

Media Release



Under 21 sailors from around the World to compete in Melbourne

Applications for youth sailors to enter the 2027 Performance Sailcraft ILCA Under-21 World Championships opened 14 July.

Supported by the Victorian Government via the "Significant Sporting Event Program" the regatta will host Olympic aspirants in the ILCA 6 (women) and ILCA 7 (men) classes - the same format as single handed dinghy classes within sailing at the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games.

Up to 200 sailors from over 40 countries are expected to compete on the waters of Port Phillip and be hosted at the Sandringham Yacht Club 10-17 January 2027.

With over 215,000 boats built since it was first conceived and active class associations in over 120 countries around the world, the ILCA dinghy continues to serve as the boat of choice for a single-handed sailing competition.

Minister for Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos said the ILCA Under-21 World Championships will bring the next generation of Olympic sailing talent to Melbourne, thanks to the Significant Sporting Events Program.

Quote attributable to Member for Southern Metropolitan Ryan Batchelor

"With competitors, officials and support teams travelling from across the globe, Sandringham will benefit from a boost to local businesses and accommodation."

The World Championships will be preceded by the 2027 Performance Sailcraft ILCA Oceania & Australian Open & Youth Championships 1-8 Jan 2027, also at Sandringham.

Regatta details at:

<https://2027ilcau21.ilca-worlds.org/> and <https://www.auslasernationals.com.au>

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