



**2015 International 14 World  
Championships  
Geelong, Australia  
Invitation to I14 Sailors**



It is now less than 12 months until the start of the International 14 World Championships in Geelong, Australia and the excitement is building. Dates are now confirmed as starting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> through to the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2015. Australia is once again expecting 100 plus fourteens to take to the waters of Corio Bay and battle it out for the Team and Individual World Championships.

The venue is the Royal Geelong Yacht Club, home of the Festival of Sails, Victoria's oldest ongoing sporting event, and the largest annual keel boat regatta in the Southern Hemisphere. The Australian and Victorian fourteen fleets have had a number of major regattas at this venue, including State Titles and the 2007 International Skiff Regatta, where sailors from the 12ft, 14ft, 16ft and 18ft skiffs all came together at once for a spectacular once-in-a-lifetime regatta. The club is also hosting the 2014 Gill Melges 24 World Championship later this month.

The sailing conditions in Corio Bay are ideal for our boats with very flat water making for some exhilarating rides. Warm sea breezes are typical for January, although we are likely to get a range of good sailing conditions with something for everyone. The launching is off a protected and safe sandy beach adjacent to the club and marina with only a short sail to the racecourse.

Geelong has an abundance of accommodation, bars, cafes, restaurants and shopping within walking distance from the yacht club. Geelong is also only a stone's throw away from Torquay and Bells Beach, the Great Ocean Road, several wineries as well as numerous other attractions providing plenty of things to do for all our devoted friends and family who travel around with us while we pursue our chosen sport.

With plenty of great sailing, social activities and sights to see, we invite all members of the International14 sailing community to come and join us for great sailing, warm weather and of course lots of fun!

The 2015 Worlds Organising Committee.

