

Mooloolaba Women's Keelboat Regatta

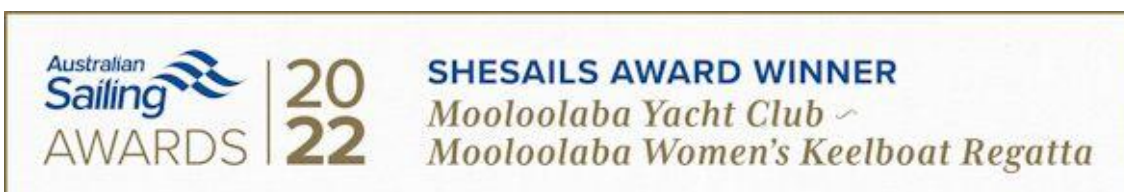
Mooloolaba

24 to 26 July 2026

Notice of Race



An invitation is extended to all female sailors to enter the Mooloolaba Women's Keelboat Regatta 2026 ("regatta") hosted by Mooloolaba Yacht Club.



The notation “[NP]” means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule.

This changes RRS 60.1.

The notation “[DP]” in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of this rule may, at the discretion of the Jury or Protest Committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS64.

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Mooloolaba Yacht Club (MYC).

Clubs’ Precinct, Mooloolaba, Marina, 33 - 45 Parkyn Parade, Mooloolaba Qld 4557

2. VENUE AND RACING AREA

- 2.1 Racing will be conducted in the Mooloolah River in an area from the vicinity of the Mooloolaba Coast Guard building upriver to the Restricted Anchoring zone to the west, or in the inshore area of Mooloolaba Bay away from the shark nets or other area at the race committee’s discretion.
- 2.2 When racing is held in Mooloolaba Bay, the OA will supply the appropriate number of Safety Boats required for the event. All competing boats will comply with AS Safety Category 7. No items may be removed from the boats.
- 2.3 Commercial operators in the river will be notified of this event. Please note that commercial traffic will be passing along the Mooloolah River during racing.
- 2.4 MYC reminds competitors to make their intention clear and avoid any collision when sailing in the vicinity of recreational boaters and commercial traffic. Collisions must be avoided between competing vessels and all other river traffic.

3. RULES

- 3.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as modified by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.2 The Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 shall apply.
- 3.3 The wearing of a lifejacket by all crew members is mandatory at all times while afloat, except briefly whilst adjusting clothing. Lifejackets must comply with AS Special Regulations Part 2, Section 5.01.2 - AS 4758-2015 or an equivalent or more stringent overseas standard.
- 3.4 Class rules will not apply.

4. ADVERTISING [NP]

- 4.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, the OA may require all participating boats to display the Event’s Sponsor advertising in accordance with Rule 6.1 World Sailing – Advertising Code. No other advertising shall be displayed on competing yachts.
- 4.2 The OA reserves the absolute right to require any competitor to remove advertising displayed by competitors on clothing, equipment (while racing or attending official functions), on boats to anywhere within the boundary of the regatta venue which may be in contravention of moral decency or government regulation.
- 4.3 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest infringements of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.5)
- 4.4 Competitors may be required to wear clothing displaying the event sponsors’ name(s)/logo(s). If required these items will be supplied by the OA and worn whilst racing.

5. ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 The regatta is open to all-female teams.
- 5.2 The number of crew on a boat shall be three (3) or four (4).
- 5.3 Each member of an entered team may helm the boat during the regatta however, the crew member helming at the time of the preparatory signal of a race shall helm the boat at all times whilst racing, except in an emergency.
- 5.4 Applicant skippers will be required to indicate their experience in helming when completing the Online Entry.
- 5.5 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of RRS 46 and show proof of such membership prior to or at Registration. (Non-sailing AS Members are required to obtain a SailPass prior to sailing each day.)

6. ENTRIES

- 6.1 Entry will open on 20 May 2026. Teams may enter by completing the online entry at <http://www.mooloolabayachtclub.com.au/latest-womens-news/womens-keelboat-regatta/>
- 6.2 Entry will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis until eight (8) entries with full payment have been received. The OA reserves the right to increase the maximum number of entries.
- 6.3 Entry fee: \$420.00 (Inc. GST).
- 6.4 Includes light clubroom snacks, 'Froth and Frivolity' Teams' Dinner and after-sailing activities.
- 6.5 Damage Deposit:
 - a) An initial damage deposit of AUD \$1000 per team will be held against the submitted credit card at the time of Registration. This deposit is the maximum payable by the team as a result of any one incident.
 - b) In the event that a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the team will be permitted to continue in the event.
- 6.6 Any team members under the age of 18 years on the first day of racing will be required to have their parent/guardian complete a Parental Consent Form. When all entry forms, with details of all participants have been received, a Parental Consent Form will be forwarded to those requiring one.

7. SUPPLIED SAILING BOATS

- 7.1 The boats to be used will be the MYC's Elliott 6m class boats.
- 7.2 Three (3) boats will be provided. Depending on the number of teams entered, on-water team transfers may take place between races. When not racing, at the discretion of the OA, sailors may be returned to the clubroom or other such location to facilitate viewing and crew transfers.
- 7.3 One mainsail, jib and spinnaker will be provided with each boat.
- 7.4 Boats will be allocated by draw at the briefing or as decided by the race committee.
- 7.5 At the OA's discretion, teams will either rotate between all Elliott 6m boats or remain in the same boat.
- 7.6 Each boat is supplied with all the safety equipment as required by Special Regulations Category 7. No piece of safety equipment may be removed from the boats.
- 7.7 A green flag will be supplied to be displayed when indicating that attention is required. This may be to indicate that a repair is required, or to identify your boat more clearly when medical attention is required. Note that when displaying a green flag, it is still the responsibility of the team to hail a Race Committee vessel.

- 7.8 If a team is changed onto a boat and identifies outstanding damage, the team must make the Race Committee aware of this prior to the Preparatory Signal if they require additional time to effect repairs or to retrieve spare parts.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted on the OA's Official Noticeboard by 1800hrs Thursday 16th July 2026 with copies available from the MYC Clubroom.

9. PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

Friday 24 July	0930 – 1400	Training Sessions: 0930-1100; 1100-1230; 1230-1400
	1400 – 1600	Pre-regatta Race (Battle for the Bubbles)
	1630 – 1715 hours or at OA discretion	Registration and Welcome Function Team / Boat Draw
Saturday 25 July Qualifying Series	0800 hours	Competitor Briefing
	0930 hours	Racing – first warning signal
	ASAP After Racing	“Froth and Frivolity” Competitors are invited to Mooloolaba Yacht Club for a long table teams' dinner.
Sunday 26 July Final Series	0800 hours	Competitor Briefing
	0930 hours	Completion of qualifying series (if required) Boat Draw Bronze and Silver Fleet Finals followed by Gold Fleet Final - First warning signal
	1530hours	No warning signal will be made after this time
	ASAP After Racing	Presentation and prize giving

Subsequent races will be started as soon as practical after the preceding race.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION [NP]

- 10.1 Handheld Marine VHF radios shall be provided by the OA each morning before racing and must remain aboard each Elliott 6m throughout the duration of the day's races and be returned to the clubroom each evening.
- 10.2 These radios should be locked on the VHF Channel 77, at full volume, to allow for effective communication from the Race Management Team to competitors.
- 10.3 All Race Committee vessels will monitor VHF channel 77 at all times.
- 10.4 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.

11. EVENT FORMAT & COURSES

- 11.1 The regatta shall be run as short course fleet racing.
- 11.2 The minimum races required to constitute a series will be six (6).
- 11.3 The regatta will consist of a maximum of (6) qualifying races for each team and a maximum of three (3) races in the final series for both gold and silver fleets. Bronze fleet will sail minimum 1 and maximum 3 races in the Final Series.
- 11.4 The courses to be sailed will be windward / leeward configuration as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.5 A briefing will be held in the MYC Clubroom at 0800 hours on Saturday and Sunday.

- 11.6 The warning signal of the first race will be no earlier than 0930 hours on Saturday and Sunday.
- 11.7 Subsequent races will be started as soon as practical after the completion of the preceding race.
- 11.8 The warning signal for the last race of the day will be made no later than 1530 hours.
- 11.9 The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, or add finals, when the conditions do not permit completion of the intended format.
- 11.10 Friday 24 July shall consist of training in the morning and a pre-Regatta race (Battle for the Bubbles) in the afternoon.
- 11.11 Friday 24 July shall not form a part of the Regatta results and is not compulsory.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 Upon completing the Qualifying Series, the fleet will be split into “Gold”, “Silver” and “Bronze” fleets. Bronze, Silver and Gold fleets will sail up to 3 finals races per fleet.
- 12.2 This schedule may be changed by the Race Committee at any time.
- 12.3 No score will be excluded.

13. CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES OF SAILING

- 13.1 The Starting sequence of RRS 26 is amended as follows:

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
3	Class Flag – Code Flag E	One	Warning signal
2	P, U or black flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

- 13.2 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1
- 13.3 Addition to RRS 41: Outside Help
 - (e) help to recover a crew member from the water and return on board, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- 13.4 Rule 60.5 (c) is amended in that the penalty for breaking Rule 14, when damage results, will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may include exclusion from further participation in the regatta.

14. SUPPORT BOATS [NP] [DP]

- 14.1 Coach and support boats must be registered with the OA and shall be marked with identifying flags issued by the OA. Boats, while they are acting as a coach or support boat, shall display the identifying flags at all times.
- 14.2 All coach and support boats will carry on board and operate while on the water a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF Channels 77, and agree to assist the Race Committee if directed to do so.
- 14.3 Support boats shall not enter the course area, starting area, finishing area or go closer than 25m to any boat racing between the first preparatory signal and when the last boat finishes, or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment, except under the advisement of the Race Officer.
- 14.4 Coach and support boats should have a minimum of two crew and shall, when requested by the Race Committee, tow or assist boats not associated with them. Coach and support boats shall monitor VHF channel 77 and shall follow all instructions from the Race Committee.

15. MEDIA, IMAGES & SOUND

- 15.1 The conditions of entry include that competitors acknowledge that the OA owns all media rights to the event and may exercise those rights as it sees fit and that the OA has the unconditional perpetual right to publish and broadcast, for the purpose of promoting women's sailing and the MYC in any media, photographs and video and audio recordings taken of boats and competitors during the event.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1 Prizes will be presented to 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall.
16.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

17. DISCLAIMER

- 17.1 It is each competitor's decision to enter the regatta or to start and continue in any race. Competitors' attention is drawn to:
- (i) RRS Fundamental Rule 3, which states: ***"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"***.
 - (ii) 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.**
 - (iii) RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states:
 - a. (a) By participating or intending to participate in an event conducted under the rules, each competitor and boat owner agrees to accept the rules.
 - b. (b) A support person by providing support, or a parent or guardian by permitting their child to enter an event, agrees to accept the rules.
 - (iv) The Organizing Authority, the Race Committee, other race officials and sponsors accept no responsibility in respect of material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

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