

YV Approved Variations to the YA Special Regulations 2009-2012

The Yachting Australia Special Regulations 2009-2012 ("**2009 Special Regulations**") are effective from 1 July 2009 and prescribe:

- in Part 1 the uniform minimum equipment, accommodation and training standards for racing keel and trailable boats (including monohulls and multihulls) and serve as a guide for cruising boats; and
- in Part 2, the minimum equipment, behavioural and qualification standards for Off The Beach boats and Small Open Ballasted Boats whilst racing, proceeding to and from the race course and while training.

Every boat shall comply as a minimum with the 2009 Special Regulations for the category of race deemed by the race committee to be the most suitable for the type of race to be sailed.

From time to time it is possible that certain boats, designs or classes may have particular features that make it difficult, impractical or perhaps unnecessary to comply with a particular regulation of the 2009 Special Regulations. In such circumstances, SR 1.01.03 provides that the 2009 Special Regulations may be varied with the written approval of the Member Yachting Association, which in this case is Yachting Victoria ("YV").

YV will only consider an application for a variation to the 2009 Special Regulations from a club or class association and will consider more than whether the particular regulation is merely a nuisance. The particular regulation may conflict with class rules or cannot be readily addressed due to particular features of the class or event in question.

Applications for variations under the 2009 Special Regulations are initially considered by the YV Risk Management & Safety Committee then recommended to the YV Board which determines whether the variation should be made. A variation that compromises the safety of boats and crews will not be recommended to the YV Board.

The 2009 Special Regulations replace the 2005 Special Regulations and changes have been made to a number of regulations for which YV has previously granted dispensation. Accordingly, a variation to the 2009 Special Regulations is not required.

The following variations to the 2009 Special Regulations have been approved by Yachting Victoria Board and remain valid until 30 June 2013.

SR 2.03.2 Securing of Ballast (Couta boats)

SR 2.03.2(a) of Part 1 requires ballast to be permanently installed in boats competing in Category 1-7 events

Boats on the current racing register of the Couta Boat Association are not required to comply with SR 2.03.2(a) in respect of securing ballast. All other applicable requirements of SR 2.03.2 must be complied with.

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SR 2.03.2 Heavy Items (Jubilees)

SR 2.03.2(a) of the Special Regulations Part 1 requires ballast to be permanently installed in boats competing in Category 1-7 events.

The Jubilee is a small open ballasted boat as defined in SR 1.03 of the Special Regulations Part 2.

When sailing in a race designated by the race committee as being a race to which the requirements of Special Regulations Part 1 apply, boats on the membership listing of the Jubilee Yacht Association of Victoria are not required to comply with SR 2.03.2(a) in respect of securing ballast. All other applicable requirements of SR 2.03.2 must be complied with.