

YARRA SERIES SLALOM RACES 2015

The Yarra Series comprises five events held throughout the year on the Yarra River. The Victorian Slalom Committee coordinates the Series. Slalom clubs and schools run the events.

The Yarra Series races are designed to be suitable for paddlers of all abilities. Paddlers should be able to self rescue before attempting any races. The Yarra Series races provide paddlers the opportunity to race and develop their slalom skills close to Melbourne, in a relaxed, fun and supportive environment.

YARRA SERIES RACE PROGRAM

Saturday - 1pm	Course set up at the race site
Sunday - 8am	Registration and full length practice runs
- 9am	Course closed and close of registration
- 9.15am	Briefing for competitors, parents, judges, volunteers
- 10am	Start of first runs
- 12pm*	Lunch break (approx)
- 1pm*	Start of second runs

* times may vary depending on the number of paddlers.

At the end of second runs the course will be dismantled followed by Presentation.

Race days

29 March – Warrandyte
17 May – Finns Reseerve
21 June – Griffiths Park
30 August – Warrandyte
11 October – Dights Falls

YARRA SERIES ENTRIES/ REGISTRATION

Entry on race day, at the compiling desk – entries close at 9am. You must pay at the registration desk before 9am on race day.

Paddlers can enter unlimited classes if a financial member of a canoe club registered with Canoeing Victoria. Please bring your AC Membership Card or number with you.

Non-Club Members can pay "come and try" insurance to paddle on the day. Paddlers are only able to use "come and try" three times and then they must become a member of a Club / Victoria Canoeing. If a paddler used "come and try" in 2014 they are not able to use this in 2015 and must become a financial member of a Canoe Club to Enter.

RULES

The race will be run broadly in accordance with the 2015 ICF Slalom Rules. These rules may be altered by the Race Organiser up to and including the day of the Event depending on circumstances. Any changes in the rules will be announced at the briefing.

All Class results, for each race, will be calculated on best run.

On race day, paddlers may have one practice run (per class). Practice runs should be continuous with no recirculation.

Yarra Series trophies will be awarded for classes that have three or more starters in an event and will be presented at the Victorian Championships.

To be eligible for overall trophies, paddlers must participate in a minimum of four Yarra Series Races.

CLASSES and AGE GROUPS

Men's and Women's K1 - Open, 23, 18, 16, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, Masters, Veterans, Vintage, Plastic

Men's and Women's C1 - Open, 23, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10

Men's, Women's and Mixed C2 - Open, 23, 18, 16, 14, 12

Age determined by age as at January 1, 2016 (e.g. if you turn 14 in 2015 then you are in 14 age group; if you turn 17 or 18 in 2015 then you are in 18 age group). There must be three entrants to constitute a class except in open. Paddlers will be moved up into the next age group if there is not a constituted class.

Plastic only has an open category.

SAFETY

ICF requirements and boat specifications will apply. Any plastic boat that meets the ICF standards will be placed in the relevant class, otherwise they will race in Plastic.

No safety is provided by the organizers except during the race. At all other times safety must be provided by the Club or individuals. If the organizers deem conditions at any time of day unsafe, then the race may be modified accordingly at the discretion of the Event Organizers.

ASSISTANCE

Assistance is required over the whole weekend - from course construction on the Saturday to course pack-up on the Sunday. Slalom is a sport that relies on the active assistance of everyone in order to conduct events successfully and safely.

The Victorian Slalom Committee would like to encourage all attendees to get involved and volunteer. There are many experienced parents, guardians, coaches and senior paddlers in our community who will be more than happy to explain what they are doing at the races and why it is required. Even if you feel you know nothing about slalom (this could be your first event or you have spent a few years watching and wondering), please get involved.

These races do not and cannot happen without volunteers!