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## Information pack for the 2023 Eppalock Gold Cup.





# COME FEEL THE NOISE

The Victorian Speed Boat Club presents their annual  
**EPPALOCK  
GOLD CUP**

Australian Championship Round Powerboat Racing Event  
Saturday, 7th January 2023  
Speedboat Road, Derrinal, Victoria

Entry Fees: Adult: \$20  
Children 10 - 15 Years: \$10 Inc. Free Drink  
Under 10 Years: Free Camping Option: \$10 per person

Part of event proceeds will be donated to Victorian Flood Relief

 The Victorian Speed Boat Club respectfully acknowledge the traditional custodianst of the lands we enjoy, the Dja Dja Wurrung and the Taungurung Peoples.



# SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OF JANUARY 2023

# 2023 VSBC Eppalock Gold Cup

Saturday 7th January 2022

Lake Eppalock, Victoria

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## Event Contacts

Race Secretary

**Gary Combes**

**VSBC Race Secretary**

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**VSBC Promotions**

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**Camping**

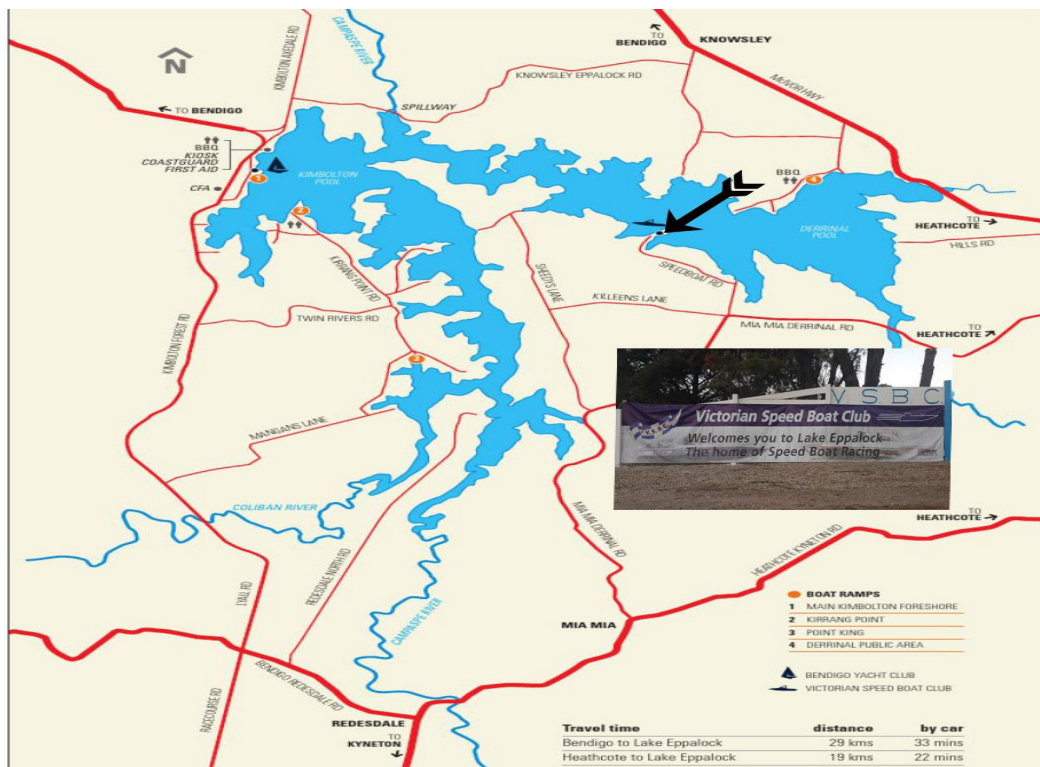
[vsbccamping@gmail.com](mailto:vsbccamping@gmail.com)

## Location

Lake Eppalock is 1 hour 47 minutes (136km) north of Melbourne's CBD, or 8.5 hours (832km) south west from Sydney (nearest commercial or international airport is Melbourne).

## Facts and Figures

1. **Name:** Lake Eppalock
2. **Stream:** Campaspe River
3. **Year of Completion:** 1964
4. **Construction:** Earth and Rock fill
5. **Full Supply Level:** 193.91 m AHD
6. **Capacity:** 304,651 ML
7. **Area Submerged:** 3,011 ha



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## Entries

The Entry Fee / Safety Levy will be **\$180** per boat, Formula Future (Juniors) will be **\$70**. Senior entries received after the closing date will be **\$230**.

If entering more than one class, each additional class will be an extra \$50. Each additional class must have a separate entry form completed.

Entry Fee will include:

1. Entry to nominated races
2. Four (4) pit passes (three plus the driver)
3. Insurance coverage under standard APBA policy

Class racing entries must be received no later than **Friday 23rd December 2022** (14 days prior) and a separate form completed for every class you are entering.

Send entries to **Gary Combes**

Email: [acesecretary@vsbc.com.au](mailto:acesecretary@vsbc.com.au)

**Arthur Clark**

**Secretary for Vic APBA (Championship entries)**

Email: [secretary@vicapba.com.au](mailto:secretary@vicapba.com.au)

## Bank details

Bank details for direct payment of entry fees

Account Name: **Victorian Speed Boat Club**

BSB: **083-451**

Account Number: **858131220**

Reference: **#Boat Name**

Australian Championship entries must be received by the Victorian Council APBA no later than **Friday 23rd December 2022** (14 days prior) Please send copies of Championship entries to Gary Combes.

## Classes

Each class must have four (4) or more entries to be deemed a class. Any class that has three (3) or fewer entries will be automatically entered into the next class. All entrants will be advised (after the closing date) of the classes that are being run and proposed running times for the event and their boat(s).

*The classes will be as follows (subject to entries):*

Formula Futures (Juniors)	1.6L Hydroplane (Col Brown Australian Championship Round 1)
25HP/550 Outboard	6 Litre Hydro (Lawson Shield Australian Title Round 1)
1800 / 2100 Super Sport Open Outboard	6 Litre Displacement
85 MPH	Unlimited Hydroplane (Max Kirwan Aus. Title Round 2)
95 MPH	Unlimited Displacement (Mr. Norm Day Memorial)
105 MPH	Eppalock Gold Cup (Unlimited Open)

## Accommodation

### Heathcote Accommodation

Address: Old Dairy Flat Rd, Heathcote VIC 3523

Phone: 0417 315 880

<http://www.heathcoteaccommodation.com/>

### Heathcote Queen Meadow Caravan Park

RV Park in Victoria, Australia

Address: 3 Barrack St, Heathcote VIC 3523

Phone: (03) 5433 2304

<https://www.heathcotemeadowcaravanpark.com.au/>

### Union Hotel

Address: 171 High St, Heathcote VIC 3523

Phone: (03) 5433 2032

<http://www.unionhotelheathcote.com.au/>

## Camping

We offer camping onsite. Cost is **\$10** per person per night. Under 16 Free. Cabins available to interstate teams  
Please book your campsite by emailing: [vsbccamping@gmail.com](mailto:vsbccamping@gmail.com)

Caravan rentals available through. <https://www.camplify.com.au/s/heathcote-VIC-3523>

## Breath Testing

Once breath tested, all drivers, volunteers and support personnel will be issued with a wristband. No one will be permitted on the water or to operate in any position of authority without the correct wristband.

## Driver Briefing

Briefings will be held on Saturday at 8:15am sharp in front of the Race Tower. Attendance is compulsory for all drivers. No attendance may result in the driver not being able to compete in that day's events.

## Course Layout

The final decision will be made on the weekend based on the water and weather conditions and in consultation with race officials and discussion with drivers. Racing will be on an APBA Championship based course.

## Conduct

Anyone found arguing with officials, volunteers or support personnel will be asked to leave. Drivers, owners and crews are reminded that they are representing the sport of powerboat racing. When attending a sponsored event consider your conduct and how it affects others on site.

## Driver Interviews

Race drivers are advised to make themselves available to the commentator(s) for an interview after selected races, especially major events. This is helpful when there is an extended break in racing, (e.g. weather/conditions) and the commentators are keeping the crowds entertained.

## Fuel

BYO fuel - No fuel will be supplied. All fuel to be supplied by drivers/owners.

## On Water Support and Emergency Response

Divers will be in attendance to provide on water response and support. Paramedic services will be provided by Race Day Medical. Cell boat drivers please ensure you make the effort to introduce yourself and take them through your canopy release etc. Should an emergency situation arise you are to contact Race control immediately or dial 000.

## Pit Passes

Crews will be provided with three (3) passes. If required additional passes may be available at Race Administration. Additional passes will be at a cost of \$15.00. Passes will only be issued once all monies due to the VSBC have been paid. Drivers will not be issued with Pit Passes but will be provided a wristband once breath tested.

## Special Event Notes

- The pit area is marked and the following conditions apply:
  - No wristband, no entry**
  - No open toe footwear**
  - No smoking**
  - No drinking of alcoholic beverages**
  - Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult unless competing**Competitors breaching these rules may be issued with a warning or further action.
- **No trailer riding! Drivers only and they must be in a seated position at the helm**
- **Trailers must have Safety Chain attached.**
- **Under no circumstances is there to be refuelling on the water.** Refuelling is permitted in the pit area away from the launching ramps.

## Scrutineering

All boats will be required to be scrutineered prior to being allowed in the pits. All scrutineering will be conducted outside the pit areas. Scrutineering will be available from 11am till 5pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of January.

Scrutineering on Saturday will be by prior arrangement with the VSBC to allow for boats that will arrive after 6pm. Contact Gary Combes if you will need to make an alternative time.

## Schedule of Events

<b>Saturday</b>	Breath testing	7:30am
	Pits close	7:30am
	Duty Boat Briefing	7:45am
	Drivers briefing	8:15am <b>SHARP</b>
	Racing to commence	9:00am
	Racing to conclude by	6:30pm

## Technical Inspections

All boats that require tech inspections must be arranged and completed prior to being allowed on the water, including for testing and practice runs.

No technical inspections will be carried out at this meeting due to time restraints for a one-day race meeting. Tech inspections may be booked in prior to the event.

**No Tech Inspections will be carried out on the Saturday.**

## Food and Drink

Event will be fully catered for with Food Truck canteen during the event and sit-down meals available on Friday and Saturday night.

The VSBC Clubhouse has a full kitchen and licenced bar.

## General Admission

- Event entry Fees. \$20 per adult. Kids 10-15 year. \$10 each. Under 10 free.
- Camping Fees are \$10 per night per adult.

## Presentation/ Trophies

Saturday 7th January in the club house, commencing at 6:30pm.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd trophies will be available for all classes.

This maybe live streamed and all drivers and crews are asked to attend. Please wear crew/ team colours where possible.

## Entry Form

An online copy of the APBA Entry Form can be found [here](#). Please fill in the form and send it to [racesecretary@vsbc.com.au](mailto:racesecretary@vsbc.com.au)

### [APBA Entry Form](#)

<http://www.ausapba.com.au/APBA%20Senior%20and%20FF%20Combined%20Entry%20and%20Scrutineering%20Form%20-%20v1.3.docx>

Alternatively if you need to print the form to fill in, a copy can be found at the end of this document.

## Disclaimer

*All information is accurate at the time of printing. The VSBC reserve the right to change or amend any aspect of the event and racing based on the requirements of permits, legislation, rules, safety or practicality of operation. Any changes will be advised as soon as possible via email, briefing or direct notification.*

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AUSTRALIAN POWER BOAT ASSOCIATION

National Authority Affiliated with the Union Internationale Motonautique

FORM 1 STANDARD COMBINED ENTRY FORM

Amended May 2020

Including UNDER 18-YEAR-OLD & FORMULA FUTURE COMPETITORS

<b>NAME OF EVENT:</b>		<b>CLASS:</b>	
<b>DATE OF EVENT:</b>		<b>VENUE:</b>	
<b>NAME OF BOAT:</b>		<b>RACE No ON BOAT:</b>	
<b>State Boating Authority REGISTRATION NO:</b>		<b>SBA REGISTRATION EXPIRY DATE:</b>	
<b>NAME OF OWNER:</b>		<b>OWNERS CLUB:</b>	
<b>ADDRESS OF OWNER:</b>			
<b>APBA LICENCE NO:</b>		<b>CONTACT NUMBER:</b>	
<b>CLASS OF BOAT:</b>		<b>CAPACITY of MOTOR:</b>	
<b>BOAT LENGTH (Metres):</b>		<b>BOAT BEAM (Meters):</b>	
<b>DRIVER 1</b>			
<b>NAME OF DRIVER:</b>		<b>DRIVERS CLUB:</b>	
<b>State Boating Authority LICENCE NO:</b>		<b>SBA LICENCE EXPIRY DATE:</b>	
<b>APBA LICENCE NO:</b>		<b>CONTACT NUMBER:</b>	
<b>DRIVER 2</b>			
<b>NAME OF DRIVER:</b>		<b>DRIVERS CLUB:</b>	
<b>State Boating Authority LICENCE NO:</b>		<b>SBA LICENCE EXPIRY DATE:</b>	
<b>APBA LICENCE NO:</b>		<b>CONTACT NUMBER:</b>	
<b>DECLARATION BY OWNER(S):</b>			
To the _____ Council Secretary, APBA – I/We _____ being the owner(s) of the abovementioned boat do hereby certify that the specifications of the boats' hull and motor are known to me/us to be in conformity with the Rules and restrictions governing the class of the event entered. I/We will comply with the APBA RACING and SAFETY RULES in their entirety. I/We declare that the above particulars are to my/our knowledge true and correct.			
<b>SIGNATURE OF OWNER(S):</b>		<b>DATE:</b>	
<b>DECLARATION BY PARENT/GUARDIAN:</b>			
I/We, the undersigned, understand that the race entered is dangerous and acknowledge and accept entirely at my/our own risk, injury or damage to person or property which may be sustained or incurred as a result of or arising out of my child's participation in the said race or event. I/We further declare that if applicable I/we use at my/our own risk, a Reinforced Cockpit, Deflection Bar(s) or Restraining Belt(s), etc.			
<b>SIGNATURE OF PARENT or GUARDIAN:</b>		<b>DATE:</b>	
<b>Emergency Contact Name</b>		<b>Mobile</b>	
<b>OFFICIAL USE ONLY</b>			
Received by _____ Council, Australian Power Boat Association			
<b>SIGNED:</b>		<b>DATE:</b>	
<b>Entry Bond:</b>	\$ _____	<b>PAID</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Late Entry Fee:</b>
		<b>PAID</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>TO PAY</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Current Club Memberships Sighted:</b>	<b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>NO</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	

Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class	Item/Rule	OK	N/A	Fail	Cleared
All	No uncleared infringements on Drivers and Owners' Licence Attachment Sheet. Rule 201.02.03				
All	Sighted Drivers Rule Book, Printed or Electronic Copy / Log Book. Rule 201.02.03				
All	Sighted Owner rule Book, Printed or Electronic Copy/ Log Book. Rule 201.02.03				
All	Jacket (with webbing straps & leg straps) Rule 801.01 and 022				
All	Helmet (International Orange / Bright Yellow, name only 20mmx100mm).Rule 801.034				
All	Helmet restraints /Hans Style Device in Reinforced Cockpit Boats. Rule 801.041				
All	Full-length race suit? Ballistic pants/suits Cell Suit in Reinforced Cockpits, Boots or Shoes. Rule 801.05 and .06				
All	Steering components secure & in good condition. Steering stops fitted. Rules 804.12 all				
All	Ignition & Electrical cut out switch cord attached to driver PFD(N/A Reinforced Cockpits).Rule 801.01 all				
All	Throttle Spring Loaded to close at engine and must return to idle. No rubber bands. Rule 804.05				
All	Battery, Fuel tank & Fuel lines. Any hatches all secured. Rule 804.06				
All	Visible flaws in Rudder, Skeg or Propeller. Rule 304.011				
I	Lap Restraint Belt (Velcro lapping. - Ends fluoro Orange or Yellow) (MUST also use External Cut Out Switch on Port side of rear deck). Rule 802.02 all				
I	Propeller locked by Nylock nut (single use) or double nut and/or pinned. Rule 804.010 Clearance Prop & Skeg (max 1.5 x shaft diameter). Rule 804.181				
All	Engine breather hose in catch tank and terminated within Hull. Rule 804.22 & 804.07				
I	Is deflective shield fitted covering moving equipment within 300mm from driver's seat. Rule 804.16 all				
All	Is a working power trim indicator gauge fitted. Rules 1102.08 & 1202.12				
All	Breathing Apparatus in Reinforced Cockpit Boats. Rule 1002.180 all				
All	APBA Cell builders number and Tag fixed to Reinforced Cockpit. . Rules 1002.06 ,.08, .082. Is Annual inspection sticker attached to craft within 300mm of steering wheel. Rule 304.014				
All	Has there been any change of engine/structural damage repairs made since annual inspection?				

**DRIVER'S DECLARATION: I, the undersigned declare I do not participate in the use of illicit or performance enhancing drugs.**

**INDEMNITY:** I the undersigned realise that powerboat racing is dangerous. I do not rely on officials or this scrutineering for the safety of the boat or my equipment and realise this is my responsibility and that safety or other equipment required cannot guarantee me or my boats safety. If I have taken the decision to use a boat fitted with a Reinforced Cockpit or a Deflection Bar or a Belt Restraint or a combination of either or all three I personally have examined these items fitted to the boat and use them totally at my own risk and at my own choice and I realise that these may make the boat more dangerous in certain conditions. I on behalf of myself, and my heirs or any other person, release all persons and organisations connected with the running, supervision, or administration of the event from any responsibility whatsoever however caused. I sign this indemnity without duress and in the full knowledge that I may be giving up certain legal rights.

SIGNED (BY DRIVER): \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN (Formula Future): \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ WITNESS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE TO SCRUTINEERS:** (Rule 808.01), Defects found in the boat during inspections, to be noted on the owners' rulebook attachment page.

SCRUTINEERS COMMENTS:

THIS IS ONLY A VISUAL INSPECTION OF THE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE

CLUB SCRUTINEER: Name - \_\_\_\_\_ Signature - \_\_\_\_\_

REFEREE: Name - \_\_\_\_\_ Signature - \_\_\_\_\_