



**NOTICE OF RACE**

# **2023 Lightning Regatta**

**Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 February 2023**

**Elwood Sailing Club**



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The Elwood Sailing Club (ESC) is pleased to invite all International A Class and Paper Tiger sailors to the 2023 Lightning Regatta to be held at Elwood on 11 and 12 February 2023.

The Organising Authority for this event is the Elwood Sailing Club.

## 1. COVID-19

All competitors and guests must comply with the ESC COVID Policy. A copy of the policy can be found on the club's website – <https://www.elwoodsc.com/blog/>

Your compliance with the Policy will help make the club a safer place for everyone, including our race management and regatta hospitality volunteers. Thank you for your understanding and support.

## 2 . Rules

All racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Addendum A Part 2, and the current class rules for the competing classes and the Sailing Instructions.

In accordance with Rule 86, the Sailing Instructions will list any changes to the RRS including:

- Rule 44.1 - a one-turn penalty applies, as opposed to two-turns
- Rule 26 - a 3-minute starting sequence applies
- Rule 63.1 - boats which cross the finishing line when not finishing the race may be disqualified for that race without a hearing
- Rule 63.1 - All boats that have entered for a race shall be signed off by a crew member on the specified Sign-on / Sign-off race declaration system no later than 30 minutes after the last boat finishes the final race of the session. Failure to comply may result in those boats being scored 'Did Not Finish' without a hearing

## 3. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be made available by 1700 hrs on Thursday 9 February 2023.

A copy of the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board at the Club and on the '**2023 Lightning Regatta (ESC)**' regatta page on Sailor App. For information on the Sailor App please refer the following link - <https://www.mysailingclub.com.au/>

## 4. Communication

The online noticeboard will be the '**2023 Lightning Regatta (ESC)**' regatta page on Sailor App.

A hard copy of all sailing related notices will also be displayed on the noticeboard in the boat shed.

## 5. Eligibility and Entry

The regatta is open to all International A Class Catamarans and Paper Tiger Catamarans. Competitors must be current members of an Australia Sailing affiliated club.

Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at <https://www.trybooking.com/CFEUQ>

Entries will close at 1030 hrs on Saturday 11 February. An early bird discount will apply to all entries received by before 2359hrs on Saturday 4 February.

To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

The Elwood Sailing Club reserves the right to refuse an entry.

## 6. Fees

The entry fee for the event is \$70 per boat, or \$50 per boat if received before 2359hrs on Saturday 4 February.

If the event is cancelled prior to the first racing day, any fees paid will be fully refunded.

## 7. Schedule of Events

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023

1030 – 1130 hrs	Registration confirmation
1130 hrs	Competitor information session
1300 hrs	Earliest start time for racing Up to 4 races for each class No race will start after 1700hrs
After Racing	Social gathering, upstairs at the Club. Family members welcome Finger food and drinks at bar prices.

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023

1030 hrs	Earliest start time for racing Up to 4 races for each class No race will start after 1430 hrs
After racing	Presentation of trophies and prizes

## 8. Racing Area

The racing area will be off Elwood beach between Point Ormond and the Brighton breakwater, refer Attachment A. Attention is drawn to the no boating zone and speed restriction zones regulated by civil authorities.

The launching area is broad sandy beach and is shared with the public. Club volunteers may be present to help with boat launch and retrieval. Please label your trolley with your sail number.

## 9. Courses

A Class catamarans will sail a windward-return course. Foiling and classic boats will start together. To minimise wait times between starts, course length may vary between the disciplines.

Paper Tiger catamarans will sail a triangular course.

The target time for each race will be 35 minutes.

Further details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

## 10. Scoring

Low point Scoring System will apply for both classes.

Seven races are scheduled in this series of which three races are required to be completed to constitute a series. If five or more races are completed each boat can drop its worst race result.

## 11. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the following boats:

A Class Fleet	Paper Tiger Fleet
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ First straight boarder</li><li>○ First c-boarder</li><li>○ First foiler</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ First</li><li>○ Second</li><li>○ Third</li></ul>

Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## 12. Boat Storage and Car Parking

Boats and trailers may be left on the southern rigging area from 1600hrs on Friday 10 February to 1700hrs on Sunday 12 February 2023. This area will be fenced and the gate locked at 1830 hrs. Elwood Sailing Club will accept no responsibility for loss or damage to boats and equipment stored in this area.

Pay parking is available in the Council car park adjacent to the Club. Free car parking is available along Ormond Esplanade from 1000hrs each day. No cars are to be parked in the areas surrounding the clubhouse.

Refer Attachment B for visitor maps.

### **13. Disclaimer of Liability**

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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.

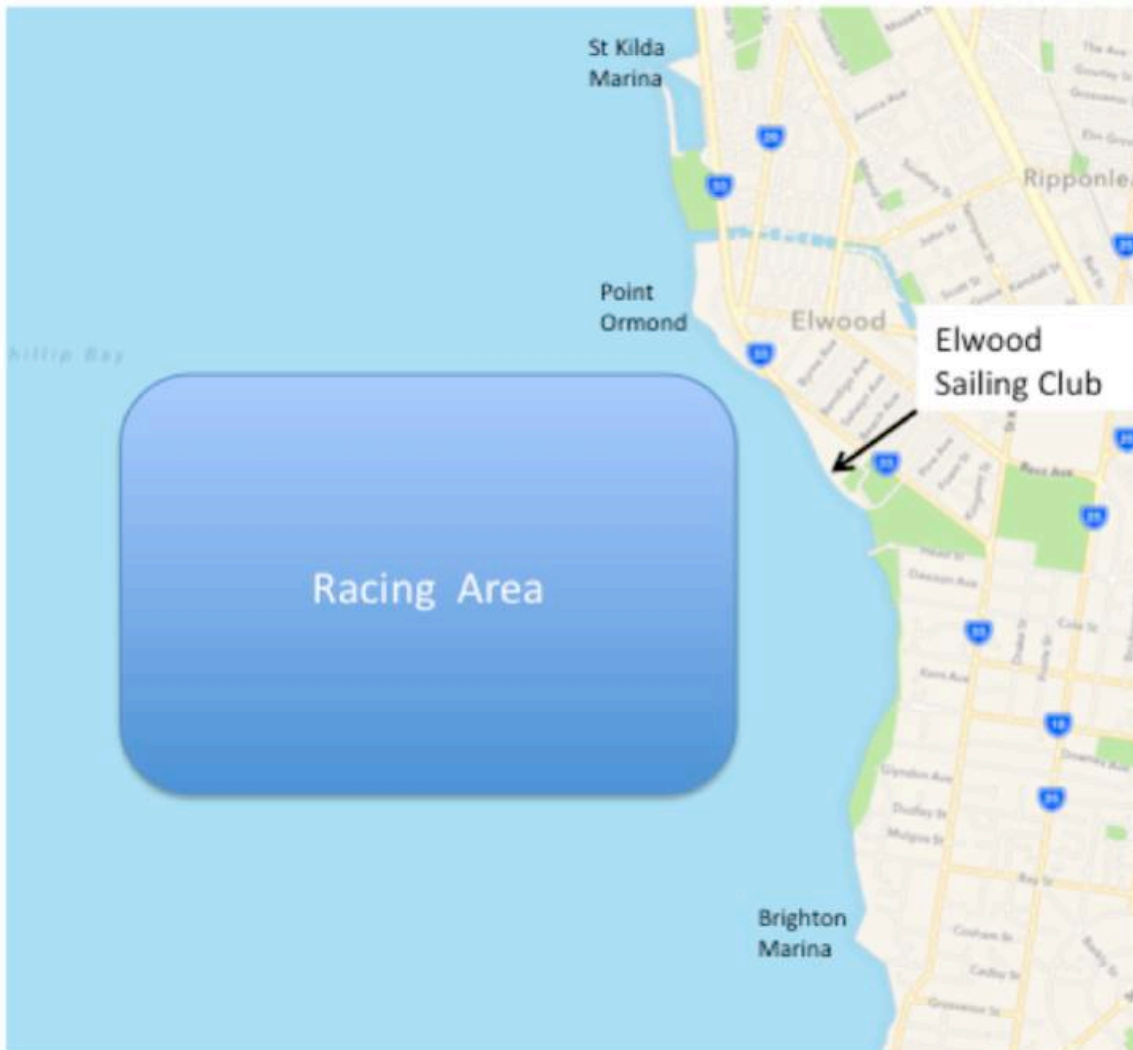
The Elwood Sailing Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after races.

### **14. Further Information**

For further information please call James Wreford (A Class coordinator) on 0437 463 810 or Mike Wold (Paper Tiger coordinator) on 0404 724 502.



ATTACHMENT A: RACING AREA



# ATTACHMENT B – VISITOR MAPS

## Car Parking



## Rigging Area and Trailer Storage

