



# Guidelines for Judging Classic Dinghies

## Introduction

The Lake Bonney Yacht Club is hosting and managing a regatta for classic and historic dinghies over the weekend of 06 and 07 March 2021. The Yacht Club is greatly assisted by the Barmera Visitor Information Centre and the local business community.

The Regatta exhibits examples of classic dinghies once sailed around Australian beaches and lakes. In applying the term "Classic" to the dinghies it is intended that they are not necessarily all wooden dinghies but played a role in the early development and evolution of dinghy sailing. The hulls would be of wooden or hybrid construction and made using materials and techniques used in the period of the dinghy. The rig and sails would also be of the type, material and sail plan of that time.

The Regatta is about the display of all types of classic sailing dinghies, both on the lake front and water, to enthusiasts and the general public. To bring attention to the specific qualities of the boats, and their history. The Yacht Club appreciates the generous support of the Sponsors.

## Requirements

To be eligible for awards a boat must meet the classic dinghy criteria below, enter and sail in one of the Regatta Races and one Social Sail.

The hull can be of wood or hybrid [wood and fibreglass / fibregalss] and using traditional construction techniques, or full fibreglass. The spars should be of period of the class. Sails should be of the period material.

## The Awards and Guidelines

The awards are in recognition to the winning boat owner in each of the two categories.

The judging guidelines are provided merely to give a clear delineation between the award categories that have been established.

It is understood that glues, paints and other finishes are now of a higher quality than when many of the classic dinghies were originally built and it is accepted that restorations and new builds will use these improved materials so long as they do not detract from the traditional appearance.

## Awards

Awards are given in the following categories:

### Best Sailing Dinghy in Original Condition

This would be an original boat [un-restored] from a specific class and may be a dinghy of historic significance, representative of its class. The dinghy could also be considered of historic significance. It is not expected the boat, rigging or sails would be in pristine condition and do not have to be original but indicative of the period.

### Best Presented Sailing Dinghy

Can be original or restored condition and a new build can be eligible if built using the traditional method and materials of its era.

### Race winners Trophies

Winners of Races 1 & 2 – line honours & handicap, First, Second and Third [based on Yardstick]