

# 2024 Yarrawonga Speedboat Spectacular Competitor Information Pack



Friday 26 April to Sunday 28 April 2024

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## Race checklist

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- Book accommodation
- AFPGP entrants – ensure you have a pole to hold boats at side of lake
- Advise if you have a transporter before Sunday 31 March
- Advise how much methanol you require before Sunday 31 March
- Provide promotional information
- Print off page 16 only to provide transporter, methanol and promotional information
- Do NOT send APBA form via email
- Check program times for schedule of events and scrutineering times

## Contact information

**VSBC Race Secretary** John Thomas [racesecretary@vsbc.org.au](mailto:racesecretary@vsbc.org.au) \*Note that email address has changed

**VSBC Commodore** Gregg Godsell

**AFP GP Commodore** Rhys Coles

**Vic APBA Secretary** Jess Stevens [secretary@vicapba.com.au](mailto:secretary@vicapba.com.au)  
(Championship entries)

## Event Location

Yarrowonga Mulwala Tourism and Business (YMTB) have partnered with the Victorian Speed Boat Club (VSBC) and the Mulwala Water Ski Club (MWSC) to host the **Yarrowonga Speedboat Spectacular and Fair** on Lake Mulwala from **26 to 28 April 2024**.

The Mulwala Water Ski Club is located on Bank Street at Yarrowonga, VIC 3730. The Yarrowonga Mulwala Visitor Information Centre is located at 1 Irvine Parade Yarrowonga VIC 3730.

The racecourse will be located adjacent to the Yarrowonga foreshore. The main pit area will be at the Eastern end of Bank Street. The crane pit will be at the western end of the foreshore adjacent to the bridge.

## Accommodation

Please contact Yarrowonga Mulwala Tourism on 03 5744 1989 for available accommodation options.

Camping may be available through the VSBC for volunteers.

Contact [racedaycamping@vsbc.org.au](mailto:racedaycamping@vsbc.org.au)

## Spectators

Tickets are \$10 per person, per day

Weekend pass (3 days) \$25 per person

Under 16 free

## Code of conduct

The VSBC will not tolerate any abuse or disrespect of any officials or volunteers.

- Any matter that a *driver* feels is not being handled/managed in a manner that they believe is satisfactory should direct their concerns to the Officer of the day. If the issue cannot be resolved ask for the matter to be referred to the Race Review Committee
- Any *crew or team* that feels that a matter is not being handled/managed in a manner they believe is satisfactory should direct their concerns to the driver and the driver shall bring the matter to the Officer of the day. If the issue cannot be resolved ask for the matter to be referred to the Race Review Committee
- Junior drivers are to be represented by a parent, guardian, or other adult representative
- Comments or posts on social media that are defamatory or disrespectful towards the Club, sport or other competitors are also included within this Code of Conduct

Conduct that fails to represent the sport in a professional light shall be directed to State and/or National bodies for management under their rules and processes including the APBA [Member Protection Policy](#)



## Program and schedule of events

*Indication only and may be subject to change for safety and operational requirements.*

### Thursday 25 April

12pm to 5pm            Entry paperwork and scrutineering commence in main pit area

### Friday 26 April

TIME	EVENT	DETAILS
7am to 5pm		Entry paperwork and scrutineering
7am	<b>Pit opens</b>	Breath testing for all drivers, crew, officials and volunteers
7.30am	Briefing	Safety crews
8.00am	Briefing	Formula GP and Formula 4
9.00am	Water Open	Formula GP & F4 Practice and Qualifying
11.00am	Briefing	All Inboard Drivers practicing or Qualifying Friday.
11.20am	Welcome to Country	
12pm to 1.10pm		Practice, Inboard classes
12.00pm	Media Event	Media Event
1.40pm to 3.50pm	Qualifying	Hot laps – National Drivers Championship
7pm	Pole Draw	Pole draw for the Griffith Cup and Heats announced for the National Drivers Championship at Mulwala Ski Club

### Saturday 27 April

TIME	EVENT	DETAILS
6am	<b>Pit opens</b>	Breath testing for all drivers, crew, officials and volunteers
6am to 8.45am		Scrutineering
7am	<b>Pit Close</b>	
7.30am	Briefing	Safety Crews
8am	Briefing	All drivers and crews
9am to 4pm	Racing	
11am and 3pm	Display	Aerobatic event
7pm	Social event	Mulwala Ski Club

### Sunday 28 April

TIME	EVENT	DETAILS
6am	<b>Pit opens</b>	Breath testing for all drivers, crew, officials and volunteers
7am	<b>Pit Close</b>	
7.30am	Briefing	All Safety Crews
8am	Briefing	All drivers and crews
9am to 4pm	Racing	
11am and 1.30pm	Display	Aerobatic event
7pm	Presentations	Mulwala Ski Club

The organisers request everyone's cooperation to ensure the program runs as scheduled.

**Each team will be issued with a radio for communication by Pit Officials to teams.**

Pit gates will be closed at advertised times or when deemed closed by the Officer of the Day or their designated representative.

***It is the responsibility of the drivers to arrive on time, have paperwork in order and be scrutineered in a timely manner. Please be available at the driver's signing area at the advertised times.***

## Presentation

Presentations will be held at the Mulwala Water Ski Club at 156 Melbourne Street, Mulwala NSW 2647 each evening. Phone (03) 5744 1888

**The Mulwala Ski Club is a major sponsor of the 2024 Yarrowonga Speedboat Spectacular and Fair. All teams are encouraged to attend and support the three evening functions.**

## EC Griffith Cup Format - Heats will be drawn Friday Night at the Mulwala Ski Club

- Practice Friday
- Heats and the Final will be held on Saturday 27 April
  - Racing will be held over until Sunday if conditions do not allow for the heats to be held on Saturday

## National Drivers Championship Format

- Practice and Qualifying Friday
- Heats on Saturday
- Final on Sunday

## 105 Superstock Australian Championship Format

- 2 qualification heats to be held, points added over the two heats, the top 6 point scores qualifying for the final
  - Racing will be held over until Sunday if conditions do not allow for the heats to be held on Saturday.

## Classes

- J3 Formula Future
- Formula 4
- Formula GP
- Oz Lite / 1.6 Litre Hydroplane
- 105 MPH Superstock
- Hyper 5 Hydroplane
- 6 Litre Hydroplane
- Unlimited Displacement (Les Spears)
- Unlimited Hydroplane
- Unlimited Open (EC Griffith Cup / ANZAC Day Cup)

## Class entries

Each class must have four (4) or more entries to be deemed a class. A class that has three (3) or less entrants will be automatically entered in the next class, or the class/ race/ championship not run.

## Entry information

### Entry forms

Entries must be returned by **Thursday 11 April 2024** using the link [here](#).

This event is being run to a very tight program. Please put in your intention to race by the specified date so that organisers can promote this event. **No late entries will be accepted.**

### Rules

The rules are set according to the 2023-2024 Australian Powerboat Association Rule Book (available for download at [www.ausapba.com.au](http://www.ausapba.com.au)). The rules, guidelines and operating procedures are to be followed for the hosting club(s), the relevant APBA state council and any directives as given by any governing body with authority over the event. These include but are not limited to RMS Maritime, Moira Shire Council, Victorian and NSW Police. Any team found not following APBA/VSBC rules will be penalised.

The **EC Griffith Cup** and trophy races will be run under the Deeds of Gift for each specific race. Any protests are to be lodged as per the APBA rules.

### EC Griffith Cup and Australian Championship Races

#### Rule 203.021 | Entry Form

The Entry Form, together with any prescribed fee (refer to Rule 203.072) is to be forwarded in the first instance to the Secretary of the Council conducting the event, thirteen (13) days before the Event. Send a duplicate copy to the Club Race Secretary. (See Below under Entry Submission Process)

#### Rule 203.05 | Australasian and Australian Championships

There must be four (4) bona fide entries received thirteen (13) days before the date of the event to constitute a Championship for Inboard and Outboard Classes.

#### Rule 203.07 | Entry Bond

A bond of \$150 per Entry per Class entered must be lodged with each entry to all Australasian and Australian Championships, Speed or Time Trial events with the APBA. The bond will be returned to the entrant once their Boat has been presented for Scrutineering at the Event, or if the Event is cancelled, or at other times at the discretion of the Club or Council conducting the Event.

#### Rule 203.073 | Post Entry Fees

Entries not received by the **Thursday 11 April 2024** will be counted as a post entry and will incur an additional \$150 payable to the APBA.

## Safety Levies

### Senior boats

**\$350** - Entry prior to Thursday 11 April 2024  
No late entries

### Formula Futures (J3)

**\$70** – Entry prior to Thursday 11 April 2024  
No late entries

## Entry submission process

### All Entries

Please use the link [here](#) to enter this event. Please enter correct and current details in all fields on the form. This link will populate the current APBA form which will be printed out for collection at the event. If you are entering multiple races, please complete separate entries for each class. \*If you use the same device to enter your details, the device should remember previous responses.

AFPGP Formula GP and Formula 4 entries will be managed by AFPGP people, however if entering a VSBC race it would be gratefully appreciated if those teams would also fill in the link above, so that their details can be included in the entry spreadsheet.

**\*No paper entries or emailed entries will be accepted. Please only use the link provided.**

### EC Griffith Cup and Australian Championship Trophies

Please enter as per Group 203 rules in the current APBA rule book. Please see summary of Group 203 rules under Entry information on previous page.

Send entry to the APBA:

**Jess Stevens** Victorian APBA Secretary [secretary@viabpa.com.au](mailto:secretary@viabpa.com.au) including \$150 Bond

Note: As per rule 203.073 Entries not received by **Thursday 11 April 2024** will be counted as a post entry and will then incur an additional \$150 fee.

## Payments

Payment can be made using Square when filling in the online form.

Payments can be transferred by **direct deposit** to:

Account Name: Victorian Speed Boat Club  
Bank: NAB  
BSB: 083 451  
Account No.: 858131220  
Ref: Boat name

Remittance to be emailed to [racesecretary@vsbc.org.au](mailto:racesecretary@vsbc.org.au)

## General Information

### Pit information

#### Pit Rules

- Enclosed shoes
- **No alcohol**
- No riding on trailers. Drivers only in a seated position at the helm
- Children 10 years and under must be accompanied by an adult unless they are competing
- **No smoking** (this includes in the back of enclosed trailer, motorhomes, caravans, or transporters)
- No gas BBQs
- Registered vehicles only to be used within the pits
- Moving vehicles and vessels have right of way
- All directives from VSBC/AFPGP officials must be followed immediately
- Failure to show/wear wristband may result in removal, and possible exclusion, from the pits
- Motorised scooters, quads etc used by teams must not exceed 15kph
- Teams are responsible for ensuring the cleanliness of their allocated pit area at the end of the event
- **NO RUBBISH TO BE LEFT BEHIND**
- The crane area will be marked and all spectators are required to remain outside the marked area. Crews and operators only to enter this zone
- No refuelling on the water. Refuelling is permitted in the pit area only, away from the launching ramps
- There is an allocated drum located by the fuel dump for the disposal of waste oil
- **All fuel must be stored in an Australian Standard approved container (AS/NZS 2906:2001) and container marked with its contents. (eg. Methanol, Unleaded etc) WorkSafe will be onsite monitoring this.**

#### Pit Area

Access to the pits is restricted to those wearing a valid wrist band (children included). The pits will be fenced and have strict enforcement of all rules for safety and public liability. One vehicle per boat will be allowed in the pit area.

VSBC/AFPGP will not be responsible for any damage to cars, equipment or other items associated with a vessel or team in the pit area.

#### Pit Management

Designated VSBC and AFPGP volunteers will be managing the crane and main pits. Their role is to ensure boats are in the water in a timely manner and that the program continues efficiently. Please follow their directions at all times.

Each team will be issued a handheld radio so that pit officials can communicate with them in a timely manner.

AFPGP Officials and volunteers will manage the Formula GP and Formula 4 races. Other teams are requested to allow them space as they weigh-in after competing.

All competitors are to move around the pit in a clockwise direction via Ely Street, to Hunt Street and Bank Street. Please be respectful toward other competitors when moving around the pits.

## Pit Passes

Four to eight passes will be given to the driver collecting the scrutineering form. These will be swapped for wrist bands after each person passes a breathalyser test and signs the indemnity book each morning. Four passes will be given to J3 and F4 teams. Six passes to 1.6L and 105MPH teams. Eight passes for 6L, EC Griffith Cup and Formula GP teams.

Children under 12 are not included in the wrist band limits.

"Tickets" will be issued to the person collecting the scrutineering form. These will be exchanged for pit passes for each team for each day.

Additional passes (at Admin discretion) will be available at a cost of \$30 each, upon passing a breathalyser test and signing the indemnity book. These will not be available until after 10am and pit passes will not be issued after 1pm (unless an arrangement is made prior).

Random breath tests will be completed during the event for anyone in the pit.

Pit access is limited to ensure the safety of the competitors, their crew and volunteer workers. This limits excessive numbers of people in the pits if there were a major incident.

## Pit Layout

Please see the Pit Marshall on arrival who will allocate your position in the pit. It is the responsibility of the team to ensure that they set up in the allocated position, or you will be asked to relocate.

## GPS / Speed bracket racing

There will be a designated marquee in the pit area for drivers to return their GPS at the end of their race for checking and re-setting. It is the driver's responsibility to liaise with the timekeeper on the day. Failure to do so within 10 minutes of the end of the race, will result in disqualification.

## Transporters

**Any team wishing to have a transporter in the pits MUST advise as part of the entry process.** Failure to do so will result in the transporter not being included in the pit layout and not allowed in the pit area. Please fill in the form on [page 16](#) with transporter details by **Sunday 31 March 2024**.

## Tow vehicles

Teams will be using personal vehicles for moving vessels throughout the pits, including launching and retrieving boats. It will be the responsibility of the team manager or driver to ensure the trailer is removed from their vehicle prior to conducting any work under the boat.

Once the boat has been unloaded onto the lake, it is the team's responsibility to remove their vehicle from the ramp area as directed by the Pit Marshall. Riding on trailers is not permitted and drivers must remain seated.

## Boat weigh in

Formula GP and Formula 4 boat weigh in will occur near the Dodgems. Exit the boat ramp and drive forward to the weigh in crane. Continue on Ely Street and make a left hand circuit around Hunt and Bank Streets back to the AFP GP pit area.

## Safety information

### Scrutineering

Thursday 25 April	12pm to 5pm
Friday 26 April	7am to 5pm
Saturday 27 April	6am to 8.45am

### Technical inspections

No Technical Inspections will take place at this event.

### Breath testing and the consumption of alcohol

**201.091** ALL DRIVERS must submit to a breath test analysis at or in conjunction with the briefing or at any designated time specified on the program. The Club may conduct random breath testing as per APBA Rule 201.092.

**201.097** the consumption of alcoholic beverages within any Pit Area is prohibited.

**201.098** Any driver or crew member consuming alcoholic beverages in any fenced and secured pit area will be immediately removed and prohibited from taking any further part in the days' events

### Breath testing process

Drivers sign on sheets and breath testing will be available from 6am on race days and must be completed prior to any on water activities.

Pit and On Water volunteers are required to be breath tested (including but not limited to connecting and disconnecting crane, holding boat or loading and unloading the vessel from the trailer)

Random breath testing of driver, teams, volunteers and officials may be conducted throughout the event. Blood alcohol reading must be 0.000 or the individual will be removed from the pits.

### Drug testing

Drug testing may be carried out throughout the event. Teams may be tested at random.

### Fuel

- Methanol fuel will be supplied to any boats entering an unlimited race
- **NO FUEL DRUMS ARE TO BE LEFT ON THE LAKE FORESHORE FOR ANY REASON**
- All vessels must be removed from the water prior to being refuelled
- **No fuel containers are to be stored on the ground. Containers up to 20 litres are to be stored in tow vehicles. Containers over 20 litres must be stored in the bunded area.**
- Teams are to allocate TWO competent people to decant fuel from the bulk storage bunded area, one person to carry out the decanting and the other to be on standby with a fire extinguisher in hand. This process must be performed on the anti-static mats provided. This process is a requirement from the CFA
- **PLEASE NOTE: Fuel drums and containers must display fuel content and must be stored in an approved container**
- Please indicate fuel requirements on [page 16](#) by **Sunday 31 March 2024**.

### Incidents

In the event of an incident or emergency, the involved teams may be asked to assist by obtaining items relevant to their vessel, including but not limited to trailer, protective gear or boat cover.

The ramp/crane will be cleared, and all persons not involved will be required to move away from the emergency area.

## Safety personnel

Safety boats, rescue boats, divers and paramedics will be present at the event. Please introduce yourself to the safety personnel and allow them to familiarise themselves with your boat. If your vessel is fitted with anything other than what could be considered standard air systems, latches or other safety devices, it is the responsibility of the driver to make time to provide details and instruction with the safety team.

## Race information

### Racecourse

Racing on Friday and Saturday for the EC Griffith Cup will be on the full-size Championship course with 800m straights and 25m radius. Class races and all races on Sunday will be on a shorter course with 700m straights, all courses will be three buoy turns as per the APBA Rule Book.

Racing for the Formula GP and Formula 4 boats will be from the area near the swimming pool on a triangular course. **Teams will need poles to ensure the boats are managed from the shore.**

### Practice sessions

- The course will be available for practice on Friday 26 April 2024. Formula Boat practice will be from 9am. Inboard practice will be from 12pm
- Priority will be given to Griffith Cup entrants.
- All paperwork and scrutineering must be completed before the boat is allowed on the course.

On completion of all paperwork, the team must advise the Pit Marshall of their intention to test/ practice. Boats will test on a first in basis. A warm up or sighting lap will be available prior to your first race on each day. Please consider that this event is on a tight schedule and only practice if necessary.

### Drivers Briefing

All drivers and officials must attend and each driver must sign on. One team member per boat is permitted to attend with the driver. **Drivers who do not attend the Briefing are not able to compete in the event.**

### Turn buoys

All drivers will be fined for damaging a buoy. A fine, equivalent to the replacement cost of a turn buoy (including GST) and a one lap penalty will be applied for damaging a turn buoy. Any buoy infringement payment must be received at this event and will need to be finalised prior to the conclusion of presentation or the matter will be referred to the State Council.

## Volunteers

The VSBC is a not-for-profit club. This means it requires the assistance of volunteers to make the event possible and successful. Thank you to all who support the Club in this way.

For insurance purposes, all officials and volunteers including members of any pit crew MUST sign the volunteer register to be covered by the policy. Failure to do so may result in coverage not being provided in the event of an incident. The register will be available on Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning, at the entry registration/ breath test area.

## Assistance – before and after the event

**The VSBC request assistance from all race teams to inflate/deflate turn buoys, assist at the pit gates and help pack up the race gear at the start and end of the event.**

**Race team assistance to dismantle and stack temporary fencing will also be required Sunday afternoon. If you have a rattle gun and deep sockets please bring them along to speed up the dismantling process.**

## Entry form link

Please use the [link](#) to enter this event. The details will populate the entry spreadsheet and save VSBC volunteers many hours of re-typing your information. The form populates the APBA form and scrutineering page, which will be given to competitors at the event. Thank you for your help.

**\*Do not send the APBA form via email or text or carrier pigeon. Please only use the link above to enter. Thank you.**

### PLEASE NOTE:

All details must be completed including emergency contact details.

Pre-payment via direct debit or Square also assists with this process. Refunds can be made if required.

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- Print off page 16 only to provide transporter, methanol and promotional information**
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- Check program times for schedule of events and scrutineering times

Please fill in and return this sheet by **Sunday 31 March** so pit space can be allocated and fuel ordered.

### Transporter information

Please advise if you are bringing a transporter. Provide details below.

Team Name:

Are you bringing a transporter?  Yes  No

Type of transporter  5th wheeler  
 Semitrailer  
 Enclosed trailer

Length of trailer \_\_\_\_\_metres

### Methanol order form

Please advise if you require methanol and quantity.

Team Name:

Do you require methanol?  Yes  No

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_litres

### Promotional information

Where possible it would be appreciated if drivers were able to make themselves available as required to the commentary team for interviews.

Please provide boat and driver information. An unwatermarked photograph of the boat can be supplied for promotional use (under 2MB in size).

\*If sending in promotional information – copy and paste this page to a new document. Please do not send the whole driver’s pack to the email address below\*

Driver(s)	
Owner	
Club	
Boat	
Class	
Boat details (make and engine)	
Sponsors	
Crew	
Other information	

Send only this page to **John Thomas** VSBC Race Secretary [racesecretary@vsbc.org.au](mailto:racesecretary@vsbc.org.au) with entry form and boat photograph. Do not attach the whole driver pack \*Note new email address