

# 49er, FX & 29er 2026 NSW & ACT State Championship. 3rd to 6th April 2026

This is the selection event for sailors to represent Australian Sailing in the **Skiff – 29er** at the 2026 Youth Sailing World Championships in Vilamoura, Portugal from 11 – 19 December 2026.

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. INVITATION

- 1.1. Royal Motor Yacht Club Toronto (RMYCT) on behalf of the NSW & ACT 9er Association, invites entries to the 49er, FX & 29er 2026 NSW & ACT State Championship to be conducted from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at Royal Motor Yacht Club Toronto, 6 Arnott Ave, Toronto NSW 2283.

### 2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 2.1. The Organising Authority (OA) for this event is RMYCT

### 3. RACING RULES

- 3.1. The regatta will be governed by the following rules:
  - a. The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-28 and Australian Sailing Prescriptions.
  - b. Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats;
  - c. The relevant Class Rules (except where any of these are altered by the SI's); and
  - d. Sailing Instructions (SI's).
- 3.2. The Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
  - a. RRS Appendix P shall apply. Appendix P2.3 will not apply and RRS Appendix P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
  - b. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration shall apply.
  - c. The Notation '[NP]' denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat, this changes RRS 60.1(a).
  - d. The Notation '[DP]' denotes a rule in the NoR and SIs that is at the discretion of the protest committee. A boat may accept a discretionary penalty before a hearing concerning the same incident by completing a form available at the jury office.
  - e. RRS 63.1, 64.1 & Appendix A5 will be amended in the SI's to enable the Race Committee to apply a scoring penalty [SCP] without a hearing, for some breaches of the rules.

- f. RRS 44.1 and Appendix P2.1 are changed so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty.
- 3.3. Australian Sailing may appoint a National Jury for the 49er, FX & 29er 2026 NSW & ACT State Championship.

#### **4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1. The sailing instructions will be available one week prior to the event at:  
<https://9ernsw.ourclubadmin.com/notice-board.php?event=30>

#### **5. COMMUNICATION**

- 5.1. The official noticeboard [ONB] is located at:  
<https://9ernsw.ourclubadmin.com/notice-board.php?event=30>
- 5.2. Regatta information will available on the race portal at:  
<https://9ernsw.ourclubadmin.com/event.php?z=100&event=30>
- 5.3. Except in an emergency, whilst racing a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. For this rule, racing is deemed to have commenced at the commencement of the starting sequence for the relevant boat.

#### **6. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 6.1. The event is open to all boats of the 49er, FX & 29er class.
- 6.2. Australian competitors must be financial members of their 9er's respective State association.
- 6.3. Australian competitors shall be financial members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 6.4. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and submitting it together with the required fee via:  
<https://9ernsw.ourclubadmin.com/event-entries.php?event=30>
- 6.5. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 6.6. Entries close at midnight 26 March 2026.
- 6.7. For all competitors under 18 years of age at any time during the event, completing the online registration form will be deemed Parental/Guardian consent for entry to the Regatta.
- 6.8. All competitors must be members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing or a World Sailing MNA.
- 6.9. [NP] All Australian competitors must be financial members of their state based 9er Class Association.
- 6.10. [NP] Non-Australian competitors must be financial members of their respective national 29er (9er) class association.
- 6.11. Non-Australian competitors must obtain a Sailpass for the event. This may be obtained from the OA prior to the commencement of racing.
- 6.12. All competitors shall comply with the Code of Conduct agreement contained in the entry form.

6.13. For competitors under 18 years of age, a parent (or guardian) shall agree to the terms and conditions contained in the entry form.

## **7. YOUTH WORLDS 2026 SELECTION**

7.1. 29er competitors who want to be considered for the 2026 Youth World Sailing Championships must comply with the Selection Guidelines – 2026 Sailing World Championships and complete the 2026 Youth Sailing World Championships – Expression of Interest online registration form prior to midnight 00:00 hours AEDT on Thursday 2 April 2026. Selection Guidelines and Expression of Interest Form are linked here.

<https://www.sailingyouth.org.au/national-teams/2026-youth-sailing-world-championships>

## **8. FEES**

8.1. Entry fees are;

- a. Standard entry: \$120 until midnight 26 March 2026
- b. Late entry: \$200 until midnight 2 April 2026

8.2. No fees are refundable after the standard entry closing date.

8.3. If the 49er, FX & 29er 2026 NSW & ACT State Championship is cancelled, for whatever reason, each entrant will receive a refund of 85% of the entry fees paid.

## **9. ADVERTISING**

9.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

## **10. SCHEDULE**

10.1. Subject to paragraphs 9.2 to 9.4, the following schedule will apply:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	1000 – 1200	Measurement / Registration
	See 10.3	Championship Racing
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	See 10.3	Championship Racing
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	See 10.3	Championship Racing
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	See 10.3	Championship Racing Presentation: to follow as soon as possible after racing

10.2. The maximum number of races in the regatta is 15 races.

10.3. The scheduled time for the first warning signal on Championship Racing days will be posted by 1800 on the previous day.

10.4. On any scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 17:00. On the last day of racing, no warning signal shall be made after 15:00.

## **11. RACING AREA**

11.1. The racing will be on the waters adjacent to RMYCT.

## **12. COURSES AND RACE FORMAT**

12.1. Courses will be windward - leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.

12.2. The racing format may consist of the following:

- a. Racing for 29ers will be conducted as one fleet. Depending on entry numbers, separate starts may be held for 49er and FX classes.
- b. Race target time is 30 minutes and, unless otherwise notified, each session will be a back-to-back race format.

## **13. SCORING**

13.1. The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

13.2. The regatta will consist of a series up to fifteen (15) races.

13.3. Six (6) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.4. When fewer than six (6) races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

13.5. When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

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

13.6. Results will be posted on the ONB and available online

<https://9ernsw.ourclubadmin.com/event.php?z=100&event=30>

## **14. BUOYANCY**

14.1. All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices (PFD) which are in good condition and are in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by a national authority affiliated to the International Sailing Federation, or a standards organisation, or certification authority, recognised for the purpose by its respective government.

14.2. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 1.

## **15. AWARDS AND PRIZES**

15.1. Overall prizes will be awarded as follows:

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> prize – perpetual trophy for NSW State Champions for 1<sup>st</sup> placed 29er.
- b. 1<sup>st</sup> prize – perpetual trophy for first 29er with a female skipper
- c. Other prizes may be determined by the OA in consultation with the 9er Class Association.

Note that selection for the 2026 Youth Worlds Championships is to be determined by the Australian Sailing selection committee in accordance with the Selection Guidelines, and no prizes will be awarded at the regatta in relation to this selection process.

## **16. MEASUREMENT**

- 16.1. A Technical Committee may be appointed for the 49er, FX & 29er 2026 NSW & ACT State Championship.
- 16.2. The 49er, FX & 29er have closed class rules. Please read the class rules available on the class websites.
- 16.3. For the duration of the regatta each boat will be limited to one jib, one mainsail, one spinnaker and one forestay shall be used throughout the duration of the regatta.
- 16.4. The format for measurement will be as follows:
  - a. It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure that their boat conforms to the relevant class rules.
  - b. 29er competitors shall complete an Equipment Declaration Form which must be downloaded and printed from the race portal here:  
<https://9ernsw.ourclubadmin.com/notice-board.php?event=30>.  
The pre completed form must be presented at registration and the relevant parts completed by class appointed measurers prior to return to the registration desk to complete registration.
  - c. 49ers and FX competitors may be required to complete a self-declaration measurement form if required this will be provided at registration.
  - d. By presenting the self-declaration measurement form at the time of registration, each skipper warrants that the information recorded on that form is accurate.
  - e. After registration, boats may be weighed as part of the measurement process.
  - f. All forestays may be measured and sealed by a class sticker by the team of measurers.
  - g. During the course of the regatta, boats may be selected at any time to have their measurements checked.
  - h. Requests for substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall be made to the OA at the first reasonable opportunity, including retrospectively, provided that, in the case of a retrospective application, a Request for Substitution of Equipment Form is completed and submitted to the OA prior to the protest time limit of the day in which the substitution occurred.  
Forms are available on the race portal.

## **17. SUPPORT/COACH BOATS [DP]**

- 17.1. Support and coach boats shall register at the club on the morning of the first day.
- 17.2. Except when rendering assistance to a boat in distress or under the specific directions of the race officer, all support and coach boats shall remain at least 50 metres outside areas where all fleets are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 17.3. All support and coach boats are required to have a VHF radio and maintain a listening watch. Channel to be set at skippers meeting by the Race Officer.
- 17.4. When requested by the Race Officer or his /her delegate, support and coach boats shall render immediate assistance as directed.

## **18. RISK STATEMENT**

- 18.1. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
- 18.2. Competitors are reminded that RRS 3 states that the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.
- 18.3. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include, but are not limited to, 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.

## **19. INSURANCE**

- 19.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per incident or equivalent and shall be made available upon request.
- 19.2. By entering the event, each competitor declares that they have the required insurance cover. Neither the OA nor the 9er Association will be liable if a competitor declares that they have insurance and it subsequently transpires that this was not true.

## **20. VENUE**

- 20.1. Royal Motor Yacht Club Toronto, 6 Arnott Ave, Toronto NSW 2283

## **21. MEDIA DISCLAIMER**

- 21.1. Competitors agree to grant the OA and Association 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 competitors during the period of the competition without compensation.

## **22. PARENTAL / GUARDIAN CONSENT**

- 22.1. For all competitors under the age of 18 years of age at any time during the event, completing the online registration form will be deemed as Parental/Guardian consent for entry to the Regatta.

## **23. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 23.1. For further information contact:

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# Location Map

