



## THE VINCENT OPEN CLASSIC 2024 NOTICE OF RACE

Port Vincent Sailing Club Inc. (PVSC) invites entries for the 2024 Gee Wizz Vincent Open Classic Event.

This event is to be conducted from Friday 26th to Sunday 28th January 2024.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. 2021 - 2024
- 1.2 All competitors must comply with the relevant safety equipment requirements including the regulations under the S.A. Harbours and Navigation Act.
- 1.3 The race will be open to experienced skippers over the age of 16 years of age, and their crew. Age shall be as of 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023
- 1.4 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two--Turns Penalty is replaced by the One--Turn Penalty.

## **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted downstairs within the Port Vincent Sailing Club prior to the briefing scheduled for 1130hrs Friday 26th March 2024.

## **3. SAILING AND CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 The sailing instructions will be available online from the PORT VINCENT SAILING CLUB website no less than 2 days before the first start and a copy will be made available at the scheduled Friday morning briefing at the PORT VINCENT SAILING CLUB as set out in section 5.
- 3.2 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 2000hrs the day before it takes effect and will be posted as described in section 2.1 above.

## **4. RACING NOMINATION & FEES**

- 4.1 The nomination fee charged by the Port Vincent Sailing Club for the *Gee Wizz Vincent Open Classic* Yacht Race is \$75.00 for each competing yacht.
- 4.4 Nominations are to be made by completing the online nomination form available on the club website: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/portvincentsc/port-vincent-open-classic> and paying the nomination fee online.
- 4.3 The race nomination fee is non-refundable.
- 4.2 A race dinner will be held on Saturday evening. Bookings are required for attendance at the dinner and can be made online at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1133448>
- 4.5 Race nominations cannot be made later than 1 hour before the Saturday morning briefing.

## **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 Race briefing will be held at the Port Vincent Sailing Club at 1130 hours on the ground floor of the sailing club on Friday 26th March 2024.
- 5.2 The Racing Program is as follows

Event	Day	Date	Warning Signal
Races 1&2	1	26th Jan	From 1300 hrs
Race 3 & 4	2	27th Jan	Not before 1000 hrs
Race 5&6	3	28th Jan	Not before 1030hrs

Note: On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> boats eligible for the coastal race (Cat 6) may do so. Other divisions will race one or two races within the stated race area.

## **6. DIVISIONS**

- 6.1 The following divisions are proposed.

- DIV 1: Faster Pace Craft\* (Fast Dinghys (e.g. 505's, Tasar, Multihulls)  
DIV 2: Intermediate Pace Craft\* (e.g. Trailer Sailors/keelers greater than 6m)  
DIV 3: Slower Pace Craft\* (e.g. Trailer Sailors under 6m, cruising yachts, small dinghys)

6.2 The Race Committee may at its discretion change the number or type of divisions.

## **7. PRIZES**

7.1 First and second prizes for each division will be awarded.

7.2 The best performing Division 2 boat over the race series will be awarded the 'Wheare Cup'

7.3 Prizes shall be awarded at the discretion of the Club Race Committee.

## **8. RISK STATEMENT**

8.1 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.

8.2 Having given this risk warning, the Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the race.

8.3 The Organising Authority relies upon the provisions and limitations of the South Australian Civil Liability Act 1936 and notifies all race participants who engage in recreational activity that they do so at their own risk.

## **9. INSURANCE**

9.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 Million, plus racing cover per incident or the equivalent.

## **10. EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY CHECKS**

10.1 This event is run under Australian Sailing Cat 6 safety regulation requirement.

10.2 On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the Race Committee (RC) or the RO to undergo a safety inspection/audit.

10.3 All competing boats shall and must comply with the relevant safety requirements including the regulations under the S.A. Harbours and Navigation Act.