

THIS COULD BE YOU.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to sail at a national championship?

To meet girls from across Australia and New Zealand.

To spend a week doing what you love.
To feel like you truly belong in the sport.

This is that opportunity.

WHAT THIS PROGRAM REALLY IS



This program exists because many girls never get the chance to experience a national championship.



Not because they aren't capable.
But because they are told to wait.



Wait until they're better.
Wait until they've done more regattas.
Wait until they're "ready".



This program is built on a different idea.

WHAT IT'S REALLY LIKE

- ✓ A welcome ceremony and welcome pack
- ✓ A coach on land and on the water
- ✓ Meeting sailors and learning from people across the class
- ✓ Being part of a team from day one

They weren't just competing. They were supported, included, and part of something bigger.

You don't have to feel ready.

You just have to be ready to say yes. 



2027 ILCA OCEANIA & AUSTRALIAN OPEN & YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS



1-8 JANUARY 2027

SANDRINGHAM YACHT CLUB, MELBOURNE

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT

If you:

- Love sailing
- Show up and try
- Want to see what's next

You may be more ready than you think 

A DIFFERENT KIND OF EXPERIENCE




Big regattas can feel overwhelming. There are large fleets, new rules, measurement and experienced sailors.



This program helps ease that pressure



**YOU ARE THERE TO:
LEARN • TRY
• ASK QUESTIONS
• HAVE FUN**

“ I didn't think I was good enough. I was! ”
Matilda -
2026 QLD Solidarity 



TAKE THE STEP

Be part of the ILCA Oceania Youth Solidarity Program



WHO GETS SELECTED

- 1 sailor from each Australian State
- 2 sailors from New Zealand
- Additional sailors from Oceania

A small team.

A shared experience.



WHO THIS IS FOR

Girls aged 13–16 who:

- Sail ILCA 4
- Enjoy being on the water
- Want to try something new

THEN THIS IS FOR YOU!



HOW SELECTION REALLY WORKS

This is NOT about results.

Selectors are looking for: • effort • attitude • willingness to give it a go • sailors who will benefit from the experience.

Even if you haven't done many regattas or are still learning, this program may be exactly the opportunity for you

This program is designed for sailors who are:



- New to bigger regattas
- Still developing
- Ready for the experience, not perfection

What You Gain!



Confidence



Experience



Friendships



A Place in the Sport

GOOD TO KNOW!

- ✓ **Apply on time** - Applications must be submitted by the closing date. Late applications cannot be accepted.
- ✓ **Check the Selection Policy** - Selection follows the published Selection Policy through each State ILCA association.
- ✓ **Plan your support crew** - Sailors under 18 need parent/guardian consent and must be supervised by the responsible adult named on the consent form.

- ✓ **Use the supplied gear** - Performance Sailcraft ILCAs are provided fully rigged, including sails. Sailors must use the equipment provided.
- ✓ **Keep everyone informed** - Performance-limiting injury or illness must be reported before and after selection.
- ✓ **Arrive ready** - The program and boat access begin at 9:30 am on 1 January 2027 at Sandringham Yacht Club.

APPLY NOW!



SCAN TO:

- ✓ Apply
- ✓ FAQ
- ✓ Selection Policy
- ✓ Consent info



OR VISIT:

ilcaoceania.org/solidarity-program

APPLICATIONS OPEN SOON!

More information on eligibility, closing dates, the FAQ, and the Selection Policy will be available through the program link.



Every girl who has done this wondered if she was ready.

They were. So are you.



ILCA Oceania

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