54th MOSQUITO CATAMARAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sun 27th Dec 2026 – Sun 3rd Jan 2027
Westernport Yacht Club (WYC) and
Taipan Catamaran Association of Australia (TCAA) and
Victorian Mosquito Catamaran Association (VMCA)
Westernport, Victoria, Australia

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES
   The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY
   2.1. The regatta is open to all MkI and MkII boats of the Mosquito Catamaran class. Note that there will not be a Spinnaker division at this event and the National Spinnaker Titles will be organised separately.
   2.2. Competitors must be financial members of a State Mosquito Catamaran Association.
   2.3. Competitors may enter by completing the entry form on the Mosquito web site - *www.theracingcat.com* .
   2.4. Late entries will be accepted.

3. FEES
   3.1. Required fees are as follows:

Class	*Fee*	*Early entry (paid by EOD **16 Nov**)*
Mosquito Mk I	$295	$280
Mosquito Mk II	$385	$370

   3.2. Payment can be made by EFT to the VMCA bank account:
   Commonwealth Bank - BSB: 063 009 Account: 902303 *Please include surname in details.*
   3.3. Entry fees include welcome BBQ, Rum Tasting (provided by JimmyRum), NYE Event, Presentation dinner and event merchandise for all competitors (T-shirt size and style cannot be selected after 1 Nov).
   Extra meals can be booked closer to the event on the Mosquito web site - *www.theracingcat.com*. *See "Other Information" below.*

4. SCHEDULE

4.1.

Day / Date		Event
Monday	28 Dec	Measurement
Tuesday	29 Dec	Registration and Measurement Welcome & Information session Invitation race Welcome BBQ & JimmyRum tasting
Wednesday	30 Dec	Competitor Information Session Racing session(s)
Thursday	31 Dec	Racing session(s) NMCCA AGM NYE function at WYC
Friday	1 Jan	Reserve day (subject to weather)
Saturday	2 Jan	Racing session(s)
Sunday	3 Jan	Racing session(s) Presentation dinner

4.2. A maximum of **10** races are scheduled.

4.3. No warning signal shall be made after 14:00 on Sun 3 Jan 2027.

4.4. No more than 3 races will be sailed per session.

5. MEASUREMENT

5.1. Each boat shall be listed on the NMCCA register of measured boats:- available on the NMCCA website's "Documents" page: www.theracingcat.com/index.php?page=measured-boat-register

5.2. Boats may be checked for compliance at any time during the event at the discretion of the organisers.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be displayed on the official notice board at the event.

7. VENUE

Racing will be conducted from Westernport Yacht Club. Attachment 1 shows the location of the venue and the approximate location of the racing area.

8. THE COURSES

8.1. The courses to be sailed will be Triangle/Windward Return format.

8.2. Course diagrams, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

8.3. The approximate race duration will be 40mins.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

10. SCORING

10.1. **Four races** are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2. (a) When **fewer than 5 races** have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When **5 to 8 races** have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When **9 or more races** have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

11. SAFETY
    Attention is drawn to **Rule 1.2** (Life-Saving Equipment and Personal Flotation Devices) and **Rule 4** (DECISION TO RACE)
    Discretionary penalties will apply to Rule 41 – Outside Help. Actions of the Race Committee in retrieving crews from the water and returning them to their boats may not be penalised.

12. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS
    In participating in an event, a competitor automatically grants to the organising authority and the sponsors of the event, 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 event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION
    Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

14. PRIZES
    Prizes will be given as follows:
    MkI National Champion;
    MkII National Champion;
    Other prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY
    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.**

16. INSURANCE
    Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AU$10M or the equivalent.

17. AMENDMENTS
    Any amendment to this Notice of Race will be posted on the Official Notice Board (WYC) and may also be posted on the event web site at: *www.theracingcat.com*

18. FURTHER INFORMATION
    For further information, please contact: info@theracingcat.com

Other Information

CATERING

Welcome dinner – BBQ, Salad, Dessert, live musician) – Tuesday 29 Dec at Westernport YC.
Cost is included in entry fee for competitors. Additional tickets can be purchased closer to the event on the event website.

Rum tasting provided by JimmyRum

NYE Event (with live band in secure venue) - ticket included for each sailor. Event is all-ages. Additional NYE tickets can be purchased closer to the event on the event website.

Presentation Dinner - Indonesian Street Food meal plus dessert – Sunday 3 January at Westernport YC.
Cost is included in entry fee for competitors. Additional tickets can be purchased closer to the event on the event website.