks and to assist with advice on what is class legal.
- 7.2. All boats may be subject to a measurement check at any time.
- 7.3. Only one set of sails as defined in the AWCA Class Rules (1 main, 1 jib and 1 gennaker), may be used during the series. Sails to be registered with a Class Measurer/Representative prior to Race Day Session 1.
- 7.4. Applications may be made in writing to the race committee to replace damaged sails or equipment.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available and emailed to all registered entrants one week prior to the event. Copies will be available at the regatta office at Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club and will be available on the AWCA website <https://www.awca.org.au/home/>.

9. VENUE

The regatta site will be Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club (GLYC) and the racing area shall be the waters of Lake Victoria and Lake King.

10. THE COURSES

The courses will be sailed as described in the Sailing Instructions. It is proposed that a variety of courses will be used, and competitors should carefully familiarise themselves with these courses and course flags.

11. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The official notice board shall be located in the GLYC Clubhouse. Notices may also be posted on Facebook and the AWCA website, however the official Notice Board takes priority.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. The low point scoring system of Appendix A shall apply.
- 12.2. Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3. When Five races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 12.4. When six to seven races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.5. When eight or more races have been completed a boat series score will be the total of her scores excluding her two worst scores.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

14. PRIZES

Prizes shall be awarded as follows:

- 14.1. Scratch One-Up First Place: Perpetual Trophy and First Placed Trophy.
- 14.2. Scratch One-up Second and Third Place: Skipper Trophy.
- 14.3. Scratch Two-up First: Perpetual Trophy and Skipper/crew Trophy.
- 14.4. Scratch Two-up Second and Third place: Skipper/crew Trophy (at the discretion of the AWCA Committee).
- 14.5. Handicap One-Up 1st, 2nd and 3rd (at the discretion of the AWCA Committee).
- 14.6. Handicap Two-Up 1st, 2nd and 3rd (at the discretion of the AWCA Committee).
- 14.7. Ancient Mariner Prize for first Over-70 skipper.
- 14.8. SheSails Prize for first female participant.
- 14.9. Pickle Fork Award (by nomination).
- 14.10. State Teams trophy (at the discretion of the AWCA Committee).

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the AWCA Committee.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

16. INSURANCE

Each competitor shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of AUD\$10,000,000 per incident or equivalent. Entering this event confirms currency of this insurance.

17. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In participating in the regatta, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the regatta, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions 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.

18. REGATTA PHOTOGRAPHER

The Organisers reserve the right to engage a professional photographer to cover the event. All rights to the intellectual rights of the photographer's work must be respected.

19. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

Any changes to this Notice of Race will be published on the AWCA website <https://www.awca.org.au/home/>.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

AWCA contact: Hamish Urquhart: hamishurquhart48@gmail.com

AWCA Victoria contact: Andrew Boyes: weta.vic.champs@gmail.com

GLYC contact: James Frecheville: frecheboat@netspace.net.au

Trailer parking will be available at the rigging area. Cars must be parked outside once trailers have been dropped off.

Please remember that we are using public beaches and there may be swimmers in the water when we are launching and retrieving our boats.

Merchandising items will be available for purchase prior to the event via on-line print-on-demand services. Details will be published on the AWCA website <https://www.awca.org.au/home/>.

REGARDING COVID

Is it possible that COVID restrictions may be in force at the time of the Regatta or that COVID-minimisation measures are “strongly encouraged” by governments. Please note:

- *The event will be run under whatever COVID related obligations are in force at the time in Victoria.*
- *Australian Sailing strongly encourages participants at sailing events to be vaccinated and are encouraged to act responsibly to minimise any risk of COVID transmission at all times.*
- *If the event has to be cancelled due to COVID, a full refund will be provided.*