



NOTICE OF RACE

Pacer Australia 2025 Victorian Championship

Port Melbourne Yacht Club Inc.

Beach Street Port Melbourne 3207 VIC

8th March 2025 to 10th March 2025

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority for this event is the Port Melbourne Yacht Club Inc. (PMYC), located at 38 Beach Street Port Melbourne VIC 3207 (end of Bay Street), in conjunction with Pacer Australia Inc.

PREAMBLE

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. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS)*, and the *Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2*.
- 1.2. The class rules of the Pacer and Pacer Pursuit classes shall apply. The Pacer Sailing Rules shall also apply.
- 1.3. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) applies, amended as follows:
The post-race scoring penalty is 25% of the difference between a boat's finishing score and the score for DSQ, rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded upward).
- 1.4. From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. Sailing Instructions will be available after 10:00 on 8th March 2025 from the official notice board.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. The official notice board is located within the Clubrooms of PMYC.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. The event is open to all boats of the Pacer and Pacer Pursuit classes.

4.2. Competitors must be financial members of Pacer Australia Inc and have a valid AS membership number.

Membership renewal via TRYBOOKING <https://www.trybooking.com/CUVLP>

Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at <https://www.trybooking.com/CYSHC> and paying the entry fee by no later than 12:00 AEDT on 7th March 2025. Entries made before 17:00 AEDT on 1 March 2025 are Early Bird entries.

5. FEES

5.1. The entry fee for Early Bird entries is \$265.

5.2. The entry fee for all other entries is \$295.

Fees exclude meals and social events.

6. ADVERTISING

6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1. The schedule of events is as follows:

Date	Event	Time
8th March 2025	Registration	10:00 to 11:30
	Regatta Welcome & Competitor Information Session	11:30
	Afternoon racing	13:00
	Annual General Meeting	18:00
	Welcome Function	18:30
9th March 2025	Morning racing	10:00
	Afternoon racing	14:00
10th March 2025	Racing	10:00
	Presentation	ASAP after racing

7.2. Multiple Races may be sailed on the same day.

7.3. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1400.

7.3 Races

The target is for a 6 race Regatta.

Abandonments are as per “Pacer Racing Rules.”

8. PENALTY SYSTEM.

8.1 For the Pacer Class, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turn Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty.

8.2 The race committee may at their discretion score a boat an on-course finish. This will be advised to the boat by a race committee vessel and they will be advised to return to the starting area or return to shore. The score for an on course finish will be one more point than the last finisher in that race.

9. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1. Each boat may be required to produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.

9.2. Boats shall be available for equipment inspection from 1000 to 1100 on 8th March 2025.

9.3. Boats may be inspected at any time.

9.4. The following equipment may be inspected or measured: hull, foils, spars, and sails.

9.5. The organising authority may excuse a boat’s non-compliance with this clause or the class rules if it determines that the non-compliance will not provide a material advantage to that boat.

10. VENUE

10.1. The racing area is on the waters of Port Phillip off Port Melbourne Yacht Club.

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.**

12. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

12.1. By entering the event, competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and its members, employees, agents, assigns and successors in title, the irrevocable 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 event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said event without notice or compensation.

13. INSURANCE

- 13.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 million per incident or the equivalent.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1. Prizes will be given as follows:

Open	1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd
Non-spinnaker	1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd
Junior skipper and crew	1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd
Junior skipper and senior crew	1 st only
Masters	1 st only
Pacer Pursuit	1 st only

- 14.2. A competitor is a Junior if aged under 18 years on 7th March 2025.
- 14.3. A competitor is a Senior if aged between 18 and 54 (inclusive) on 7th March 2025.
- 14.4. A competitor is a Master if aged 55 or over on 7th March 2025.
- 14.5. Other prizes may be given at the discretion of the organising authority.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 15.1. For further information please visit www.pacersailing.org.au or contact:

Pacer Association: Evan Chapman pacervictoria@pacersailing.org.au
Port Melbourne Yacht Club: Ray Duncan ray.duncan@outlook.com

Food and beverages will be available on race days.

Boat trailers can be separated from cars and placed on the beach.
On-street parking is available for cars. Fees apply.