

AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW 2009

The Around The Bays Air Regatta

The Around The Bays Air Regatta is an aviation sporting event conducted in association with the Australian International Airshow to be held at Avalon on Thursday 12th March 2009. The Regatta is not a race but a fun event aimed at providing an opportunity for enthusiasts to share the experience and challenge of competing, socialising, generally enjoying the company of your fellow aviators and enjoying the sights and scenery around Melbourne's bays.

The Regatta will take the form of an observation trial and a test of your general and aviation knowledge. Passengers are welcome to act as observers ensuring that all participants contribute to the success of the flight. Pilots will be assessed for their airmanship and aviation skills in managing their aircraft. Marks will be deducted for late reporting.

The route to be flown will take you over the picturesque Melbourne bays: Avalon, Pt Lonsdale, Pt Nepean, Dromana, Cowes, Tankerton, Mt Eliza, Pt Ormond, Williamstown, Werribee Airfield, Barwon Prison and Avalon. For most this will be a flight of about 1 hour 30 min, and return you to the Airshow.

All Special Interest aircraft invitees and pilots of other light aircraft attending Airshow 2009 may participate. Those wishing to compete are asked to complete the registration form and forward it to the address below by no later than the 23rd February 2009. In particular it is essential that we have the full contact details of Pilot in Command. You are encouraged to enter the Regatta and enjoy the experience of flying in this most beautiful region. All turning points are shown on the Melbourne VTC and are subject to change. With the exception of the Avalon CTR the route is totally outside controlled and restricted airspace.

Questionnaires relating to the tasks for pilot and passengers will be distributed at the briefing prior to departure. Completed questionnaires must be submitted promptly at the conclusion of flying. Observation questions will relate to features along this route. Questionnaires should be completed as you proceed along the route.

Pre-flight and weather briefings will be held at Avalon at 0730 on Thursday 12th March. We recommend participants arrive at Avalon the day before. However we will accommodate those wishing to arrive on the Thursday no later than 0800. The Pilot in Command must attend the briefing and is responsible for ensuring that he/she is in possession of all written briefing material for the legs to be flown.

2009 Regatta Registration Form

NAME:.....AIRCRAFT TYPE..... REGO.....

Email :.....CONTACT No. at Avalon.....

Forward this form to Airshows Downunder at aliddington@amda.com.au
or PO Box 4095 Geelong VIC 3220.

Further details are available by calling **Harold Walton** on 0438 401 363