

2025 RL24 National Championships 52nd Anniversary

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Monday 6th January to Friday 10th January 2025

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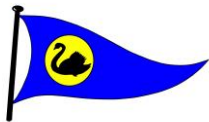
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The Lake Wellington Yacht Club Inc. (LWYC) in conjunction with the RL24 Owners Association of Australia Inc. (RL24 OA of A) invite entries for the RL24 National Championships on the waters of Lake Wellington from Sunday 5th January 2025 to Friday 10th January 2025.

1. RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the Australian Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 2022-23 (SR). In the event of any discrepancy in this Notice of Race (NOR) the provisions of the Sailing Instructions (SIs) shall take precedence.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 The regatta is open to boats of the RL24 class whose owners are financial members of the RL24 OA of A

2.2 All crew must be current Australian Sailing members with AS numbers.

3. ENTRY & PAYMENT

Entry Fees for the RL24 52nd National Championships are:

FEE TYPE	FEE
Early Bird Entry (per boat) until 2359 hours 30th September 2024	\$220.00
Entries received from 1 st October 2024 to 30 th November 2024	\$260.00
Late entries will be received from 1 st December 2024 to 31 st December 2024	\$300.00

All Entry Fees are payable by **DIRECT DEPOSIT** to the Lake Wellington Yacht Club.

PAYMENT: **DIRECT DEPOSIT** is the preferred method of payment.

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NAB: **BSB 083879 A/C 036940299**

Please use your **boat name** and your **surname** as the reference.

ENTRY: The Entry Form, is available on the LWYC web page <https://www.lakewellingtonyachtclub.org>

Please print out entry form, complete form and return email to lakewellingtonyachtclub@gmail.com

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions for the Championship will be available online <https://www.lakewellingtonyachtclub.org> no later than 1st Dec 2024.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Events are scheduled in the regatta as follows:

DATE	DETAILS	TIMES
Sunday 5 th January 2025	Arrival and Registration at Lake Wellington Yacht Club. RL24OAA Welcome BBQ	0900hrs – 1600hrs 1600hrs
Monday 6 th January 2025	Compulsory Skippers Briefing 1 st Warning Signal Rob Legg Invitation Series Races 1, 2 & 3 (back to back)	1100hrs 1300hrs
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Compulsory Skippers Briefing 1 st Warning Signal Championship Heats 1 and 2 (back-to-back) AGM LWYC Club Room	1100hrs 1300hrs 1800hrs
Wednesday 8 th January 2025	Re-sail Opportunity* Skippers Briefing 1 st Warning Signal Championship Heats 3 and 4 (back-to-back)	1100hrs 1300hrs
Thursday 9 th January 2025	Re-sail Opportunity* Skippers Briefing 1 st Warning Signal. Championship Heats 5 and 6 (back-to-back)	1100hrs 1300hrs
Friday 10 th January 2025	Skippers Briefing 1 st Warning Signal Championship Heat 7. (Resail opportunity if required, after end of Heat 7) No warning signal will be given after 1500hrs Presentation Dinner in Sale, Venue to be decided	0930hrs 1100hrs 1800hrs

Note:

1. Attendance records will be kept. Failure to attend compulsory briefings may result in a DSQ.
2. Heat schedule may shuffle to allow for passage races and suitable weather conditions.
3. * denotes that in the event of a Re-sail Opportunity a Compulsory Skippers Briefing will be held at 9.00am

6. RACING AREA and COURSES

6.1 The regatta will be sailed on the waters of Lake Wellington, Victoria.

6.2 The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

7. SCORING

7.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A 4.1 will apply.

7.2 A minimum of 4 races is required to make up the RL24 National Championship event.

When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores.

Where five or six races are completed, a boat's worst single score may be excluded.

Where seven races are completed, a boat's two worst single scores may be excluded.

7.3 The divisions for this National Championship will be:

- Swing Keel (SK)
- Drop Keel (DK) and
- Cruising

If there are insufficient entries to form a Swing Keel Division (Minimum 3 boats) and insufficient entries to form a Drop Keel Divisions (Minimum 3 boats), all RL24s will sail together, and elapsed times will be corrected using Australia Sailing's July 2017 ATYSB's Class Based Handicaps (i.e. DK = 0.760; SK = 0.725.).

8. USE OF HANDICAPS

8.1 Class Based Handicap (CBH)

Australia Sailing's July 2017 ATYSB's Class Based Handicaps (i.e. DK = 0.760; SK = 0.725.) will be used in the Rob Legg Invitation series. CBH calculations will not be required in the Championship series unless divisions are combined by the Race Committee

8.2 Performance Based Handicap (PBH).

All RL24s will be assigned a PBH based on the 3 results from the 3 heats of the Invitation Series. The PBH will be used for determining the recipient of the Performance Handicap Trophy. For each heat of the invitation series, the PBH for an individual RL24 will be adjusted as follows:

- for first place by +0.04;
- for second place by +0.02;
- for third place by +0.01.
- For a second fourth place over the series, a boat will have its PBH adjusted by +0.01

A boat's elapsed time is multiplied by its PBH correction factor to produce a corrected time. Handicap series results will be based on this corrected time result for places and points.

9. PRIZES

9.1 Prizes will be awarded for:

- Drop Keel Champion (Rob Legg Perpetual Trophy).
- Swing Keel Champion (Rob Legg Perpetual Trophy).
- Handicap Trophy (Perpetual Trophy)
- Rob Legg Invitation Series Trophy (Perpetual Trophy)
- Cruising Division Champion- depending on numbers of entries.
- Coolibah Trophy (Perpetual Trophy)
- Oldest Skipper Flag (Perpetual Trophy)
- Toad of Barmera Trophy (Perpetual Trophy)
- Each entrant will receive a 51st National Championship memento
- Other prizes may be awarded as determined by the RL24 OAofA.

9.2 The **Coolibah Trophy** is teams based on the following guidelines:

- I. The Coolibah Trophy is awarded to a team comprising of the best 3 boats competing from each state.
- II. The Trophy is based on the Championship results for all heats of the Nationals.
- III. When there are insufficient boats from within one or two states to form a state-based team, then boats are formed into a team drawn out of a hat at the initial briefing held before the invitational series. The 'state' team is determined by the majority of state-based boats in that team. If there is only one boat for each state in the team, then that team selects their 'state'.

9.3 The **Rob Legg Invitation Series Trophy** is based on the following guideline:

- I. All 3 heats of the invitation races will count.
- II. The CBH corrected time for each boat will be used for calculating final places in each of the 3 races of the Invitation Series.

10. SAFETY

10.1 The Safety Category applicable to this series is Australia Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 Section 2.01.8 Category 7.

10.2 At the discretion of the Race Director, based on safety reasons, the Race Director may abandon the stated race programme because of inclement weather.

When the wind strength consistently exceeds 25 knots for a 5-minute period within a 60 minute period immediately before the normal starting time of the first heat to be sailed each day, then that heat may be postponed or abandoned. A similar decision may be made regarding the second heat to be sailed on that same day at 1 hour after the advertised starting time for the first heat. When one or both races are abandoned for that day, the race(s) can be resailed on later days of the sailing programme.

Races will not be started in less than an average of 4 knots of wind on the course area.

10.3 The following RL24 Class Rule will apply: 3.24.3(b) Outboard motors shall be mounted in the normal operating position but may be retracted while sailing.

10.4 Boats are advised to carry a VHF radio; however, this is not a requirement under Category 7 Safety Requirements. Racing information, urgent weather information or other emergency information may be communicated to the fleet via radio.

10.5 Code flag Y will be displayed ashore for the duration of the regatta: PFDs must be worn at all times when afloat.

10.6 Competitors must carry the mandated Maritime Safety Victoria safety equipment: anchor and line, PFDs, flares, fire extinguisher, bucket with lanyard and torch.

11. MEASUREMENT

Boats must conform to The RL24 Class Rules and Restrictions. The RL24 OA of A reserves the right to inspect, measure or check hull, spars, sails, and safety equipment of any yacht at any time before or after any heat during the series.

12. PRESENTATION DINNER.

Presentation Dinner will be held in the nearby town of Sale on Friday 10^h January 2025 at 1800hrs (Further details to be provided). Accommodation is available in Sale.

13. 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.

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14. INSURANCE.

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

15. FURTHER INFORMATION.

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