



VOC GENERAL CLUB RACING RULES Version 1.2 Effective 20/9/2023

1. The Victorian Outboard Club will conduct boat racing each season with points awarded to **boats** in their respective classes (see below) being tallied towards both class and combined Trophy Awards.
2. The VOC Handicap series will be as follows for season 2023/2024
 - a. Round 1: VSBC Club Day 23rd Sep
 - b. Round 2/3 GDBC Gold Cup November 4th/5th
 - c. Round 4 GDBC Club Day/Aus Titles Dec 2nd
 - d. Round 5 Archer Eade March 2nd
3. The available Trophies are as follows:
 - a. Formula Future Photo Cop Cup (J3 15hp)
 - b. 25 hp Trophy
 - c. 550 CC Trophy
 - d. 1800's Peter Bradley Memorial
 - e. 2100 Super Stock
 - f. Sports/Mono John Mitchell Memorial
 - g. Contax Cup Unlimited Outboard Trophy
 - h. Alby Marsland Trophy
 - i. The trophy is awarded to the Senior driver who has the highest points based on the 1st scratch and the last handicap race over the below race meetings in this season.
 - ii. **Round 1**
 1. **September 23 VSBC Club Day**
 - iii. **Round 2**
 1. **December 2 GDBC Club Day**
 - iv. **Round 3**
 1. **March 2 VOC Archer Eade**
 - i. Michael Mangos Memorial
 - i. The trophy is awarded to the Senior driver who has the highest points on any day. This season it will be run at:
 1. **March VOC Archer Eade**
 - j. Tom Simmons Aggregate Memorial
 - i. The trophy is awarded to the Senior driver who accumulates the most points in the season.
4. Trophy Eligibility: Only current financial VOC members will be eligible for annual or special event trophies. Juniors are excluded from all trophies listed other than the Formula future Photo cop cup.
5. Class Eligibility: Boats will compete in the lowest class they are eligible for in the season this will be known as their "Standard Class".



6. Stepping Up: Boats will be entitled to step up into the class immediately above their “Standard Class”, providing they meet the minimum requirements for the class.
 - a. Applications to enter classes above this will be considered in the interest of the sport and for the benefit of the event and drivers participating, providing the boat is eligible to compete in the higher class.
 - i. The Race committee will assess these applications and provide guidance to the Officer of the day in this instance.
 - b. NOTE: Junior classes are excluded from stepping up.
7. Racing Classes in the Season: The Classes available to enter for the season will be determined by the Race Committee prior to the start of the racing season. Boats competing the previous season, plus potential new boats for the forthcoming season will determine the classes to be run. This may be modified during the year to accommodate new competitors, engine class changes etc. by the Executive Committee voting on the Race Committee recommendation.
 - a. Racing Classes: 2023/2024
 - i. Formula Future J3
 - a. Photocop cup
 - ii. 25/550cc combined racing
 - a. 25 HP trophy and 550CC Trophy
 - iii. 1800 Sports Mono/1800 Super sports /F4 combined
 - a. Peter Bradley Memorial trophy
 - iv. 2100 Super Stock Mono /sports mono Mod VP combined
 - a. 2100 Super stock trophy & John Mitchel Memorial sports mono
 - v. Open Outboard
 - a. Contax Cup
 - b. Tunnels 2Lt plus, Monos 2lt plus
8. Class Points: All club races will require a minimum of four entries per class for full points as per the current APBA rule book point score table. The points to be awarded in classes of less than four boats will be as follows:
 - a. Three boats in a class receive APBA points for 2nd, 3rd and 4th
 - b. Two boats in a class receive APBA points for 2nd and 3rd
 - c. One boat in a class receives APBA points for 2nd
9. Racing Format: The racing format will be a handicap series with each round, consisting of three races, six where possible per day. The races will be started by clock starts and consist of one scratch race followed by two handicap’s and then repeated. The handicaps are adjusted after each race by the VOC tower officials.
10. If no clock is available an alternate format may be used (EG: Pole boat scratch and bank starts handicap)
11. Override Rule: Alteration to classes and eligibility may be made on race day due to safety requirements or fields required. The final decision will be made by the Race Committee or the Officer of the Day.



12. Clarification: The Victorian Outboard Club racing rules will apply to all race meetings run by the VOC except where a "Deed of Gift" applies. EG The Archer Eade Feature
13. Mercy Points rule: If a Boat/Driver passes scrutineering, breathalyzer and pays the required safety levy then it is eligible for an allocated 200 points even if it does not face the start due to mechanical failure or other issue.
14. Drivers Championship: points are allocated to the Boat in each class not the driver.

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