

2016-17 VIC Sailing Team



Incorporating the
Victorian Youth Sailing Team
Victorian Junior Sailing Team

Forming the pathway to the VIS Sailing Program, the Australian Sailing Squad and the Australian Sailing Team.



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1 Introduction

This document outlines the purpose of the VIC SAILING TEAM, as well as roles of each of the contributing parties.

The VIC SAILING TEAM aims to boost the participation of junior/youth sailors and lift the standard of sailing in Victoria. This is to be achieved by providing the best possible support, encouragement and opportunities for aspirational Junior and Youth sailors in Victoria, and to offer young sailors direction, in line with the Yachting Australia Youth Development and High Performance Pathway.

The VIC SAILING TEAM aims to do this by working closely with engaged Clubs and Classes, with a sense of shared objectives, to work together, so as to provide the best and most cohesive support program.

As Victoria's under-pinning sailing program, this VIC SAILING TEAM initiative seeks to strike an appropriate balance to achieve critical mass and skills development in certain classes of sailing boats that are active in Victoria. The inclusion criteria are therefore based around the YA Pathway Classes (International Optimist, Laser 4.7, Laser Radial, 420, 29er and Hobie 16). Certain additional Junior/Youth classes that have achieved regular and on-going on-water critical mass (currently the Minnow and International Cadet classes) are also included.

The 2016-17 VIC SAILING TEAM Program will commence on April 1 2016 and operate until March 31 2017.

Whilst there will be some combined activities, the VIC SAILING TEAM will provide some delineation between the offering for Junior and Youth programs.

While the VIC SAILING TEAM will come together for some activities, the majority of each sailor's on-water program will be delivered through their specific class/club coaching program, with support from Yachting Victoria. In addition, members of the VIC SAILING TEAM are reminded that they will also need to undertake their own independently arranged training sessions whenever possible in order to optimise the development of their own sailing skills.

Under-pinning the Victorian Institute of Sport, the VIC SAILING TEAM will provide opportunities for young sailors to enhance their skills, and provide a platform for young sailors to gain the skills necessary for selection into the VIS.

2 Eligibility and Selection Process

2.1 Eligibility For Selection into the VIC SAILING TEAM

To be eligible for selection in the VIC SAILING TEAM, all sailors must:

- a) permanently reside in Victoria or in a township approved by the Coaching Committee.
- b) be a Financial member of:
 - i. a YV-affiliated sailing club in Victoria; and
 - ii. a YA/YV Pathway Class Association in Victoria.
- c) be under 19 years old at 31 December 2016; and
- d) be of the correct age for their class (unless transitioning).

In the case of a double-handed boat, both the skipper and crew must meet the above criteria to be eligible for selection.

Due to the unique age circumstances of crews sailing in the International Cadet class and notwithstanding the criteria above, International Cadet crews (i.e. forward-hands) are not eligible

for inclusion in the VIC SAILING TEAM as their helmsperson will generally transition into a Youth class upon selection to the VIC SAILING TEAM.

Sailors selected into the 2016-17 VIS Squad will not be eligible for selection into the VIC SAILING TEAM.

2.2 Selection Process

The following diagram summarises the VIC SAILING TEAM selection process.



The YV Coaching Committee is the responsible authority for making all decisions and determinations regarding the application of the VIC SAILING TEAM selection criteria and for all other issues relating to this document.

Sailors must advise the YV Sailing Manager of their acceptance of an offer in the VIC SAILING TEAM by the due date specified in the Letter of Offer and they must also nominate the class they will sail in for the VIC SAILING TEAM year that they have been selected.

3 Selection Events and Criteria

The selection criteria used for the VIC SAILING TEAM are based generally on the Yachting Australia Youth Sailing Team selection policy, which can be found on the [Yachting Australia website](#).

3.1 Selection Events

There will be:

- Two selection events for sailors in the junior classes (Optimist, Minnow and International Cadet); and
- Three selection events for sailors in the youth classes (Laser 4.7, Laser Radial, 420, 29er & Hobie16).

The selection events are listed in Section 3.4 and 3.5 of this document.

3.2 Selection Criteria Ranking

At each regatta, each highest eligible boat in the overall ranking of the regatta for each class will be scored.

If there are 30 or more boats competing, the first eligible boat will be awarded 30 points, second 29 points, etc, and thirtieth 1 point. A boat finishing in thirty-first place or worse is scored zero. A boat that does not compete in a regatta is not awarded a score.

If there are less than 30 boats competing, the first eligible boat will be awarded 'X' points, where X is equal to the number of eligible boats competing, second eligible boat will receive X-1 points, third X-2 points etc.

A boat that does not compete in a regatta is not awarded a score. A boat must complete at least one race of a regatta to be considered as competing.

If an insufficient number of races are completed at any event in order to constitute a regatta, the YV Coaching Committee may determine, at its absolute discretion, to count the results of any incomplete event in the interest of having a wider range of data for the purpose of selection.

The selection score for a boat will be the sum of all the regatta scores, with no discard.

If there is a point score tie between two or more boats, the tie shall be broken in favour of the boat with the best (highest) score at the Class National Championships.

Notwithstanding any Selection Criteria Ranking, sailor's participation level in the previous year's VIC SAILING TEAM (if appropriate) will be factored into sailor's selection into the 2016/17 VIC SAILING TEAM.

If any sailors are tied on equal points after calculation, the tie will be decided in favour of the boat that has finished ahead in the National Championships.

3.3 Helmsperson & Crew Circumstances

Points will only be awarded where the helmsperson and in the case of a crewed boat, both the helmsperson and the crew meet the eligibility criteria detailed in the 'Eligibility for Inclusion' section.

For all double-handed classes except for International Cadets, a boat's points from Selection Events will be awarded to both the helmsperson and the crew, however points earned during the selection period but after a crew split may not be combined with pre-split points in the calculation of a selection score.

If a crew split occurs after the selection period, both members will stay in the VIC SAILING TEAM, as long as each member finds a partner of a comparable standard to other members of the team, or anticipated to quickly reach the standard, and the crew combination is approved by the YV Coaching Committee.

If a double-handed sailor who is a member of the VIC SAILING TEAM moves to sail on an ongoing basis with a non-VST sailor (who also meets the Eligibility Criteria during the VST year) the non-VST sailor will be invited to all VIC SAILING TEAM on and off-water activities, but will not become a member of the VIC SAILING TEAM.

For clarity, mixed gender helmsperson/crew teams are eligible for selection to the VIC SAILING TEAM and will be counted in the all-male category for the purpose of applying any Youth class/gender criteria in this policy.

3.4 Victorian Sailing Team Selection for Junior Classes

Events to be included to determine junior class sailors Selection Criteria Ranking are:

- 1) 2015-16 Class National Championships; and
- 2) 2016 Class State Championships.

While the 2016 Victorian Youth Regatta will not count as part of the scoring, competing in the event is a precondition for selection in the VIC Sailing Team unless exceptional circumstances apply. Sailors that are transitioning to a Youth class are encouraged to compete in that class at the Victorian Youth Championships.

The following table details the places that will be offered to each junior class in the VIC SAILING TEAM.

Class	Places Offered
International Optimist Dinghy (YA Pathway Class)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Top four (4) Optimist sailors in the Selection Criteria Ranking.2. Two (2) additional Optimist sailors may be selected based on a qualitative assessment of their potential by a Committee consisting of the Class Coach and two appropriately qualified persons that do not have a conflict of interest and who are selected by VIODA. These persons may not have a relative under consideration for selection. The selection criteria and the independent persons are to be ratified by the YV Coaching Committee prior to the selection process.
Minnow (YV Pathway Class)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Top three (3) Minnow sailors in the Selection Criteria Ranking who are 15 years or under at

	December 31 st 2016. If 15 years old, must be transitioning to a YA Youth Pathway class.
International Cadet (YV Pathway Class)	1. The top 3 Int Cadet helmspersons in the Selection Criteria Ranking who are 15 years or under at December 31 st 2016. If 15 years old, must be transitioning to a YA Youth Pathway class.

3.5 Victorian Sailing Team Selection for Youth Classes

Events to be included to determine sailors Selection Criteria Ranking are:

- 1) 2015-16 Class National Championships;
- 2) 2016 Australian Youth Championships; and
- 3) 2016 Class State Championships.

While the 2016 Victorian Youth Regatta will not count as part of the scoring for selection purposes, competing in the event is a precondition for selection in the Vic Sailing Team in all Youth classes unless exceptional circumstances apply.

Class	Places Offered
29er (YA Pathway Class)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Top three (3), 29er crews in the Selection Criteria Ranking 2. If an all-female 29er crew is not ranked in the top three (3), then one (1) additional place will be made available to the best placed all female crew, as long as that crew have placed in National and Youth Championships within the top 40 percent of their nation-wide class cohort.
Laser 4.7 (YA Pathway Class) and Laser Radial (YA Pathway Class)	<p><i>Laser 4.7</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Top three (3) Laser 4.7 sailors in the Selection Criteria Ranking. <p><i>Laser Radial</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Top three (3) Laser Radial sailors in the Selection Criteria Ranking. 2. If a female Laser Radial sailor is not in the top three (3) ranked Laser radial sailors, then one (1) additional place will be made available to the best placed female sailor, as long as the sailor has placed in National and Youth Championships within the top 40 percent of their nation-wide class cohort. <p><i>Laser 4.7 and Laser Radial</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Up to two (2) additional laser sailors (4.7, Radial or a combination) will be selected based on a qualitative assessment of their potential by a Committee consisting of the Class Coach and two

	appropriately qualified persons that do not have a conflict of interest and who are selected by the VLA. These persons may not have a relative under consideration for selection. The selection criteria and the independent persons are to be ratified by the YV Coaching Committee prior to the selection process.
420 (YA Pathway Class)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Top three (3), 420 crews in the Selection Criteria Ranking 2. If an all-female 420 crew is not ranked in the top three (3), then one (1) additional place will be made available to the best placed all female crew, as long as that crew have placed in National and Youth Championships within the top 40 percent of their nation-wide class cohort.
Hobie 16 (YA Pathway Class)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Placed in the top two (2) Victorian crews and top 6 at the 2016 Australian Youth Championships

Sailors selected into the 2015-16 VIS Squad will not be eligible for selection into the VIC SAILING TEAM.

3.6 Sailors Transitioning into Another Class

A sailor who gains selection into the VIC SAILING TEAM in a class, and is intending to change classes for the selection year, must inform the YV Sailing Manager of their intention to transition to another class upon their acceptance into the VIC SAILING TEAM.

All transitional sailors must then be approved by the YV Sailing Manager and the YV Coaching Committee, who will consult with the Class Coach of the class the sailor is transitioning to. Where a singlehanded sailor is transitioning to a double hander, the crew combination must also be approved, the criteria being the crew member is at a comparable standard or anticipated to quickly reach the standard, of other VST team members

A sailor who is transitioning to another class and wishes to be included in the VIC Sailing Team **must** be transitioning to another VIC SAILING TEAM Pathway class.

Sailors that change to a different class (from the one in which they were selected) after they have accepted their VIC SAILING TEAM offer:

1. will not be eligible to remain in the VIC SAILING TEAM unless they obtain the prior approval of the Coaching Committee; and
2. may be unable to be accommodated in the VST class training program, in the class that they have decided to change too.

Once approval has been gained, sailor will be a VIC SAILING TEAM member in that class for the period of the team year.

3.7 Reload Policy

If sailors that are selected in a particular Junior class then transition to another class, the original class may apply for a 'reload' of their sailors, where additional sailors in the original class may be offered a place in the VIC SAILING TEAM to replenish their class' members in the VIC SAILING TEAM.

However, sailors that are Reloaded under this policy must:

1. be of a very similar standard, or anticipated to quickly reach the standard, of other members of the squad in their class, based on an independent assessment by the Class Coach, who will provide written and statistical information to the YV Sailing Manager and the YV Coaching Committee to support the assessment; and
2. have finished within the top 40 percent of the Australian competitors in the Class National Championship.

While Classes may recommend sailors to be included as part of the VIC SAILING TEAM, final inclusion and selection is at the discretion of the YV Coaching Committee.

3.8 Exceptional Circumstances or Failure to attend Selection Events

Sailors aspiring to be selected for the VIC SAILING TEAM but who are unable to attend their class selection event(s) due to exceptional circumstances, should notify the YV Sailing Manager by email (events@yachtingvictoria.com.au) prior to the event they will be unable to attend. The email shall include details of why the sailor is unable to attend.

Sailors aspiring for VIC SAILING TEAM selection and who have failed to attend a selection event(s) should note that:

- missing a selection event(s) may have a significant impact on their ability to accumulate enough points to gain selection via the VIC SAILING TEAM via the points ranking system; and
- their selection in the VIC SAILING TEAM via a Wildcard cannot be guaranteed.

3.9 Announcement of VIC SAILING TEAM (excluding Wildcards)

The members of the 2016/17 Vic Sailing Team (excluding any Wildcards) will be announced at the Victorian Youth Championships.

3.10 Wildcard Selections for VIC SAILING TEAM

At its very rarely exercised discretion, the YV Coaching Committee may offer additional places in the VIC SAILING TEAM to sailors who do not meet the above Selection Ranking Criteria, or were unable to compete in selection events based on extenuating or exceptional circumstances.

Interested sailors from a Pathway Class (only) may apply in writing addressed to the YV Sailing Manager providing sufficient background details of their situation and of relevance to the criteria below. A Wildcard application must be received by the YV Sailing Manager not later than one week after (17th April 2016) completion of the 2016 Victorian Youth Championship.

Wildcard places will be judged on a combination of the following criteria:

- **Performance:** A sailor who has achieved exceptional results at State, National or International events, and who has demonstrated that they are of comparable standard to other members of the squad in their class.
- **Attitude and behaviour:** A sailor that is deemed to have demonstrated a positive attitude to potentially being a part of the VIC SAILING TEAM through involvement in club and class coaching programs.
- **Age and Potential:** Exceptional circumstances.
- **Crew separation:** Where a crew split occurs during the selection period, and the crew has adequately met the selection criteria based on previous performances.

The outcome of any Wildcard selection decisions will be communicated to the sailors under consideration shortly after the 2016 Victorian Youth Championship.

Sailors are reminded that it is the YV Coaching Committee's sole decision to offer, or not, any Wildcard selections into the VIC SAILING TEAM.

3.11 Benefits of Inclusion in the VIC SAILING TEAM

As part of the VIC SAILING TEAM, sailors will be entitled to:

1. access to on-water activities organised by YV, and delivered in partnership with supporting clubs, class associations and in some cases the VIS;
2. access to off-water sessions, delivered by experts in their field on a range of topics;
3. invitations to listen to guest speakers. In the past this has included Gold Medallists, America's Cup Sailors and World Champions;
4. support at nominated interstate events, in partnership with class associations;
5. a VIC SAILING TEAM uniform; and
6. access to VIC SAILING TEAM Sponsorship opportunities, such as Gill.

4 Expectations for Sailors

Sailors in the VIC SAILING TEAM will be expected to:

- a) Attend their nominated VST class coaching program.
- b) Attend all VIC SAILING TEAM activities **unless in the case of exceptional circumstances and prior approval from the YV Sailing Manager** is received.
- c) In addition, commit to attend the following events, **unless in the case of exceptional circumstances and prior approval from the YV Sailing Manager** is received:
 - i. Class National Titles.
 - ii. Class Youth Titles
 - iii. Class State Titles.
 - iv. Victorian Youth Championships.
 - v. At least 3 of the 4 Victorian Sailing Cup Events (SuperSail Geelong, Sail Sandy, Vic Dinghy Championships (Sail Country)/Vic Catamaran Championships, ISAF World Cup Melbourne).
 - vi. For the VICTORIAN YOUTH SAILING TEAM, at least one (1) of the following regattas:
 - i. QLD Youth Week; or
 - ii. NSW Youth Regatta.

Sailors who do not meet these expectations or do not act in a manner that is consistent with the VIC SAILING TEAM Code of Conduct may have their position in the VIC SAILING TEAM reviewed or terminated.

5 VST Invitational

At the discretion of the VIS Head Sailing Coach, members of the VIC SAILING TEAM who demonstrate a high level of personal commitment to their class training and/or independent training, and who have reached a suitable level of skills and experience, may from time to time be invited to take part in high-level training sessions arranged by VIS sailing coaches.

These training sessions are intended to extend the sailor's key skills and experience further and to provide a mechanism for aspiring sailors to train from time to time under the guidance of VIS sailing coaches. Sailors in the VST Invitational Squad shall be required to contribute financially to the costs of the training provided under this program.

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