

GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET FOR CREW

Welcome to the Victoria Friday Night Special Series. The following information is intended to assist you to fully enjoy the series.

MARINA MAP

Follow the link to the map of Westhaven Marina and familiarise yourself with the layout of the Marina. This will make it easier to find your way on race nights, particularly if time is short.

AVAILABILITY

We will email you on the Friday prior to the race, asking if you are available to race. Please respond by email letting us know that you are available. This will enable us to allocate crew to boats and find extra boats if needed. Unfortunately, due to the numbers involved, we will not be able to allocate you to a boat if we don't hear from you. We will attempt to allocate you to a different boat, with different crew, each race day to vary your experience.

CREW ALLOCATION

Crew lists will be emailed to the skippers and crew on the Thursday evening before the race. We will also pin the list on the club notice board on Friday afternoon. If you can't find your boat allocation, call us at the office on 09 376 4332.

MARINA ACCESS

The marina gates are all locked. The racing code is changed monthly so the code will be emailed with the Crew Allocations.

ARRIVAL TIME AT BOAT

Please be on your allocated boat by 1745 hours. This will enable your boat to make the start line in time for the start at 1830 hours. Boats leave the marina at the very latest at 1800 hours.

LATE

If you are running late (we all know what the Friday night traffic is like) please phone the skipper and let them know of your situation. They may be able to wait for you. If you miss your boat, go along to the tower above the yacht club to watch the racing. Entry is from the club rooms, opposite the bar and close to the kitchen.

CLOTHING

Wear light soled shoes please, to avoid marking the boats. A good wet weather jacket is also a good investment, both for rain and wind protection. Avoid wearing jeans as they become heavy and cold when wet. Wear what you would to the gym or a walk in the bush. A beanie is useful, and gloves are advisable.

WHAT TO BRING

You are welcome to bring snacks and drinks to share with the crew after racing. This is optional, however, it's always nice to sit down once the jobs are done for a debrief. Alcohol

is at the skipper's discretion and is preferably left until after the racing is finished. Feel free to contact your skipper if you have any questions on what to bring.

PARKING

Take care where you park as yellow car parks are reserved for berth holders and will most likely result in a parking ticket. Please use the White visitor car parks that are situated all around the marina and under the harbour bridge. There are no time restrictions after 1600 hours.

EXPERIENCE

On arrival at your boat please let your skipper know the level of your experience. Safety equipment is available on all boats, so please ask if you would like a life jacket or bring your own if you have one. Feel free to ask any questions of your skipper and his regular crew, they are only too willing to share their knowledge.

CANCELLATION

Decisions about cancellation are not normally made 1700 hours on the day of a race. We occasionally have to cancel a race due to high winds but never due to rain.

PRIZEGIVING

After the race, the club will be open for prize-giving, burgers, and drinks.

SEMINARS

Following the prize-giving we will hold the Friday seminar. This is usually a 15-minute talk where you have the opportunity to ask questions about the evening sail.

HANDBOOKS

Richmond Yacht has an annual handbook for club members. If you haven't already received one, these are available in the office.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions at all, please contact the office before 4pm or your skipper after 1600 hours. Office: 09 376 4332. RYC Mob: 021 276 4332.