

WHICH CLASS IS FOR ME?

This page is an overview of the different classes available for Festival of Sails 2018. This is not part of the Notice of Race and is only intended as a guide about the differences between the classes.

The boats that want to race on tight courses with multiple races each day will choose the Rating Series. There are two scoring options in the Rating Series, IRC and AMS.

The not-so-flat-out racers will choose the cruising classes (Cruising AMS, Classic Yachts, Cruising with Spinnakers or Cruising Non-Spinnaker).

Having said that, though, all classes will be racing and the idea is to get to the finish line as fast as possible. Spinnakers are permitted (expected) in all classes except, of course, Cruising Non-Spinnaker.

Depending on the number of entries, it is expected that classes will be split into several smaller divisions so boats with similar speeds will be racing together.

RATING RACING (IRC & AMS)

- Handicapped using IRC & AMS Rating
- Can be split into divisions or individual classes if entrant numbers sufficient
- Includes Passage Race (approx 36 nm)
- Racing over three days
- Majority of races windward/leeward courses
- AS Category 5 safety regulations apply

PERFORMANCE RACING (NON IRC & AMS)

- Handicapped using EHC (performance based event handicap)
- EHC adjusted after each race
- Can be split into divisions or individual classes if entrant numbers sufficient
- Includes Passage Race (approx 36 nm)
- Racing over three days
- Majority of races windward/leeward courses
- AS Category 5 safety regulations apply
- Combined with Super 11 and Super 30 series to be scored under performance racing.

SUPER 11

- Open to entrants that comply with the Super 11 class rules
- Super 11 boats are high performance boats carrying asymmetrical spinnakers, of approximately 11 metres (30 ft) in length.
- Handicapped using AMS
- Can be split into divisions or individual classes if entrant numbers sufficient
- Includes Passage Race (approx 36 nm)
- Racing over three days
- Majority of races windward/leeward courses
- AS Category 5 safety regulations apply
- Racing will also be combined in a performance Racing series, under EHC

SUPER 30

- Open to entrants that comply with the Super 30 class rules
- Super 30 boats are high performance boats carrying symmetrical spinnakers, of approximately 11 metres (30 ft) in length.
- Handicapped using AMS
- Can be split into divisions or individual classes if entrant numbers sufficient
- Includes Passage Race (approx 36 nm)
- Racing over three days
- Majority of races windward/leeward courses
- AS Category 5 safety regulations apply
- Racing will also be combined in a performance Racing series, under EHC

SPORTS BOATS

- Handicapped using SMS (Sportsboat Measurement System)
- Based out of RGYC for the three days of racing
- Windward/leeward courses
- AS Category 7 safety regulations apply

CRUISING AMS

- Performance focus with a more social approach
- Handicapped using AMS (certificate required) and/or EHC (performance based event handicap)
- EHC adjusted after each race
- Can be split into divisions or individual classes if entrant numbers sufficient
- Includes Passage Race (approx 36 nm)
- Four races over three days, including one late afternoon race
- Fixed mark courses & passage racing
- AS Category 5 safety regulations apply
- Entrants are eligible to represent their home club for the prestigious ‘Advertiser Trophy’ under EHC

MULTI HULL

- Handicapped using Offshore Multi-Hull Rule (OMR) & EHC
- EHC adjusted after each race
- Includes Passage Race (approx 36 nm)
- Four races over three days, including one late afternoon race
- Combination of fixed mark courses and passage racing
- AS Category 5 safety regulations apply

CRUISING WITH SPINNAKER

- For cruising boats and skippers
- Handicapped initially on previous/known performance for the boat (or type of boat)
- Handicaps adjusted after each race
- Can be split into divisions or individual classes if entrant numbers sufficient

- Includes Passage Race (approx 36 nm)
- Four races over three days, including one late afternoon race
- Fixed mark courses & passage racing
- YA Category 5 safety regulations apply

CRUISING NON-SPINNAKER

- For cruising boats and skippers
- No spinnakers permitted
- Handicapped initially on previous/known performance for the boat or type of boat
- Handicaps adjusted after each race
- Can be split into divisions or individual classes if entrant numbers sufficient
- Includes Passage Race (approx 36 nm)
- Four races over three days, including one late afternoon race
- Fixed mark courses & passage racing
- YA Category 5 safety regulations apply

CLASSIC YACHTS

- Open to boats that were built before 1975, raced in an earlier era and are fine examples of tradition & craftsmanship
- Handicapped on previous/known performance for the boat or the type of boat
- Handicaps adjusted after each race
- Includes Passage Race (approx 36 nm)
- Four races over three days, including one late afternoon race
- Fixed mark courses & passage racing
- AS Category 5 safety regulations apply

TRAILABLE YACHT (M2G) PASSAGE SERIES

- Open to Trailable yachts which meet Level Cat 5 of the AS Special regulations.
- Handicapped on Class Based Handicap (CBH) and Event Handicap (EHC)
- Includes Passage Race (approx 36 nm)
- Four races over three days, including one late afternoon race
- Boats competing must have documentation to show class compliance with stability under the AS Special Regulations

TRAILABLE YACHT (GEELONG) SERIES

- Open to Trailable yachts which meet Level Cat 7 of the AS Special Regulations.
- Handicapped on Class Based Handicap (CBH) and Event Handicap (EHC)
- Includes a Passage Race around Corio bay, to coincide with finishing with the Melbourne fleet.
- Three races over three days
- Fixed mark courses & passage racing
- Can be split into divisions, individual classes, or spinnaker/non-spinnaker classes if entrant numbers sufficient



*** A number of the classes will be handicapped using IRC and AMS. Boats not having the appropriate certificate can get one (usually fairly easily but allow plenty of time) by contacting their State Yachting Authority:*

Australian Sailing - Queensland – 07 3393 6788

Australian Sailing – NSW & ACT – 02 8424 7400

Australian Sailing - Victoria – 03 9597 0066

Australian Sailing - Tasmania – 0498 448 815

Australian Sailing - South Australia – 08 8346 1934

Australian Sailing – Western Australia – 08 9386 2438

Australian Sailing - Northern Territory – 0467 307 234

Yachts outside Australia requiring a certificate should contact their local yachting authority, or Australian Sailing - on [+61 2 8424 7400](tel:+61284247400), or email office@yachting.org.au