

2026 VSBC Eppalock Gold Cup

Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 January 2026

Lake Eppalock, Victoria

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Event Contacts

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Location

Lake Eppalock is 136km north of Melbourne's CBD, or 832km southwest of Sydney. The nearest commercial or international airport is Melbourne Tullamarine.

Address: Victorian Speedboat Club, Speedboat Road, Derrinal (near Vye Lane). Follow the signs along the dirt road to the venue.

Entries

Entry fee / Safety levy:

Seniors: **\$350**

Formula Future (Juniors): **\$70**

Crane levy: **\$200**

Entries will include:

Entry to nominated races

Four (4) pit passes (three plus the driver)

Insurance coverage under standard APBA policy

ENTRY LINK

<https://forms.gle/dJbDLzwRzqEduico8>

Please only use the online form to enter. The last date to enter is **Sunday 4 January 2026**.

The online form populates the APBA entry form and the scrutineering form.

This also allows the admin team to add details to our program and timing system.

Payment will be invoiced after entering online.

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).

Championships

Australian and Victorian Championship entries must be received no later than 14 days prior to the event **Friday 26 December 2025** by Arthur Clark secretary@vicapba.com.au. Fill in and send the APBA form to Arthur.

All rules regarding Championships and points can be found in the latest edition of the [APBA Rule Book](#).

Australian

Col Brown - 1.6L Hydroplane

Max Kirwan - Unlimited Hydroplane

Victorian

OzLite 1.6Lt Hydro

Speed bracket – 85mph, 95mph, 105mph

Formula Futures – J3

Hydroplane NDC

VSBC trophies

Eppalock Gold Cup - Unlimited open

Doug Smith Cup

Norm Day - Unlimited displacement

6L Displacement

6L Hydroplane

VOC trophies

25HP/550 Outboard

1800 / 2100 Super Sport

F4

Open Outboard

Accommodation

Camping

We offer camping onsite at the VSBC. Cost is **\$20** per person per night. Children under 16 are free.

****The camping form and payment details are at the end of the driver pack.**

Heathcote Accommodation

Old Dairy Flat Rd, Heathcote VIC 3523

0417 315 880

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

Heathcote Queen Meadow Caravan Park

3 Barrack St, Heathcote VIC 3523

(03) 5433 2304

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

Union Hotel

171 High St, Heathcote VIC 3523

(03) 5433 2032

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

Race day information

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 and Sunday at **8am** sharp in the pits. Attendance is compulsory for all drivers. Non attendance may result in the driver not being able to compete in that day's events. Briefing will be conducted in front of the race tower.

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. Yellow cards may be issued for abuse of any official or volunteer.

Driver Interviews

We request that all drivers make themselves available to the commentators. This may include times when there is an extended break in the program or after major trophy races

Fuel

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

Fire Extinguishers

Fire extinguishers will be placed at various locations around the pit. Teams should carry their own fire extinguishers and have one at the ready during refuelling activities. Victorian Fire Brigade have advised that smoking or gas BBQs of any type will not be permitted to operate within the confines of the pits.

On water support and emergency response crews

Divers will be in attendance for 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 emergency personnel through your canopy release etc.

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.

Pit access information

The pit area is gated 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 10 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 in a seated position at the helm

No refuelling on the water. Refuelling is permitted in the pit area away from the launching ramps.

No dogs in the race pits (service dogs exempt). Registered VSBC member dogs are the only dogs allowed on site over the weekend

Scrutineering

All boats will be required to be scrutineered prior to racing.

Scrutineering will be available from 11am until 6pm on **Friday 9 January**.

Scrutineering on Saturday will be by prior arrangement with the VSBC. Contact Rob Bride if you will need to make an alternative time.

Technical Inspections

All boats require technical inspections prior to being allowed on the water, including for testing and practice runs.

Technical inspections will be available from 11am until 6pm on **Friday 9 January**.

No technical inspections will be carried out on Saturday or Sunday due to time restraints.

Turn buoys

Cost of repair of any damaged turn buoys will be invoiced (\$600 per buoy) to the team responsible for the damage.

Schedule

Saturday	Breath testing	6.30am – 8am
	Pits close	7.30am
	Duty boat safety briefing	7.30am
	Driver briefing	8.00am SHARP
	Racing commences	9.00am
	Racing concludes	5.30pm

Sunday	Breath testing	6.30am – 8am
	Pits close	7.30am
	Duty boat safety briefing	7.30am
	Driver briefing	8.00am SHARP
	Racing commences	9.00am
	Racing concludes	5.30pm
	Presentation and dinner	6.30pm

General Admission

Event entry fee: \$20 per adult each day. Under 16 free

Weekend pass: \$35 per adult for 2 days. Under 16 free

Camping fee: \$20 per night per adult. Under 16 free

*Camping form and payment details at the end of the driver pack

Presentation / Trophies

Sunday 11 January in the VSBC Club Rooms, commencing at 6:30pm after the completion of racing.

First, Second and Third trophies will be available for all classes.

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

Food and drink

The VSBC Clubhouse has a portable kiosk and licensed bar.

Dinner is available, please pre book to allow for catering.

Details about the menu will be posted on social media (the VSBC Facebook and Instagram pages) closer to the event.

TXT: 0421 969 805

Email: christinehoward872@yahoo.com.au

Bookings close **Monday 29 December**

Breakfast available each day via food trucks.

Disclaimer

All information is accurate at the time of printing. The VSBC reserves 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.

Driver entry form and payment

<https://forms.gle/dJbDLzwRzqEduico8>

Please only use the online form to enter. The last date to enter is **Sunday 4 January 2026**.

This form will be used by VSBC Admin to populate the APBA entry form and scrutineering form.

The form will be signed on the day.

Payment details are via Square after entering online, or via Direct Deposit.

Senior driver Fee **\$350**

Senior driver with crane levy Fee **\$550**

Formula Future Fee **\$70**

Camping form and payment

Race entrants will be sent an invoice for their entry, crane levy (if applicable) and camping fees once they have completed the entry link above.

If you are not a driver, contact racesecretary@vsbc.org.au for camping details.