THE ROYAL YACHT CLUB OF TASMANIA

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



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DERWENT SAILING SQUADRON

RYCT Sailing Manager

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SECTION 1

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

1. RIVER DERWENT SAFETY FACILITIES AND PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO EVENTS CONDUCTED BY BYC, DSS AND RYCT

The CC Committee has identified several issues and risks related to on-water incidents, and the need for communication with emergency services.

The most important point of contact should be where Emergency Services have the highest likelihood of communicating with someone who can provide First Aid or is in the immediate vicinity of any person injured on the water.

The ability to directly communicate with Emergency Services should be the first point of contact, with subsequent follow-up with the host club to ensure ease of passage for emergency vehicles.

1.1. CRISIS SAFETY PLAN

1.1.1 The CC has a joint planned procedure that will apply should an emergency occur during a race.

1.1.2 If the RO decides that a situation warrants assistance, the RO will direct a previously designated boat, or boats, to the rescue work. A boat acting under RO's instructions may display code flag D and must be given complete clearance by all other vessels.

1.2. PROCEDURE

The following should be used by those conducting or involved in activities on-water.

i. Where possible, communications with Emergency Services should occur directly from those attending a person who is injured or in need to medical support. This means that, if possible, a person with the injured person should dial 000 and remain on the line until advised otherwise. If there is any doubt that Emergency Services have been contacted, additional contact should be made.

a. **EMERGENCY PICK UP POINT**: Should a boat require emergency medical assistance; the RO may direct boats to a nominated meeting point for Emergency Services at:

- The Kangaroo Bay Ferry Terminal adjacent to the Waterfront Hotel
- MAST floating dock at King's Pier Marina – Elizabeth Pier, Hobart
- Unless specific alternative arrangements are notified by the Emergency Services.

b. If there is a need for an alternative pickup location is needed, this should be communicated subsequently with the RO via the Race Frequency.

c. Once direct communication with Emergency Services is underway, contact must be made with the RO via the Race Frequency at the earliest possible opportunity.

d. It is important to provide the following to the Emergency Services.

- The injured person's name, nature of the injury, and any developing information; and
- what is the response plan from those attending i.e. bringing the person to shore at speed, slowly bringing them ashore to prevent further injury etc.

e. Following any incident, a report or declaration **must** be completed, and a debrief may be conducted with those attending and any relevant parties by the host club representative.

- **DECLARATION FORM** – This should be completed where a rule is NOT observed during racing.
- **INCIDENT FORM** - as required by the Marine and Safety (Maritime Incidents) Regulations 2017 – see below

f. It is a requirement under the Marine and Safety (Maritime Incidents) Regulations 2017 that incidents involving recreational vessels must report to MAST. The MAST Incident Report Form outlines reportable incidents: https://mast.tas.gov.au/safe-boating/emergencies-incidents/

1.3. RADIO MONITORING: Individual clubs will monitor radio communications on their race day.

1.4. SEEKING ASSISTANCE: A boat seeking assistance may do so by:

- Using a radio - CALL on VHF Race Channel or VHF Channel 16.
- Using a mobile phone Emergency Services on 000
- Displaying a standard distress sheet.
- By a crew member hand signalling by continually raising both arms above the head and lowering to the sides at five second intervals, or a flag or other object on a spar waved from side to side through an arc of 30 degrees either side of the vertical at five second intervals.
- Use of flares.
- A crew in water shall signal by one arm raised above the head for three seconds at five second intervals.
- When a boat is in difficulty with its sails lowered, some highly visible article such as an orange or yellow garment should be hoisted on a halyard as an aid to visibility to rescue crew.

1.5. PERSONAL BUOYANCY: when Committee Boats or start boxes display Code Flag Y alone with one (1) sound signal before or with the Warning Signal approved life jackets shall be worn while racing by all competitors. Code Flag Y displayed ashore on the Club's main flag mast shall mean that approved life jackets shall be worn by all competitors at all times while afloat. See RRS 40 and Race Signals.

1.6. OFFICIAL PATROL BOAT DISCRETION: Official Patrol Boats shall use their own discretion as to necessary action in rescue operations except when the RO issues a specific overriding instruction.

2. PENNANT CHAMPIONSHIPS AND OTHER SERIES

Races in a series and races to be scored for a boat's series score are detailed in the SI's for each series.

2.1. PENNANTS OR SERIES PRIZES

2.1.1 Shall be awarded on the following basis:

- In PHS Handicap Groups to the boat gaining the least number of points for placings using TCFs.
- In One Design Groups to the boat gaining the least number of points for placings across the line.
- In ORC Groups, to the boat gaining the least number of points for placings using ORC allowances.

2.1.2 **BYC Pennants Groups 1 to 3** will be awarded to boats owned by Senior or Life members of the Bellerive Yacht Club, based on the results from the Combined Clubs Series and BYC Centenary Race - 14th November, using the scoring provisions outlined in the Notices of Race. The BYC Sailing Committee reserves the right to determine all matters relating to the awarding of BYC Pennants.

BYC Pennants Groups 4 will be awarded to boats owned by Senior or Life members of the Bellerive Yacht Club, based on the results from the 2 Races of the Combined Clubs Series, BYC Centenary Race - 14th November and 2 Races of the Friday Twilight Series one of which is expected to be run south of the bridge, using the scoring provisions outlined in the Notices of Race. The BYC Sailing Committee reserves the right to determine all matters relating to the awarding of BYC Pennants.

2.1.3 **RYCT Pennants** will be awarded to Full (or equivalent) members of The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania based on the overall series results from the Combined Clubs Series, in accordance with the scoring provisions outlined in the respective Notice of Race. The RYCT Sailing Committee reserves the right to determine all matters relating to the awarding of the RYCT Pennant.

2.1.4 **The Derwent Sailing Squadron (DSS) Pennant** will be awarded to boats owned by Full (or equivalent) Members of the Derwent Sailing Squadron, based on the overall series results of the Combined Club Summer Series, in accordance with the scoring provisions of the applicable Notice of Race.

The DSS Sailing Committee reserves the right to include additional Derwent Sailing Squadron race(s) conducted during the 2026–27 season in the scoring of the DSS Pennant. Any additional race(s) that count towards the DSS Pennant will be identified in the Notice of Race for the relevant event.

SECTION 2
COMBINED CLUBS SATURDAY SERIES

The notation [NP] in a rule of the sailing instructions (SI's) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)

1.2. **SAFETY CATEGORIES** – Division 1 and 2 will be Category 5 except that a permanently installed VHF Radio is mandatory. This changes AS SR Part 1 3.25.1 (b)(iii). Division 3 and 4 will be Category 7. In all cases AS SR Section 5, 5.01.1 (j) (on a boat without lifelines complying with 3.12, a lifejacket complying with 5.01.1(i), shall be worn by each member of the crew while on deck) shall apply.

1.3. **ANCHORS** - While racing boats shall not allow deck-stowed anchors to protrude outside of the hull limits. Anchors which are stowed as an integral part of the bowsprit and whose shaft is secured within a slot on the boat are permitted.

1.4. [NP] **NUMBER OF CREW** - All boats are to carry a sufficient number of crew as per NoR 1.4. Requests for dispensation from the requirements of NoR 1.4 must be submitted to the Organising Authority (OA) at least 48 hours prior to the first Warning Signal of the Series or, for casual entries, 48 hours before the first Warning Signal of each race day. Boats failing to comply will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the Series or the respective race in the case of casual entries. This modifies RRS A5.1. Boats granted dispensation to sail two handed may use autohelm devices. This changes RRS 52.

1.5. STARTING AND FINISHING LINE PENALTIES

1.5.1. After a Warning Signal has been made, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made. Boats who have finished shall keep clear of the finishing line and boats which are yet to finish.

1.5.2. Boats shall not sail through any starting or finishing line except when starting or finishing correctly or as required by the SI's.

1.5.3. Boats shall not sail through the starting or finishing line of other sailing events.

1.5.4. The starting or finishing lines referred to in 1.5.2 and 1.5.3 shall be designated obstructions in accordance with the definitions of the RRS.

1.5.5. A boat committing a breach of 1.5.2 or 1.5.3 while boats are in a starting sequence or finishing on that starting or finishing line, as reported by the race committee conducting the start or finish, will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.

1.5.6. A boat committing a breach of 1.5.2 or 1.5.3 when boats are not in a starting sequence or finishing shall be penalised by having two (2) minutes added to their elapsed time without a hearing. This Changes RRS A5.1.

1.6. **TIME LIMIT** - The time limit will be 18:30. Boats that have not then finished will be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF) without a hearing. This changes Rule 35 and A5.1.

2. CREW DECLARATION

2.1 For each day of racing a boat shall submit a Crew Declaration via TOPYACHT before its warning signal. The Crew Declaration shall confirm that the boat intends to race and shall include required details of persons on board as follows:

i Name;

ii Contact phone number; and

iii Australian Sailing Number in accordance with SI 2.3.

2.2 [NP] Boats that do not comply with SI 2.1. will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the relevant race. This changes RRS A5.1.

2.3 All crew members must comply with the AS Prescription to RRS 46, all participating crew members shall be a member of a club affiliated to Australian Sailing or hold a valid SailPass.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to these SIs will be posted on the online Official Notice Board by 17:00 on the Friday before the race. Copies of notices may be placed on the notice board of the club assigned to conduct the race.

4. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

4.1. All competitors shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 14 for announcements by the Race Committee. Competitors should also monitor VHF Channel 16 at all times.

4.2. The Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of OCS boats and/or other information of interest to competitors. Failure to notify individual recalls by radio shall not be grounds for redress.

5. CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Groups 1 and 2 may have up to two (2) races on each race day. It is not intended to run any short course windward leeward racing.

6.2 Group 3 and 4 will have one (1) race on each day.

6.3 There will be no warning signal after 16:00

RACE	DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START	FINISH	VHF Channel
Day 1	Saturday	10 Oct 2026	BYC	Midriver	Midriver	VHF Channel 14
Day 2	Saturday	31 Oct 2026	RYCT	Midriver	Midriver	VHF Channel 14
Day 3	Saturday	28 Nov 2026	DSS	Midriver	Midriver	VHF Channel 14
Day 4	Saturday	13 Feb 2027	BYC	Midriver	Midriver	VHF Channel 14
Day 5	Saturday	27 Feb 2027	RYCT	Midriver	Midriver	VHF Channel 14
Day 6	Saturday	20 Mar 2027	DSS	Midriver	Midriver	VHF Channel 14

If a race day is unable to proceed due to poor weather conditions, the Combined Clubs Committee will endeavour to schedule a resail on a suitable day.

7. GROUPS

The Combined Clubs Series will be conducted in allocated groups. The Race Committee will allocate boats according to size, known performance and TCF handicaps (where known). The composition of each group will be displayed on each club's notice board and be available from 16:00 on the Friday before the first race of the series.

8. FIRST WARNING SIGNAL TIMES & GROUP IDENTIFIERS

Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.

GROUP	WARNING SIGNAL	GROUP NUMERAL
Group 1	13:25	1
Group 2	13:30	2
Group 3	13:35	3
Group 4	13:45	4

9. STARTING AREA, STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

9.1 STARTING LINE – MIDRIVER

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and a yellow inflatable buoy.

The Committee Boat will be moored in an area bounded by a line between Castray Esplanade and Kangaroo Bluff to the north and Crayfish Point and Trywork Point to the south. The name of the Committee Boat for the day will be posted on the start list. It will be standing by on VHF Channel 14 if competitors require directions to the starting line.

9.2 FINISHING LINE – MIDRIVER

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and a black and white chequered buoy.

10. STARTING TIMES AND STARTING INSTRUCTIONS

10.1. After each start there may be a 30 second time lag in the displaying of the new Group identifier and course flag/course board but the time for the succeeding Group shall be taken from the signal indicating the start of the previous Group. This changes RRS 26.

10.2. Competitors may be advised of starting procedure signals on VHF Channel 14.

10.3. **Note**: Boats should not transmit on VHF Channel 14 whilst a starting sequence is in progress except in an emergency.

11. SHORTENING COURSE

Should the Race Committee decide to shorten course, Code flag S will be displayed on the Race Committee Boat. This will be accompanied by two (2) sound signals and shall apply to all Groups unless group numeral signals are displayed, in which case it shall apply only to those Groups whose signal is displayed.

12. COURSE SIGNALS

12.1. Courses will be indicated by course boards displayed on the Race Committee Boat.

12.2. A windward **laid mark (mark 1)** may be laid as the first mark of the course after the start. This mark will be an orange inflatable buoy and if deployed will be laid approximately to windward at a distance of approximately 2.0 or more nautical miles from the starting line. The direction of rounding the windward mark will be indicated on the Race Committee Boat – green for starboard rounding and red for port rounding. If no signal is made, this mark is deleted from the course. The deployment or non-deployment of this mark may be advised by VHF Channel 14. Failure to advise will not be grounds for redress.

13. RACING AREA

The Combined Clubs Series will be sailed on the River Derwent, Storm Bay and D'Entrecasteaux Channel.

14. COURSES

14.1. LAID MARK COURSES – REFER DIAGRAM BELOW

ALL MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO PORT UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

Boats shall only pass through the starting or finishing line when required to do so by the course description.

COURSE

01 Start → 1A → 2 → 3 → Finish → 1A → 3 → Finish

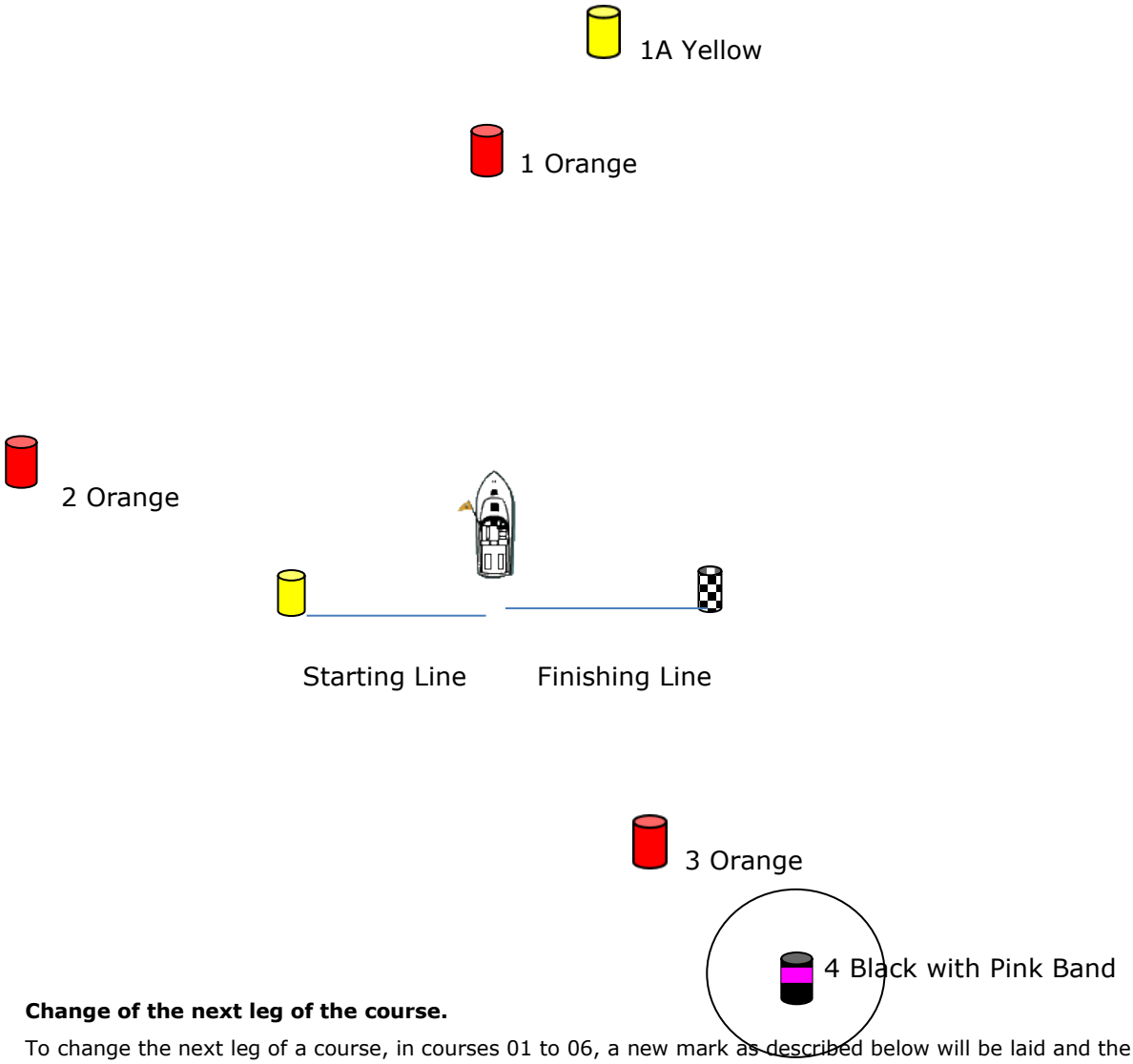
02 Start → 1 → 2 → 3 → Finish →1 → 3 → Finish

03 Start → 1A → 3 → Finish →1A → 3 → Finish

04 Start → 1 → 3 → Finish →1 → 3 → Finish

05 Start → 1A → 3 → Finish

06 Start → 1 → 3 → Finish



Change of the next leg of the course.

To change the next leg of a course, in courses 01 to 06, a new mark as described below will be laid and the original mark will be removed as soon as practicable.

The new mark for Mark 1A will be a yellow mark with a black band. The new mark for Mark 1 will be an orange mark with a black band.

In a subsequent change of course the new mark/s will be replaced with the original mark/s.

14.2. FIXED AND LAID MARK COURSES – REFER COURSE CARDS.

NOTE: SI 12.2 allows for a windward mark to be laid as the first mark of the course. Refer SI 12.2

ALL MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO PORT UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

		APPROX. DISTANCE NM
07	Start → Laid Mark (refer SI 12.2) → P → H → 3 → Finish → P → 3 → Finish	10.3
08	Start → Laid Mark (refer SI 12.2) → T → H → 3 → Finish → T → 3 → Finish	14.3
09	Start → Laid Mark (refer SI 12.2) → T → H → 3 → Finish → P →3 → Finish	12.5
10	Start → Laid Mark (refer SI 12.2) → C → H → C → P →3 → Finish	13.8
11	Start → Laid Mark (refer SI 12.2) → R → 3 → Finish → T → 3 → Finish	16.5
12	Start → Laid Mark (refer SI 12.2) → R → 3 → Finish → P → 3 → Finish	17.0
13	Start → Laid Mark (refer SI 12.2) → ZC → H → ZC →3 → Finish	16.8
14	Start → Laid Mark (refer SI 12.2) → Q → 3 → Finish → G → 3 → Finish	20.1
15	Start → Laid Mark (refer SI 12.2) → C → 3 → Finish → C → 3 → Finish → G → 3 → Finish	16.3
16	Start → Laid Mark (refer SI 12.2) → ZC → R → 3 →Finish	12.0

COURSES 17 – 33 – SHALL BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO STARBOARD UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

		APPROX. DISTANCE NM
17	Start → Laid Mark (refer SI 12.2) → R → ZC → 3 (to port) → Finish	12.0
18	Start → Laid Mark (refer SI 12.2) → H → T → C →3 (to port) → Finish	09.0
19	Start → Laid Mark (refer SI 12.2) → PH → 3 (to port) → Finish → G →3 (to port) → Finish	19.0
20	Ralphs Bay – John Garrow mark - Ralphs Bay Start → Laid Mark (refer SI 12.2) → R → G → R → 3 (to port) → Finish	16.6
21	Pigeon Holes & Blackmans Bay Start → Laid Mark (refer SI 12.2) → PH → Q → 3 (to port) → Finish	16.9
22	White Rock – John Garrow mark – White Rock Start → Laid Mark (refer SI 12.2) → WR → G → WR →3 (to port) → Finish	18.7
23	Seacroft Bay Start → Laid Mark (refer SI 12.2) → S → 3 (to port) → Finish	19.4
24	Seacroft Bay & Blackmans Bay Start → Laid Mark (refer SI 12.2) → S → Q → 3 (to port) → Finish	20.9
25	Ralphs Bay & Piersons Point Start → Laid Mark (refer SI 12.2) → R → K → 3 (to port) → Finish	21.5
26	Pigeon Holes, John Garrow mark & White Rock Start → Laid Mark (refer SI 12.2) → PH → G → WR → 3 (to port) → Finish	22.2
27	Blackmans Bay, Ralphs Bay & Blackmans Bay Start→Laid Mark(refer SI 12.2)→Q (to Port)→R (to Port)→Q (to Starboard)→3 (to port)→Finish	24.2
28	Seacroft Bay, Blackmans Bay & Seacroft Bay Start → Laid Mark (refer SI 12.2) → S → Q → S (Port) → 3 (to port) → Finish	27.4
29	Bull Bay Start → Laid Mark (refer SI 12.2) → BB → 3 (to port) → Finish	24.8
30	Bligh Point – Channel Race Start → Laid Mark (refer SI 12.2) → E (to Port) → 3 (to port) → Finish	25.4
31	Little Betsey Island Start → Laid Mark (refer SI 12.2) → Little Betsey Island → 3 (to port) → Finish	28.4
32	Yellow Bluff Start → Laid Mark (refer SI 12.2) → Y → 3 (to port) → Finish	28.7
33	Black Jack Rocks Start → Laid Mark (refer SI 12.2) → Black Jack Rocks →3 (to port) → Finish	29.0

14.3. COURSES 34 – 38 FOR DIVISION 4 JIB AND MAIN CRUISING DIVISION

COURSES 34 – 36 – SHALL BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO PORT UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

34	Start → J → M → JGL → P → 4 → Finish
35	Start → JGL → P → H → B1 → WP→ M → 4 → Finish
36	Start → T → H → WP (to starboard) → J → 4 → Finish

COURSES 37 – 38 – SHALL BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO STARBOARD UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

37	Start → H → T → JGL → M → J → 4 (to port) → Finish
38	Start → J → B2 → T → WP → 4 (to port) → Finish

15. MARKS – POSITIONS, BEARING AND DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE ONLY

1	Orange inflatable buoy laid directly to windward of the Committee Boat
1A	Yellow inflatable buoy laid directly to windward of the Committee Boat
2	Orange inflatable buoy laid as per diagram in 14.1
3	Orange inflatable buoy laid directly to leeward of the Committee Boat
4	Black with a Pink band inflatable buoy laid offset to mark 3 (as per 14.1 above). The bouy may be moved within 0.3 NM circle from that position.
B1	Yellow permanent mark 0.5 NM SE, Kangaroo Bluff (BYC1 Permanent).
B2	Yellow permanent mark 1.2 NM SSE of Kangaroo Bluff (BYC2 Permanent).
BB	Yellow inflatable buoy 0.3 NM E of Bull Bay Point (~43 05.4'S 147 22.9'E).
C	Yellow inflatable buoy approximately 0.5 NM E of Cartwright Point. The buoy may be moved within 0.5 NM circle from that position.
E	Yellow inflatable buoy 0.4 NM W of Bligh Point.
G	Orange inflatable buoy with a black band 0.3 NM E of John Garrow Light. The buoy may be moved within 0.3 NM circle from that position.
H	Orange permanent float mark 0.25 NM SW of Howrah Point.
J	Yellow permanent mark 0.1 NM NE of Gumpowder Jetty (Government House Permanent).
JGL	John Garrow Light.
K	Orange inflatable buoy 0.5 NM NE of Piersons Point (~43 02.9'S 147 21.0'E).
M	Yellow permanent mark 0.1 NM NNE of Maning Reef.
P	Yellow permanent float mark 0.5 NM SW of Punch's Reef.
PH	Yellow inflatable buoy 0.6 NM WNW of The Pigeon Holes (~43 00.3'S 147 23.1'E). The buoy may be moved within 0.3 NM circle from that position.
Q	Orange inflatable buoy 0.3 NM E of the northern end of Blackmans Bay (~43.00.03'S 147 20.26'E). The buoy may be moved within 0.3 NM circle from that position.
R	Orange inflatable buoy in Ralphs Bay 0.8 NM SSE of Droughty Point (~42 57.2'S 147 25.5'E). The buoy may be moved within 0.5 NM circle from that position.
S	Orange inflatable buoy in Seacroft Bay midway between Johns Point and Cape Deliverance (~43 02.5'S 147 24.3'E).
T	Orange permanent float mark 0.4 NM SW of Tranmere Point.
WP	White pyramid permanent mark 150m E of Wrest Point.
WR	Orange inflatable buoy laid 0.5 NM from, and within an arc, NW to SW of White Rock.
Y	Orange inflatable buoy 0.5 NM North of Yellow Bluff (~43 07. 2'S 147 24.0'E).
ZC	Yellow inflatable buoy 0.4 NM SE of Crayfish Point. The buoy may be moved within 0.3 NM circle from that position.

16. HANDICAPS

16.1 Competitors in the Combined Clubs Series will have a PHS handicap. The Handicap Committee will set the handicaps before the first race of the series, and these may be adjusted after each race. The Race Committee's choice of handicap is final and shall not be grounds for protest.

16.2 The Race Committee may, subject to minimum entry requirements as per SI 21.3, provide an ORCc result.

16.3 Boats entering ORCc must have a current, valid audited ORCc certificate or a current, valid ORCi certificate. The Single Number Scoring Option, All Purpose (AP) Time on Time will be used for scoring.

17. RESULTS

17.1. Official provisional result sheets will be posted on the Combined Clubs website as soon as practical following the race. The time of posting thereof will be shown on the result sheet. Results may be posted on each club's Notice Board as soon as possible after the race.

17.2. Races will be scored based on PHS handicaps and ORC ratings.

18. SCORING. RRS A2.2 does not apply.

18.1. MINIMUM NUMBER OF RACES

Two (2) races are required to be scored to constitute a series.

18.2. SERIES SCORE – All groups RRS A5.3. will apply.

18.2.1 When fewer than six (6) races have been scored, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

18.2.2 When six (6) or more races have been scored, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18.3. Boats wishing to compete in World Sailing or Australian Sailing sanctioned World and or National Championships and associated delivery during the Combined Clubs Sailing Season 2026-27 may apply to the Combined Clubs Committee to be awarded average points for a nominated race in the Series. If the application to the Combined Clubs Committee is successful, then this changes RRS 61 and average points will be calculated as per RRS Appendix A9 (a).

19. PROTESTS

Protests must be lodged at the BYC, DSS or RYCT within two (2) hours of the last boat finishing in the last race of the day or the Race Committee signalling 'No More Racing Today'. The protest will be heard at a time determined by the Protest Committee.

20. PRIZES

20.1. A Series Prize will be awarded to the first boat in each Combined Clubs Series Group.

20.2. Additional prizes may be awarded but the OA reserve the right to vary the number of prizes awarded based on the number of entries as follows:

- Three (3) to Five (5) entries 1st prize
- Six (6) or more entries 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes

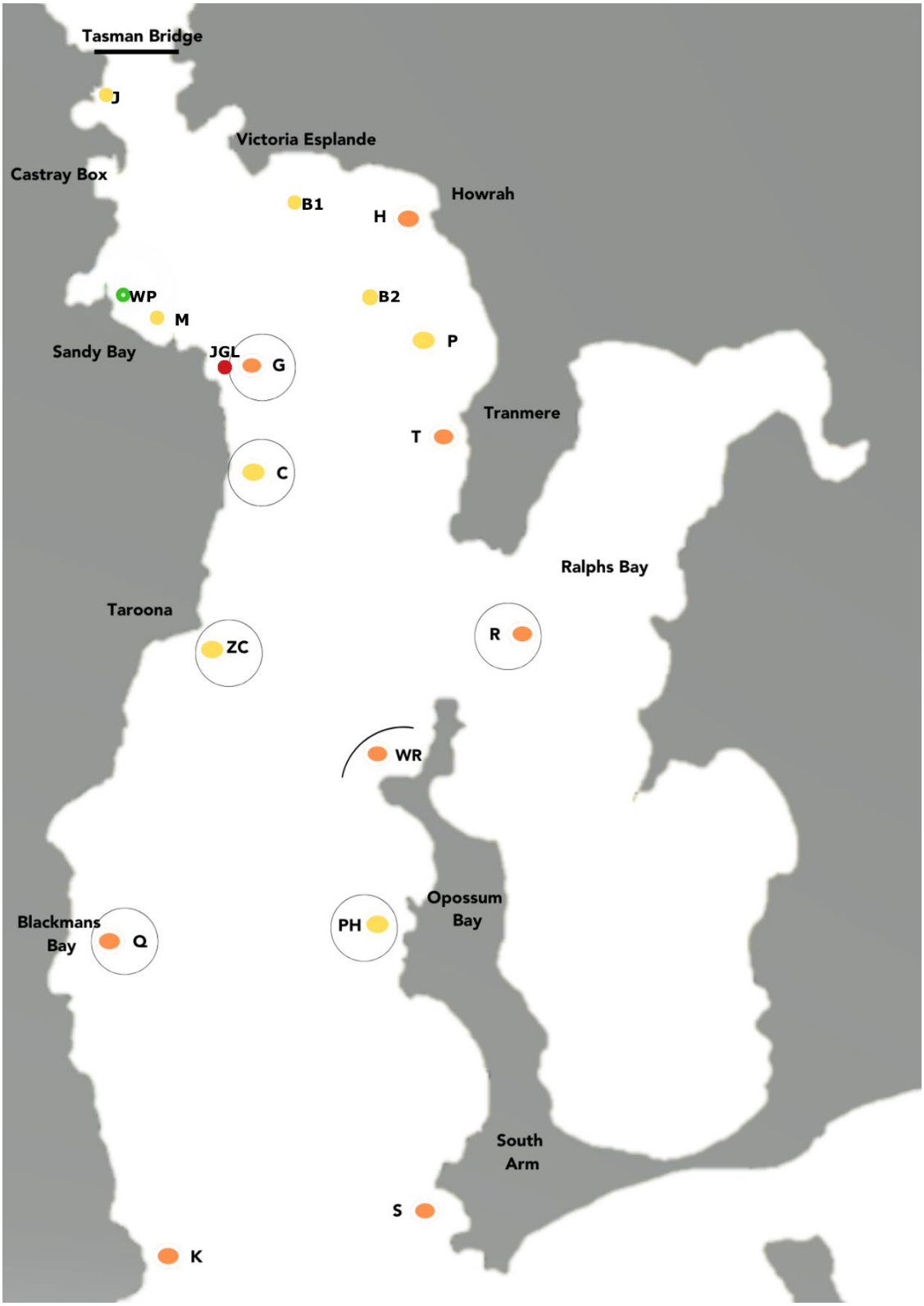
20.3. A minimum of three (3) entries are required to constitute a Group.

20.4. Individual race day prizes may be awarded by the Host Club after the race.

21. RETIREMENTS

Any boat retiring shall report the fact to the Race Committee as soon as possible.

SECTION 2 COMBINED CLUBS COURSE MAP



Disclaimer: note map not to scale positions are approximate only.

SECTION 3

COMBINED CLUBS MIDWEEK RACING

The notation [NP] in a rule of the sailing instructions (SI's) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

1.1. Midweek Racing will be governed by the current version of the rules, as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing found HERE including except as amended by this NoR and/or the Sailing Instructions (SI),

1.2. The Midweek Racing will be sailed on the River Derwent and will be Category 7. In all cases AS SR Section 5, 5.01.1 (j) (on a boat without lifelines complying with 3.12, a lifejacket complying with 5.01.1(i), shall be worn by each member of the crew while on deck) shall apply.

1.3. Under World Sailing Development Rule DR21-01, change the definition *Start* as follows:

- **Start** A boat *starts* when it's hull having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line and having complied with rule 30.1, if it applies, any part of its hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side either;
  a. at or after it's starting signal; or
  b. during the last minute before the starting signal.
- When a boat starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition *Start*, it may return to the pre-start side of the line to comply with item (a) of the definition of *Start*, if it does not the starting penalty shall be: 2 minutes added to its elapsed time.

1.4. **ANCHORS** - While racing, boats shall not allow deck-stowed anchors to protrude outside of the hull limits. Anchors which are stowed as an integral part of the bowsprit and whose shaft is secured within a slot on the boat are permitted.

1.5. The minimum number of adult crew members to be on board is two (2). Crews on boats sailing two-handed shall wear a suitable PFD whilst racing. The OA recommends that all crew wear a lifejacket at all times.

1.6. Only a mainsail, mizzen and headsails as defined in the RRS 55.4 shall be used. Headsails shall not be set flying. No sail shall be set forward of a point of attachment of the permanent forestay.

1.7. **TIME LIMIT** - The time limit for the Midweek Racing 1-3 will be 16:30.
Boats that have not then finished will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes Rule 35 and A5.1.

2. CREW DECLARATION

2.1 For each race a boat shall submit a Crew Declaration via TOPYACHT before their warning signal. The Crew Declaration shall confirm that the boat intends to race and shall include required details of persons on board as follows:

i Name;

ii Contact phone number; and

iii Australian Sailing Number in accordance with SI 2.3.

2.2. [NP] Boats that do not comply with SI 2.1 will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the relevant race. This changes RRS A5.1.

2.3. All crew members must comply with the AS Prescription to RRS 46. All participating crew members shall be a member of a club affiliated to Australian Sailing or hold a valid SailPass.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Will be posted on the online Official Notice Board. In unforeseen circumstances competitors may be advised on VHF Channel 14 of any change to the SI's before the warning signal of each Group.

4. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

4.1. The official noticeboard for each race will be the online Official Notice Board. Copies of notices may be placed on the noticeboard of the Club assigned to conduct the race and other Club's notice boards as soon as practical before and following a race.

4.2. All competitors shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 14 for announcements by the Race Committee.

4.3. The Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of OCS boats and/or other information of interest to competitors.

5. CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Midweek Racing One

RACE	DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START
Day 1	Wednesday	07 Oct 2026	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 2	Wednesday	14 Oct 2026	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 3	Wednesday	21 Oct 2026	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 4	Wednesday	28 Oct 2026	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 5	Wednesday	04 Nov 2026	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 6	Wednesday	11 Nov 2026	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 7	Wednesday	18 Nov 2026	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 8	Wednesday	25 Nov 2026	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 9	Wednesday	02 Dec 2026	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 10	Wednesday	09 Dec 2026	DSS	Castray Esplanade
		16 Dec 2026	*DSS*	*Luncheon*

Midweek Racing Two

RACE	DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START
Day 1	Wednesday	06 Jan 2027	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 2	Wednesday	13 Jan 2027	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 3	Wednesday	20 Jan 2027	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 4	Wednesday	27 Jan 2027	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 5	Wednesday	03 Feb 2027	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 6	Wednesday	10 Feb 2027	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 7	Wednesday	17 Feb 2027	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 8	Wednesday	24 Feb 2027	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 9	Wednesday	03 Mar 2027	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 10	Wednesday	10 Mar 2027	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
		17 Mar 2027	*BYC*	*Luncheon*

Midweek Racing Three

RACE	DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START
Day 1	Wednesday	24 Mar 2027	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 2	Wednesday	31 Mar 2027	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 3	Wednesday	07 Apr 2027	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 4	Wednesday	14 Apr 2027	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 5	Wednesday	21 Apr 2027	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 6	Wednesday	28 Apr 2027	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 7	Wednesday	05 May 2027	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 8	Wednesday	12 May 2027	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 9	Wednesday	19 May 2027	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 10	Wednesday	26 May 2027	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
		02 Jun 2027	RYCT	*Luncheon*

7. GROUPS

Midweek Racing will be conducted in allocated groups. The Race Committee will allocate boats according to size, known performance and speed (where known). The composition of each Group and allocated start times will be displayed on each club's notice board and will be available from 12:00 on the day of the race.

8. STARTING AREA, STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

8.1 **For DSS** & **RYCT** - the starting and finishing lines will be between the main flagpole on the Castray Box and Mark O (Yellow inflatable buoy) laid approximately Northeast of the Castray Box.

8.2 **For BYC** - the starting and finishing line will be between the flagpole on the BYC Victoria Esplanade Box and Mark A (a black and white chequered inflatable buoy) approximately West of the BYC Victoria Esplanade Box.

9. STARTING TIMES AND STARTING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1 Boats will be divided into starting groups with the slowest group of boats commencing first, with progressively faster groups of boats starting at five (5) minute intervals. All boats will be given individual handicaps, and the time offset of the start taken into account to arrive at a single corrected time result for the fleet.

9.2 A sound signal will be made 10 minutes before the scheduled start of the first boat(s). This amends RRS 26.

9.3 A sound signal will be made, and a course board will be displayed five (5) minutes before the start of the first Group.

9.4 A sound signal will be made to indicate the start of the first Group at 13:30.

9.5 At five (5) minute intervals after the start of the first Group a sound signal will be made indicating the start of following Groups which may be one or more boats.

10. SHORTENING COURSE

10.1. Should the Race Committee decide to shorten course, Code flag S will be displayed on the start box flagpole. This will be accompanied by two (2) sound signals and means that boats shall finish at the end of that lap by crossing the finishing line from the course side. The Race Committee may give verbal instructions via VHF Channel 14.

10.2. In order to achieve a result, the Race Officer may give directions on VHF Channel 14 which may vary the length of the course or race instructions.

11. COURSES

11.1 RYCT/DSS COURSES

DSS/RYCT COURSES A – R - MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO STARBOARD

A	Start → N → O → D → O → D → Finish
B	Start → N → O → N → O → D → Finish
C	Start → D → O → D → O → D → Finish
D	Start → N → M → O → N → M → O → D → Finish
E	Start → N → M → O → N → O → D → Finish
F	Start → N → WP → O → D → WP → O → D → WP → Finish
G	Start → D → M → O → D → M → O → D → M → Finish
H	Start → M → O → M → O → M → Finish
I	Start → JGL → N → M → WP → O → D → O → D → Finish
J	Start → D (to Port) → B1→ N → O → M → Finish
K	Start → D (to Port) → B1→ M → O → D → M → Finish
L	Start → B1→ D → O → B1→ D → O → D → Finish
M	Start → B1→ WP → O → D → WP → O → D → WP → Finish
N	Start → B1→ B2 → D → O → D → Finish
O	Start → B2 → O → D → O → D → Finish

P Start → B2 → N → O → D → O → D → Finish

Q Start → B2 → JGL → O → D → O → D → Finish

R Start → JGL → O → D → O → D → Finish

DSS/RYCT COURSES – S - Z - MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO PORT

S Start → M → N → O → M → N → O → M → N → Finish

T Start → WP → M → D → O → WP → M → D → O → WP → M → D → Finish

U Start → N → B1→ O → D → O → D→ Finish

V Start → D → B1→ J → O → D → O → D → Finish

W Start → D → B1→ O → D → B1→ O → D → Finish

X Start → WP → JGL → B2 → B1→ O → D → Finish

Y Start → JGL → B2 → O → D → O → D → Finish

Z Start → B2 → B1→ O → D → O → D → Finish

11.2 ADDITIONAL UPRIVER COURSES

When sailing under Tasman Bridge all boats must pass through the Illawarra Span. To avoid contact with the bridge a boat may use an engine to navigate under the bridge provided the boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race.

DSS/RYCT COURSES 01 – 11 - MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO STARBOARD UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE IN COURSE DESCRIPTION

01 Start → SP → BP → through Starting/Finishing line → D → O → D → Finish

02 Start → BP → through Starting/Finishing line → D → O → D → Finish

03 Start → SP → through Starting/Finishing line → D → O → D → Finish

04 Start → J → B2 → O(to Port) → D → O(to Port) → D → Finish

05 Start → J → B1→ N → O → D → O → D → Finish

06 Start → J → B1→ O→ B1→ O → B1→ Finish

07 Start →J → D → O → D → Finish

08 Start →J → D → M → O → D → M → Finish

09 Start → Z → D → WP → O → Z → D → WP → O → Z → D → WP → Finish

10 Start → Z → B1 → WP → O → Z → D → WP → O → Z → D → WP → Finish

11 Start → D → WP → O → D → WP → O → D → WP → Finish

DSS/RYCT COURSES 12 – 15 - MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO PORT

12 Start → BP → SP → O → WP → D → Finish

13 Start → RB → BP → O → D → O → D → Finish

14 Start →RB → SP → O → D → O → D → Finish

15 Start → M → D → J → O → M → D → Finish

11.3 BYC COURSES

BYC COURSES 20 – 26 - MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO STARBOARD

20 Start → N → WP → A → N → WP → Finish

21 Start → N → J → A → D → Finish

22 Start → B2 → N → A → B1 → Finish

23 Start → B1 → R → A → B1 → R → A → B1 → Finish

24 Start → H → B2 → A → B1 → Finish

25 Start → H → N → M → WP → J → Finish

26 Start → H → P → B1 → B2 → Finish

BYC COURSES 26 – 41 - MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO PORT unless otherwise indicated in course description.

27 Start → N → A → D → Finish

28 Start → N → B2 → A → B2 → Finish

29 Start → N → B2 → A → N → Finish

30 Start → H → A → B1 → A → B1 → Finish

31 Start → J → B2 → A → J → B1 → Finish

32 Start → J → B1 → A → J → B1 → Finish

33 Start → J → D → B1 → A → J → B1 → Finish

34 Start → B1 → J → B1 → A → J → Finish

35 Start → D → B2 → A → D → Finish

36 Start → B2 → A → B2 → Finish

37 Start → B2 → A → B1 → Finish

38 Start → B2 → H → A → B2→ Finish

39 Start → B2 → H → A → B1→ Finish

40 Start → SP → through Starting/Finishing line leaving A to Starboard → B1 → Finish

41 Start → B2 → P → H → B1→ B2→ Finish

When sailing under Tasman Bridge all boats must pass through the Illawarra Span. To avoid contact with the bridge a boat may use an engine to navigate under the bridge provided the boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race.

12. MARKS

A Black and White Chequered band inflatable buoy laid to the W of the Victoria Esplanade Box.

B1 Yellow permanent mark 0.5 NM SE, Kangaroo Bluff (BYC1 Permanent).

B2 Yellow permanent mark 1.2 NM SSE of Kangaroo Bluff (BYC2 Permanent).

D Orange illuminated mark 0.5 NM ENE of Wrest Point (DSS Permanent).

H Orange float mark 0.25 NM SW of Howrah Point.

J Yellow permanent mark 0.1 NM NE of Gunpowder Jetty (Government House Permanent).

JGL John Garrow Light.

M Yellow permanent mark 0.1 NM NNE of Maning Reef.

N Yellow permanent mark 0.1 NM N of Nutgrove Beach.

O Yellow inflatable buoy laid approximately NE from Castray Box.

P Yellow permanent float mark 0.5 NM SW of Punchs Reef.

R Orange inflatable buoy approximately 170m S of Rosny Point.

WP White pyramid mark 150 m E of Wrest Point.

Z Yellow inflatable buoy laid on a line between Battery Point and the Tasman Bridge.

ADDITIONAL UPRIVER MARKS

RB Permanent Yellow buoy 200 m N of Rose Bay Beach.

BP Permanent outer Green Beacon 400 m W of Beltana Point.

SP Permanent Yellow cylindrical 0.2 NM NE of Cornelian Bay Point.

13. RESULTS

Official provisional result sheets will be posted on the Combined Clubs website as soon as practical following the race. The time of posting thereof will be shown on the result sheet. Results may be posted on each club's Notice Board as soon as possible after the race.

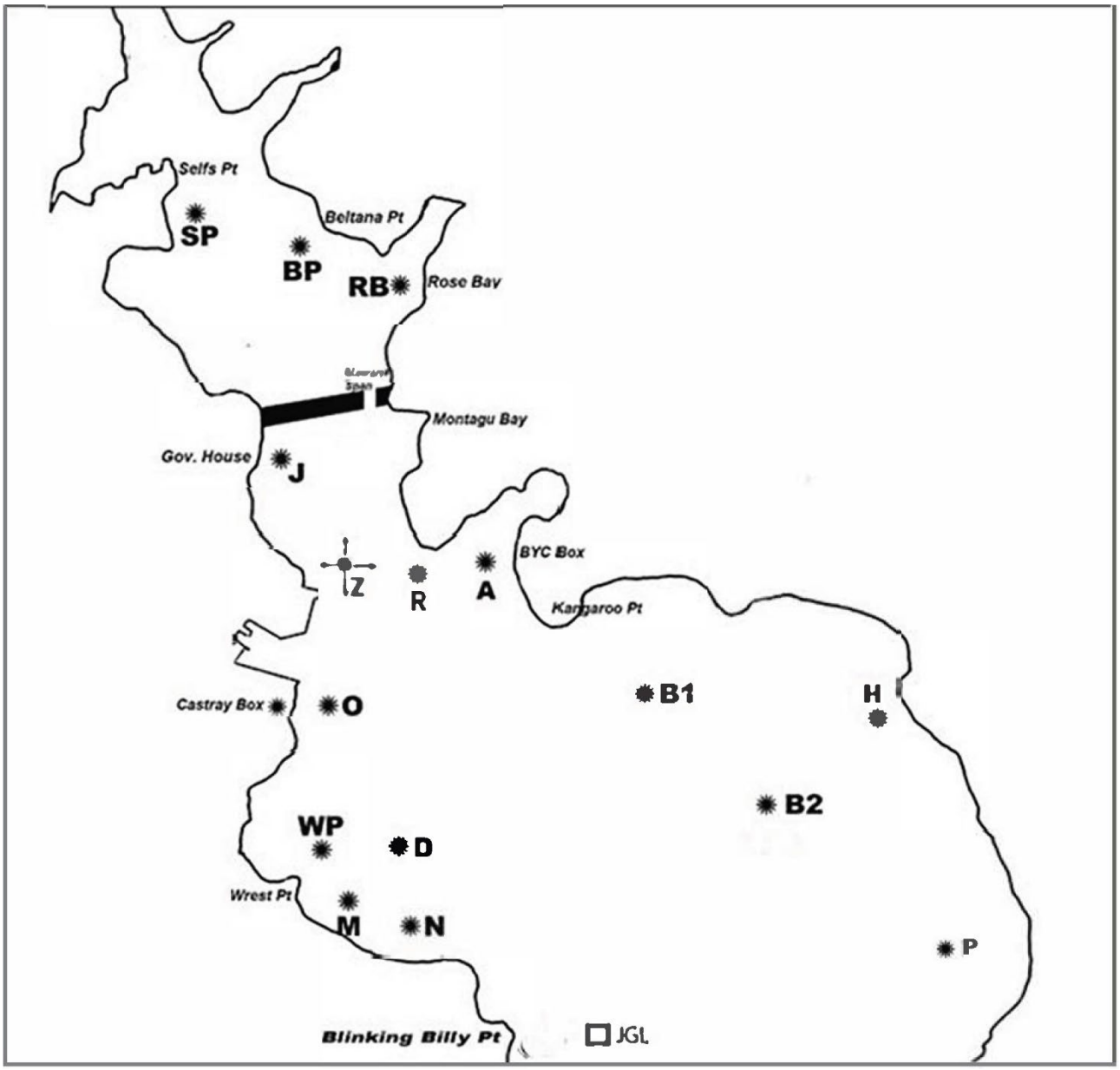
14. PROTESTS

Protests must be lodged at the RYCT, BYC or DSS within two (2) hours of the last boat finishing in the last race of the day or the Race Committee signalling "No More Racing Today". The protest will be heard at a time determined by the Protest Committee.

15. RETIREMENTS

Any boat retiring shall report the fact to the Race Committee as soon as possible.

SECTION 3 MIDWEEK RACING COURSE MAP



Disclaimer: note map not to scale positions are approximate only.

SECTION 4

DSS/RYCT TWILIGHT SERIES & SB20 SUMMER PENNANT

The notation [NP] in a rule of the sailing instructions (SI's) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)

1.2. **SAFETY CATEGORIES** – Boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 7, with the exception of the SB20 Fleet who shall comply with either Category 7 or a valid SB20 Australia – SB20 Equipment Audit Form.

1.3. **ANCHORS** - While racing boats shall not allow deck-stowed anchors to protrude outside of the hull limits. Anchors which are stowed as an integral part of the bowsprit and whose shaft is secured within a slot on the boat are permitted.

1.4. [NP] **NUMBER OF CREW** – The minimum number of crew to be on board is two (2) adults for the Twilight Pennant Series. The SB20 Summer Pennant shall comply with the crew Class Rules C3.

1.5. STARTING AND FINISHING LINE PENALTIES

1.5.1 After a Warning Signal has been made, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made. Boats who have finished shall keep clear of the finishing line and boats which are yet to finish.

1.5.2 Boats shall not sail through any starting or finishing line except when starting or finishing correctly or as required by the SI's.

1.5.3 Boats shall not sail through the starting or finishing line of other sailing events.

1.5.4 The starting or finishing lines referred to in 1.5.2 and 1.5.3 shall be designated obstructions in accordance with the definitions of the RRS.

1.5.5 A boat committing a breach of 1.5.2 or 1.5.3 while boats are in a starting sequence or finishing on that starting or finishing line, as reported by the race committee conducting the start or finish, will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.

1.5.6 A boat committing a breach of 1.5.2 or 1.5.3 when boats are not in a starting sequence or finishing shall be penalised by having two (2) minutes added to their elapsed time without a hearing. This Changes RRS A5.1

1.6. **TIME LIMIT** – The time limit will be 19:45 hours on the day of racing. Boats that have not finished will be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF) without a hearing. This changes Rule 35 and A5.1.

1.7. SAILS

1.7.1. A boat shall comply with the RRS Appendix G, Identification on Sails. This SI is the warning and opportunity to correct in the terms of RRS Appendix G4.

1.7.2. In Groups 1-4 designated non-spinnaker, only a mainsail, mizzen and headsails as defined in RRS 55.4 shall be used. Headsails shall not be set flying. (No sail shall be set forward of a point of attachment of the permanent forestay).

2. CREW DECLARATION

2.1 For each race a boat shall submit a Crew Declaration via TOPYACHT before its warning signal. The Crew Declaration shall confirm that the boat intends to race and shall include required details for each person on board as follows:

i Name;
ii Contact phone number; and
iii Australian Sailing Number in accordance with SI 2.4;

2.2 Boats competing in the SB20 Summer Pennant shall submit an Intention to Race by 15:00 hours on each scheduled race day.

The Intention to Race shall be submitted by a boat through the crew declaration link.

If fewer than six (6) SB20 boats submit an Intention to Race by 15:00 hours, Course 20, described in the Sailing Instructions, will not be conducted on that race day, and SB20 competitors shall race on the course allocated in accordance with these Sailing Instructions by the Race Committee.

2.3 [NP] Boats that do not comply with SI 2.1 will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the relevant race. This changes RRS A5.1.

2.4 All crew members must comply with the AS Prescription to RRS 46. All participating crew members shall be members of a club affiliated to Australian Sailing or hold a valid SailPass.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. Any changes to these SI's will be posted on the official notice boards of each club by 12:00 on the day of the race.

3.2. In unforeseen circumstances competitors may be advised on VHF Channel 14 of any change to the SI's before the warning signal of each Group.

4. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

4.1. All competitors shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 14, for announcements by the Race Committee. Competitors should also monitor VHF Channel 16 at all times.

4.2. The Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of OCS boats and/or other information of interest to competitors.

5. CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

RYCT Pre-Xmas Twilight & SB20 Summer Pennant			DSS Post-Xmas Twilight & SB20 Summer Pennant		
RACE	DATE	HOST CLUB	RACE	DATE	HOST CLUB
Race Day 1	08 Oct 26 (**no SB20**)	DSS			
Race Day 2	15 Oct 26	RYCT	Race Day 1	21 Jan 27 (**no SB20**)	RYCT
No Racing	***22 Oct 26***	***Show Day***	Race Day 2	28 Jan 27 (**no SB20**)	DSS
Race Day 3	29 Oct 26	DSS	Race Day 3	04 Feb 27	RYCT
Race Day 4	05 Nov 26	RYCT	Race Day 4	11 Feb 27	DSS
Race Day 5	12 Nov 26	DSS	Race Day 5	18 Feb 27	RYCT
Race Day 6	19 Nov 26	RYCT	Race Day 6	25 Feb 27	DSS
Race Day 7	26 Nov 26	DSS	Race Day 7	04 Mar 27	RYCT
Race Day 8	03 Dec 26	RYCT	Race Day 8	11 Mar 27	DSS
Race Day 9	10 Dec 26	DSS	Race Day 9	18 Mar 27	RYCT
Race Day 10	17 Dec 26 (**no SB20**)	RYCT	Race Day 10	25 Mar 27	DSS

7. GROUPS

The DSS/RYCT Twilight Series and SB20 Summer Pennant races will be conducted in designated groups. The DSS & RYCT Race Committees will allocate boats according to size, known performance and PHS handicaps (where known). The composition of each Group will be displayed on each club's notice board and be available from 16:00 on the day of the race.

8. STARTING TIMES AND IDENTIFICATION

GROUP	STARTING TIME	IDENTIFICATION FLAG
Group 1	17:40	Numeral Pennant 1
Group 2	17:45	Numeral Pennant 2
Group 3	17:50	Numeral Pennant 3
Group 4	17:55	Numeral Pennant 4
Group 5	18:00	White flag with SB20 insignia

9. STARTING AREA, STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

9.1 STARTING LINE – Midriver Start

The Midriver starting line will be between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and a yellow inflatable buoy.

The Committee Boat will be moored in an area bounded by a line between Castray Esplanade and Kangaroo Bluff to the north and John Garrow Light and Punches Reef to the south. The name of the Committee Boat for the day will be posted on the start list. The Committee Boat will be on standby on VHF Channel 14 if competitors require directions to the starting line.

The Committee Boat will manoeuvre in the vicinity of the starting line approximately 20 minutes before the start.

9.2 FINISHING LINE 1 – Castray Esplanade – **Course 1-19 (excluding course 9)**

Finishing line 1 will be between the flagpole on the Castray Box and a yellow with red band inflatable buoy laid approximately east of Castray Box.

9.3 FINISHING LINE 2– Midriver Finish – **Course 20 & Course 9 only**

Finishing line 2 will be between an orange staff or an orange flag on the Committee Boat and a yellow inflatable buoy.

10. STARTING INSTRUCTIONS

10.1. The starting procedure for the Twilight Series and SB20 Summer Pennant will be in accordance with RRS 26 except as amended below:

10.1.1 Attention signal - Ten (10) minutes before the start of the first Group a sound signal may be made.

Warning Signal	5 minute
Preparatory signal hoisted	4 minute
Preparatory signal lowered	1 minute
Starting Signal	0 minute

10.1.2 After each start there may be a 30 second time lag in the displaying of the Group identifier and course board (located at the stern of the Committee Boat), but the time for the succeeding Group shall be taken from the signal indicating the start of the previous Group.

10.1.3 For SB20's the second and subsequent start, the Warning signal will be made as soon as possible after the last boat finishes the preceding race, there will be no attention signal.

10.2. Groups 1 – 4 will have one (1) race per day. Group 5 will have a maximum of three (3) races per day sailed back-to-back.

10.3. Attention is drawn to RRS 23 "Interfering with another boat". A boat shall not enter the pre-start area prior to its preparatory signal (5 minutes before its numeral pennant). The pre-start area is defined as 50 metres to windward and leeward of the starting line.

10.4. Competitors may be advised of the starting procedure signals on VHF Channel 14.

Note: Boats should not transmit on VHF Channel 14 whilst a starting sequence is in progress except in an emergency.

11. SHORTENING COURSE

11.1. Courses 1-19 - Should the Race Committee decide to shorten course, Code flag S will be displayed on the Race Committee Boat or on the Castray Esplanade Box. This will be accompanied by two (2) sound signals and shall apply to all Groups unless group numeral signals are displayed, in which case it shall apply only to those Groups whose signal is displayed.

11.2. Course 20 - The course may be shortened at the end of the first lap by the display of code flag S on the Committee Boat. Boats shall sail from Mark 1 to finishing line 2, Mark 2 will not have a required side when approaching the finishing line to finish. This changes RRS 32.2.

12. TIMING AT THE END OF ANY COMPLETED LAP – GROUPS 1-4

The Race Committee may record the times of boats at the completion of any lap for groups 1-4. If it appears that boats may not finish within the time limit the Race Committee may display the Code Flag 2nd Substitute accompanied by two sound signals which will indicate that the race has been finished at the end of the preceding lap. This may occur after the completion of any lap. An announcement may also be made by the Race Committee on VHF 14.

13. ALTERNATIVE PENALITIES

RRS 44.1 is amended for Group 5 (SB20's) in that only one (1) turn, including one (1) tack and one (1) gybe is required for an infringement.

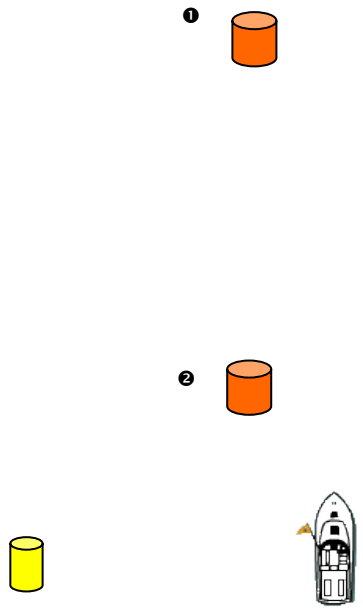
14. COURSES

14.1. Boats shall not sail through the starting/finishing line except when required to do so by any of the following courses.

14.2. Fixed and Laid Mark Courses Refer Appendix A (Course Map)

Course	ALL MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO PORT	Approx Dist.
1	Start → W → P → Z → O → D → Z → Finishing Line 1	8.4nm
2	Start → W → H → Z → O → N → Z → O → D → Z → Finishing Line 1	11.4nm
3	Start → W → B1 → Z → O → D → Z → O → D → Z → Finishing Line 1	9.7nm
4	Start → W → Z → O → D → B1 → Z → Finishing Line 1	7.2nm
5	Start → W → Z → O → M → N → Z → O → D → Z → Finishing Line 1	10.0nm
6	Start → W → N → B1 → Z → O → D → B1 → Z → Finishing Line 1	9.9nm
7	Start → W → B2 → Z → O → N → Z → Finishing Line 1	8.3nm
8	Start → W → Z → O → N → Z → O → D → Z → Finishing Line 1	10.1nm
9	Start → W → L → START LINE → W → L → START LINE → W → L → Finishing Line 2	Variable
10	Start → Z → O → X → Z → O → X → Z → Finishing Line 1	9.4nm
11	Start → W → B1 → Z → O → B1 → Z → Finishing Line 1	6.2nm
12	Start → W → B1 → Z → O → B2 → Z → Finishing Line 1	6.7nm
13	Start → J → Z → O → X → Z → O → D → Z → Finishing Line 1	8.4nm
14	Start → W → B1 → Z → O → X → Z → O → X → Z → Finishing Line 1	9.5nm
Course	**ALL MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO STARBOARD**	**Approx Dist.**
15	Start → W → B2 → O → Z → B2 →– Finishing Line 1	8.4nm
16	Start → W → B2 → O → Z → N →– Finishing Line 1	11.4nm
17	Start → W → O → Z → N → O → Z → N → Finishing Line 1	7.2nm
18	Start → W → O → Z → B1 → D → O → Z → B1 → D → Finishing Line 1	10.5nm
19	Start → W → M → O → Z → N → M → O → Z → N → Finishing Line 1	8.8nm
Course	**SB20** **ALL MARKS ARE TO BE LEFT TO PORT**	**Approx Dist.**
20	Start → 1 → 2 → 1 → Finishing Line 2	Variable

Refer to the diagram below for Course 20



15. **MARKS -** ALL COURSES NOTE: Positions, bearing and distances are approximate only

Courses 1-19

Start	Starting line in accordance with SI 9.1.
B¹	Yellow permanent mark 0.5 NM SE of Kangaroo Bluff (BYC 1 Permanent).
B²	Yellow permanent mark 1.1 NM SE of Kangaroo Bluff (BYC 2 Permanent).
D	Orange illuminated mark 0.5 NM NE of Wrest Point (DSS Permanent).
H	Orange float mark 0.25 NM SW of Howrah Point (Permanent).
J	Yellow permanent mark 0.1 NM NE of Gunpowder Jetty (Government House Permanent).
M	Yellow permanent mark 0.1 NM NE of Manning Reef (DSS Permanent).
N	Yellow permanent mark 0.1 NM E of Nutgrove Beach (DSS Permanent).
O	Yellow inflatable buoy with a red band laid eastward of the Castray Box and marks the outer end of the finishing line.
P	Yellow float mark 0.5 NM SW of Punch's Reef (Permanent).
W	Yellow inflatable buoy laid to windward of the starting line.
L	Yellow Inflatable buoy laid to leeward of the starting line.
X	Yellow inflatable buoy with a black band laid on a mid point on a line btween Mark N and Mark BYC2. The buoy may be moved within 0.5nm circle from that point.
Z	Yellow inflatable buoy laid on a line between Battery Point and the Tasman Bridge. The buoy may be moved within 0.3 nm circle from that position.
Finish	Finishing line 1 – Castray Esplanade - in accordance with SI 9.2

Course 20 (SB20)

Start	Starting Line in accordance with SI 9.1.
1	Orange inflatable buoy laid approx. 0.8 NM to windward of the starting line.
2	Orange inflatable buoy.
Finish	Finishing line 2 – Committee Boat – in accordance with SI 9.3.

16. HANDICAP

Competitors in the DSS/RYCT Twilight Series and SB20 Summer Pennant will have a PHS handicap. The DSS & RYCT Handicap Committee will set the handicaps before the first race of the series, and these may be adjusted after each race. The Race Committee may, subject to minimum entry requirements as per the SI 19.3, permit an IRC Non-Spinnaker result for Division 1-4. The Race Committee's choice of handicap is final and shall not be grounds for protest.

17. RESULTS

17.1. Official provisional result sheets will be displayed on the official notice board of each club as soon as practical following the race.

17.2. The only recognised official results will be those posted on the official notice board and are subject to protest or request for redress. Any times or results, given verbally or displayed elsewhere or published in a newspaper or electronically on a website or similar are for information only and may be subject to correction. These results are therefore not official and shall not be subject to protest or request for redress. Where possible results may be published on each club's website as soon as possible after a race.

18. SCORING

18.1. For keelboats, races shall be scored based on handicap or rating system.

18.2. Twilight Keelboat Series:

18.2.1 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be a total of her race scores.

18.2.2 When six (6) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18.2.3 When eight (8) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

18.3. Summer Pennant races shall be scored in both elapsed time order and handicap system.

18.4. SB20 Summer Pennant Series:

18.4.1 When fewer than eight (8) races have been completed a boat's series score will be a total of her race scores.

18.4.2 When eight (8) races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18.4.3 When twelve (12) races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

18.4.4 When fifteen (15) races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three (3) worst scores.

19. PROTESTS

Protests must be lodged at the DSS or RYCT within two (2) hours of the finish time of the last boat in the last race of the day or the Race Committee signalling 'No More Racing Today'. Protests will be heard at a time determined by the Protest Committee.

20. PRIZES

20.1. A Series Pennant will be presented for both Twilight Series and SB20 Summer Pennant:

20.1.1 RYCT for the Pre-Christmas Series.

20.1.2 DSS for the Post-Christmas Series.

20.2. A Series Pennant will be awarded on the following number of entries:

Three (3) to five (5) entries	1st prize
Six (6) or more entries	1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes

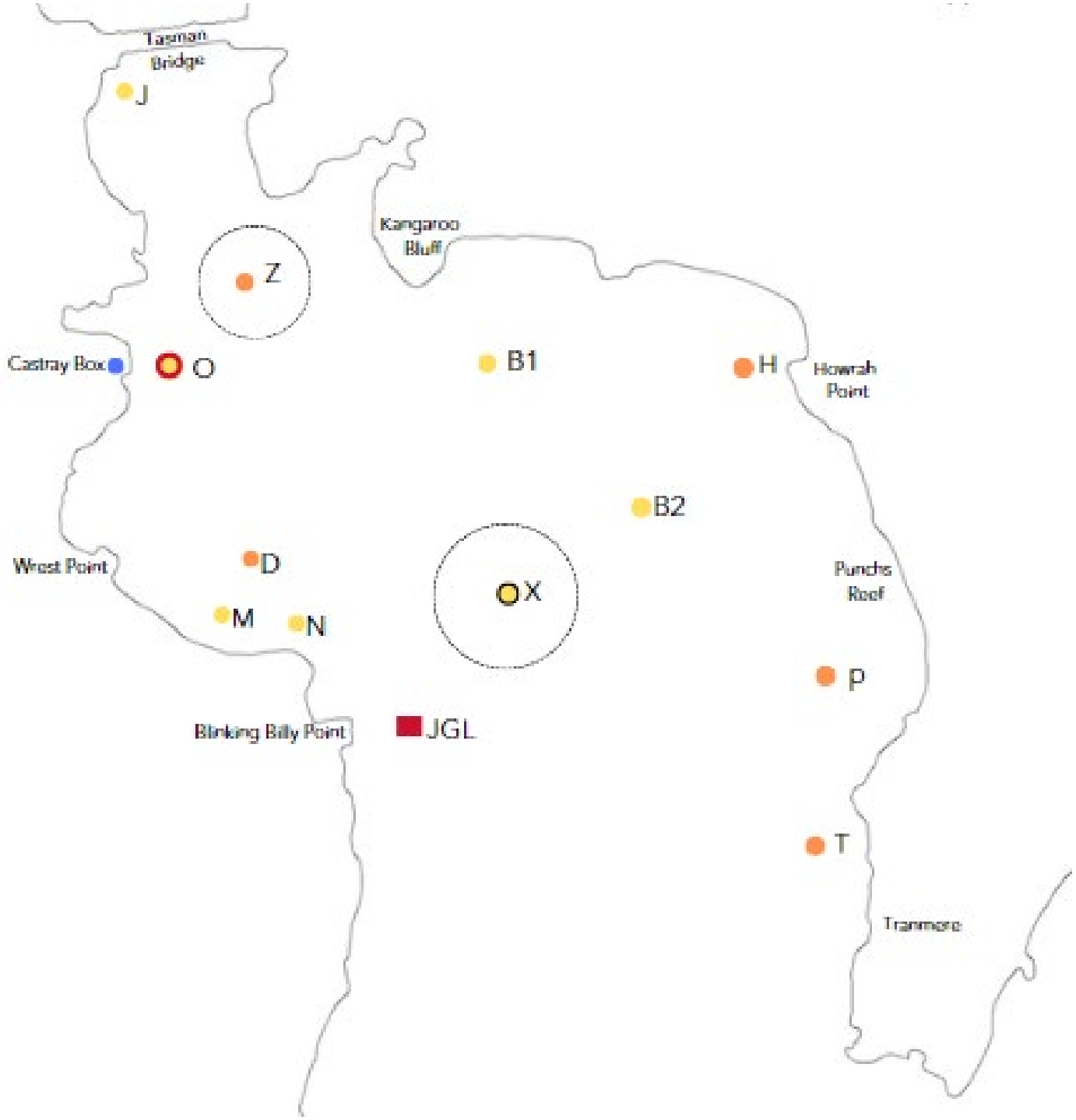
20.3. A minimum of five (5) entries are required to constitute a Group.

20.4. Individual race day prizes may be awarded by the Host Club after the race.

21. RETIREMENTS

Any boat retiring shall report the fact to the Race Committee as soon as possible.

APPENDIX A - SECTION 4 TWILIGHT COURSE MAP



SECTION 5

RYCT CHANNEL RACE

The notation [NP] in a rule of the Sailing Instructions (SI's) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 **SAFETY CATEGORY** - will be Category 5 plus a permanently installed VHF transceiver in accordance with NoR 1.4. In all cases AS SR Section 5, 5.01.1 (j) (on a boat without lifelines complying with 3.12, a lifejacket complying with 5.01.1(i), shall be worn by each member of the crew while on deck) shall apply.

1.3 **ANCHORS** - While racing boats shall not be allowed deck-stowed anchors to protrude outside of the hull limits. Anchors which are stowed as an integral part of the bowsprit and whose shaft is secured within a slot on the boat are permitted.

1.4 [NP] **NUMBER OF CREW** - All boats are to carry a sufficient number of crew as per NoR 1.5.

1.5 STARTING AND FINISHING LINE PENALTIES

1.5.1 After a Warning Signal has been made, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made. Boats who have finished shall keep clear of the finishing line and boats which are yet to finish.

1.5.2 Boats shall not sail through any starting or finishing line except when starting or finishing correctly or as required by the SI's.

1.5.3 Boats shall not sail through the starting or finishing line of other sailing events.

1.5.4 The starting or finishing lines referred to in 1.5.2 and 1.5.3 shall be designated obstructions in accordance with the definitions of the RRS.

1.5.5 A boat committing a breach of 1.5.2 or 1.5.3 while boats are in a starting sequence or finishing on that starting or finishing line, as reported by the race committee conducting the start or finish, will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.

1.5.6 A boat committing a breach of 1.5.2 or 1.5.3 when boats are not in a starting sequence or finishing shall be penalised by having two (2) minutes added to their elapsed time without a hearing. This Changes RRS A5.1.

1.6 **TIME LIMIT** - The time limit will be 18:30. Boats that have not then finished will be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF) without a hearing. This changes Rule 35 and A5.1.

2. CREW DECLARATION

2.1. For each race a boat shall submit a Crew Declaration via TOPYACHT before their warning signal. The Crew Declaration shall confirm that the boat intends to race and shall include required details of persons on board as follows:

i. Name;

ii. Contact phone number; and

iii. Australian Sailing Number in accordance with SI 2.3.

2.2. [NP] Boats that do not comply with SI 2.1 will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the relevant race. This changes A5.1 RRS.

2.3. All crew members must comply with the AS Prescription to RRS 46. All participating crew members shall be a member of a club affiliated to Australian Sailing or hold a valid SailPass.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to these SIs will be posted on the official notice board of RYCT by 17:00 on the Friday before the race.

4. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

All competitors shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 14 for announcements by the Race Committee. Competitors should also monitor VHF Channel 16 at all times.

The Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of OCS boats and/or other information of interest to competitors.

5. CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

RACE	DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START	FINISH
Day 1	Sunday	4 Oct 2026	RYCT	Castray Esp	Castray Esp

7. GROUPS

The Channel Race will be conducted in allocated groups. The Race Committee will allocate boats according to size, known performance and TCF handicaps (where known). The composition of each Group will be displayed on the RYCT notice board and will be available from 16:00 on the Friday before the race.

8. FIRST WARNING SIGNAL TIMES & GROUP IDENTIFIERS

The starting signal will be five (5) minutes after the warning signal.

GROUP	WARNING SIGNAL	STARTING TIME	GROUP NUMERAL
All Groups	10:00	10:05	1

9. STARTING AREA, STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

STARTING LINE/FINISHING LINE – Castray Esplanade Box.
Starting/Finishing line will be between the flagpole on the Castray Box and a yellow with red band inflatable buoy laid approximately east of Castray Box.

10. STARTING TIMES AND STARTING INSTRUCTIONS

10.1. All Groups will start together.

10.2. Competitors may be advised of starting procedure signals on VHF Channel 14.

10.3. Note: Boats should not transmit on VHF Channel 14 whilst a starting sequence is in progress except in an emergency.

11. COURSE SIGNALS

Courses will be indicated by course boards displayed on Castray Box.

12. RACING AREA

The channel race will be sailed on the river Derwent and D'Entrecasteaux channel.

13. COURSES

Note: all Marks are to be rounded and left to starboard unless otherwise indicated.

COURSE	APPROX. DISTANCE NM	
01	Bligh Point – Channel Race Start → E (to Port) → Finishing line	25.4
02	Seacroft Bay Start → S → Finishing line	19.4
03	Blackmans Bay Start → Q → Finishing line	16

MARKS - Positions, bearing and distances are approximate only

E Yellow inflatable buoy 0.4 nm W of Bligh Point.

O Yellow with a red band inflatable buoy to indicate the outer end of the finishing line.

Q Orange inflatable buoy 0.5 nm E of the Northern end of Blackmans Bay (~43.00.03'S 147 20.26'E).

S Orange inflatable buoy in Seacroft Bay midway between Johns Point and Cape Deliverance (~43 02.5'S 147 24.3'E).

14. HANDICAPS

16.1. Competitors in the Channel Race will have a PHS handicap. The Handicap Committee will set the handicaps before the race. The Race Committee's choice of handicap is final.

16.2. The Race Committee may, subject to minimum entry requirements in SI 17. provide an IRC and/or an ORC result.

16.3. Boats entering IRC must have a current valid endorsed IRC certificate.

16.4. Boats entering ORCc must have a current, valid audited ORCc certificate or a current, valid ORCi certificate. The Single Number Scoring Option, All Purpose (AP) Time on Time will be used for scoring.

15. RESULTS

17.1. Official provisional result sheets will be displayed on the official notice board of the RYCT before 12:00 on the first working day following the race. The time of posting thereof will be shown on the result sheet.

17.2. Races will be scored based on PHS handicaps and/or IRC and ORC ratings.

16. PROTESTS

Protests must be lodged at the RYCT within two (2) hours of the last boat finishing in the last race of the day or the Race Committee signalling "No More Racing Today". The protest will be heard at a time determined by the Protest Committee.

17. PRIZES

Prizes may be awarded based on the number of entries to the winning boats and place getters in PHS, IRC, ORC handicap divisions & line Honours.

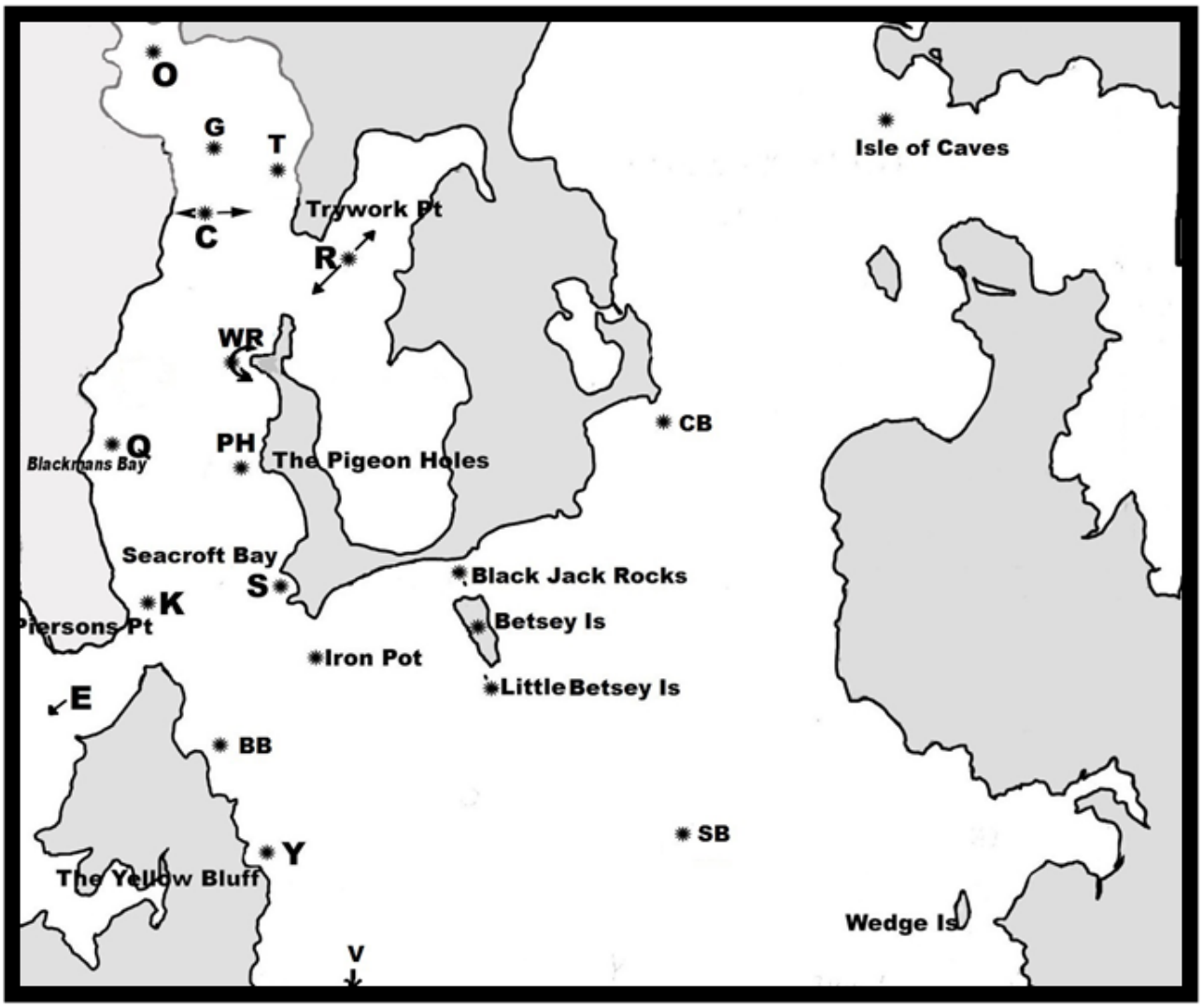
- Three (3) to five (5) entries 1st prize
- Six (6) or more entries 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes

A minimum of 5 entries is required to constitute a group.

18. RETIREMENTS

Any boat retiring shall report the fact to the Race Committee as soon as possible.

CHANNEL RACE COURSE MAP



Disclaimer: note map not to scale positions are approximate only.

SECTION 6

RYCT GREEN ISLAND RACE

The notation [NP] in a rule of the Sailing Instructions (SI's) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 **SAFETY CATEGORY** - will be Category 5 plus a permanently installed VHF transceiver in accordance with NoR 1.4. In all cases AS SR Section 5, 5.01.1 (j) (on a boat without lifelines complying with 3.12, a lifejacket complying with 5.01.1(i), shall be worn by each member of the crew while on deck) shall apply.

1.3 **ANCHORS** - While racing boats shall not be allowed deck-stowed anchors to protrude outside of the hull limits. Anchors which are stowed as an integral part of the bowsprit and whose shaft is secured within a slot on the boat are permitted.

1.4 [NP] **NUMBER OF CREW** - All boats are to carry a sufficient number of crew as per NoR 1.5.

1.5 STARTING AND FINISHING LINE PENALTIES

1.5.1 After a Warning Signal has been made, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made. Boats who have finished shall keep clear of the finishing line and boats which are yet to finish.

1.5.2 Boats shall not sail through any starting or finishing line except when starting or finishing correctly or as required by the SI's.

1.5.3 Boats shall not sail through the starting or finishing line of other sailing events.

1.5.4 The starting or finishing lines referred to in 1.5.2 and 1.5.3 shall be designated obstructions in accordance with the definitions of the RRS.

1.5.5 A boat committing a breach of 1.5.2 or 1.5.3 while boats are in a starting sequence or finishing on that starting or finishing line, as reported by the race committee conducting the start or finish, will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.

1.5.6 A boat committing a breach of 1.5.2 or 1.5.3 when boats are not in a starting sequence or finishing shall be penalised by having two (2) minutes added to their elapsed time without a hearing. This Changes RRS A5.1.

1.6 **TIME LIMIT** - The time limit will be 18:30. Boats that have not then finished will be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF) without a hearing. This changes Rule 35 and A5.1.

2. CREW DECLARATION

2.1. For each race a boat shall submit a Crew Declaration via TOPYACHT before their warning signal. The Crew Declaration shall confirm that the boat intends to race and shall include required details of persons on board as follows:

i. Name;

ii. Contact phone number; and

iii. Australian Sailing Number in accordance with SI 2.2.

2.2. [NP] Boats that do not comply with SI 2.1 will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the relevant race. This changes A5.1 RRS.

2.3. All crew members must comply with the AS Prescription to RRS 46. All participating crew members shall be a member of a club affiliated to Australian Sailing or hold a valid SailPass.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to these SIs will be posted on the official notice board of RYCT by 17:00 on the Friday before the race.3

4. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

All competitors shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 14 for announcements by the Race Committee. Competitors should also monitor VHF Channel 16 at all times.

The Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of OCS boats and/or other information of interest to competitors.

5. CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

RACE	DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START	FINISH
Day 1	Saturday	17 Oct 2026	RYCT	Castray Esp	Castray Esp

7. GROUPS

The Green Island Race will be conducted in allocated groups. The Race Committee will allocate boats according to size, known performance and TCF handicaps (where known). The composition of each Group will be displayed on the RYCT notice board and will be available from 16:00 on the Friday before the race.

8. FIRST WARNING SIGNAL TIMES & GROUP IDENTIFIERS

The starting signal will be five (5) minutes after the warning signal.

GROUP	WARNING SIGNAL	STARTING TIME	GROUP NUMERAL
All Groups	10:00	10:05	1

9. STARTING AREA, STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

STARTING LINE/FINISHING LINE – Castray Esplanade Box.
Starting/Finishing line will be between the flagpole on the Castray Box and a yellow with red band inflatable buoy laid approximately east of Castray Box.

10. STARTING TIMES AND STARTING INSTRUCTIONS

10.4. All Groups will start together.

10.5. Competitors may be advised of starting procedure signals on VHF Channel 14.

10.6. Note: Boats should not transmit on VHF Channel 14 whilst a starting sequence is in progress except in an emergency.

11. SHORTENING COURSE

Should the race committee decide to shorten the course to enable a finish within the time limit, an announcement will be made on VHF channel 14 and a patrol boat will display code flag S with two sound signals. The patrol boat will position itself so that finish times can be taken as boats pass between them and a landmark. This changes RRS 32.

12. COURSE SIGNALS

Courses will be indicated by course boards displayed on Castray Box.

13. RACING AREA

The channel race will be sailed on the river Derwent and D'Entrecasteaux channel.

14. COURSES

Note: all Marks are to be rounded and left to starboard unless otherwise indicated.

COURSE		APPROX. DISTANCE NM
01	Green Island Race Start → Green Island → Finishing Line	40.6
02	Bligh Point – Channel Race Start → E (to Port) → Finishing line	25.4
03	Seacroft Bay Start → S → Finishing line	19.4
04	Blackmans Bay Start → Q → Finishing line	16

15. MARKS - Positions, bearing and distances are approximate only

Refer to Channel Race map on page 30

E Yellow inflatable buoy 0.4 nm W of Bligh Point.

O Yellow with a red band inflatable buoy to indicate the outer end of the finishing line.

Q Orange inflatable buoy 0.5 nm E of the Northern end of Blackmans Bay (~43.00.03'S 147 20.26'E).

S Orange inflatable buoy in Seacroft Bay midway between Johns Point and Cape Deliverance (~43 02.5'S 147 24.3'E).

16. HANDICAPS

16.1. Competitors in the Green Island Race will have a PHS handicap. The Handicap Committee will set the handicaps before the race. The Race Committee's choice of handicap is final.

16.2. The Race Committee may, subject to minimum entry requirements in SI 18. provide an IRC and/or an ORC result.

16.3. Boats entering IRC must have a current valid endorsed IRC certificate.

16.4. Boats entering ORCc must have a current, valid audited ORCc certificate or a current, valid ORCi certificate. The Single Number Scoring Option, All Purpose (AP) Time on Time will be used for scoring.

17. RESULTS

17.1. Official provisional result sheets will be displayed on the official notice board of the RYCT before 12:00 on the first working day following the race. The time of posting thereof will be shown on the result sheet.

17.2. Races will be scored based on PHS handicaps and/or IRC and ORC ratings.

18. PROTESTS

Protests must be lodged at the RYCT within two (2) hours of the last boat finishing in the last race of the day or the Race Committee signalling "No More Racing Today". The protest will be heard at a time determined by the Protest Committee.

19. PRIZES

Prizes may be awarded based on the number of entries to the winning boats and place getters in PHS, IRC, ORC handicap divisions & line Honours.

- Three (3) to five (5) entries 1st prize
- Six (6) or more entries 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes

A minimum of 5 entries is required to constitute a group.

20. RETIREMENTS

Any boat retiring shall report the fact to the Race Committee as soon as possible.

TASPORTS INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Hobart VTS

TasPorts operates a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Authority, as certified by AMSA. TasPorts VTS monitors all commercial ports in Tasmanian on a 24/7 basis using AIS, VHF radio and CCTV coverage. The purpose of TasPorts VTS is to assist with safe and efficient vessel movements and to enhance navigational safety by interacting with shipping to provide information on potential traffic conflicts and other navigational safety information. Hobart VTS is the call sign for TasPorts VTS in the Port of Hobart.

Hobart VTS – Contact Details

- VHF - Channel 12
- Telephone – (03) 6380 3013 or 1300 366 742
- Email - vts@tasports.com.au TasPorts

VTS provides an online shipping schedule for the Port of Hobart at the following link https://www.tasports.com.au/hobart-schedule

WEATHER FORECAST

- The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) issues two forecasts a day at 0530 and 1630. These are available almost instantly and warnings are issued between forecasts; (http://www.bom.gov.au/australia/meteye/?loc=TAS_FA001);
- Sailors should obtain the very latest forecast available to them prior to any racing or training session and brief the crews;
- Mobile phones today allow easy and instant access to weather reports;
- The DECKEE App pushes out instant weather warnings for the area you are in. Useful information, including weather, is obtainable from the Deckee App. Deckee is available for free download on iPhone, iPad and Android. https://deckee.com/

TIDES

- Sailors should be aware of tidal movement prior to racing and training sessions and relay information to crews; (http://www.bom.gov.au/australia/tides/#!/tas or the Deckee app);
- Sailors should be aware of freshwater run-off after heavy rain and debris.

CHARTER VESSELS AND FERRIES

- Sailors should be aware that if a pilot boat, charter boat, or ferry is concerned, or unclear of a yacht's actions, five rapid blasts may be sounded to alert the crew in accordance with the International Collision Regulations;
- All charter boat skippers and crew to maintain a vigilant lookout for sailors and slow down for an appropriate distance to reduce wash;
- Carrying a VHF radio will allow rescue boats and larger yachts direct communication with a charter vessel or ferry.

EXCLUSION ZONES AND PROHIBITED AREAS - TASPORTS

- Regulation 71 of the Marine and Safety (Pilotage and Navigation) Regulations 2017 provides for the declaration of a specified area surrounding any vessel navigating to be a prohibited area for other vessels or persons;
- Notice to Mariners (NtM) M168-18 refers to a 60-metre exclusion zone existing around any vessel that is under pilotage and engaged in berthing operations. Only vessels engaged in assisting with the berthing operation are permitted to operate within the exclusion zone. Tug wash when underway or alongside a ship can be dangerous;
- NtM 169-18 refers to a prohibited area of 60m on either side of any vessel under pilotage. If that vessel is accompanied by an escort vessel (blue flashing light) you cannot pass between the escort vessel or the vessel under pilotage.
- A vessel under pilotage control is identified by a red and white vertical flag.
- Some vessels have pilotage exemption, and the same rules apply as for a pilotage vessel. Pilot Exempt vessels are identified by a white flag. These will generally be seen on the River Derwent or D'Entrecasteaux Channel and are often larger fish farm vessels. The Bruny Island ferry is also pilot-exempt.
- Mariners and sailors must maintain a distance of not less than 50m from any TasPorts' wharf or vessel at a berth in port. This applies in all Tasports' wharf areas Statewide.
- Mariners and sailors must make themselves aware of any other Notices to Mariners that may have been issued that could impact their activity. Notices to Mariners are found on www.mast.tas.gov.au
- The Deckee App provides push notifications of Notices to Mariners when issued for your area of operation.
- Australian Sailing Regulations, the sport of sailing in Australia has a strong reputation for self-management of safety. The Special Regulations can also act as a guide for cruising boats. Special Regulations do not replace but rather supplement the requirements of government authorities, the Racing Rules of Sailing and the rules of class associations and rating systems

REPORTING OF INCIDENTS

It is a requirement under the Marine and Safety (Maritime Incidents) Regulations, 2017 that an incident must be reported to MAST by the quickest possible means.

Incident forms are available on the MAST website by using the following link.
https://mast.tas.gov.au/recreational-boating/emergencies-incidents/

https://media.mast.tas.gov.au/uploads/2026/01/Incident-Report-Form-March-2024-01-ver2.pdf

CRUISE SHIPS

Cruise Ships Mariners sailors and rescue boats should be aware that Cruise Ships will be arriving at Hobart. Arrival times are generally early morning. It is highly recommended mariners and rescue boats carry a VHF radio switched onto Ch 12 to enable communication with Tasports' Vessel Traffic Services (VTS).

TASMAN BRIDGE

Channel escape areas exist either side of the Tasman Bridge. If a vessel needs to abort a transit of the Tasman Bridge, due to mechanical failure or other operational needs, this will occur in the Channel escape area. Vessel should avoid being in this area when a bridge transit is about to take place. These areas are marked on navigational charts Visibility limitation from the bridge of a vessel

Due to the size and construction of most sea going vessels, the forward visibility directly in front of the ship, from the navigational bridge, can be restricted by up to 250m. This means that when small vessels are directly ahead of a ship, they may not be visible to the pilot and master of the ship.

2026-27 SAILING CALENDAR

Regattas		
Date	**Host**	**Event**
18–20 Sep 26	DSS/KYC	Pipe Opener
12–13 Dec 26	RYCT	Showdown Regatta
16 Jan 27	DSS/KYC	Channel Challenge
23 Jan 27	BYC	Tasman Regatta
19–21 Feb 27	BYC	Crown Series Regatta
05–07 Mar 27	RYCT/PCSC	PCSC Regatta
13 Mar 27	DSS	Women's Keelboat Regatta
26–28 Mar 27	PESC	Dover Regatta
03 Apr 27	KBC/DSS	Barnes Bay Regatta

Offshore Races		
Date	**Host**	**Event**
21 Oct 26	BYC	Overnight Race
07 Nov 26	DSS	Two Capes Race
20 Nov 26	RYCT	Maria Island Race
06 Feb 27	RYCT	Bruny Island Race

Christmas Offshore Events		
Date	**Host**	**Event**
26 Dec 26	CYCA/RYCT	Sydney Hobart
27 Dec 26	DSS/TYC	Launceston to Hobart
27 Dec 26	ORCV/DSS	Melbourne to Hobart

Other Events		
Date	**Host**	**Event**
03 Oct 26	RYCT	Season Opening Day
04 Oct 26	RYCT	Channel Race
21 Nov 26	BYC	Terry Bragg Memorial Race
12 Dec 26	DSS	Bridge to Bridge Race
02 Jan 27	DSS	King of the Derwent
14 Jan 27	DSS	Twilight Spinnaker Race
08 Feb 27	RYCT/RHRA	RHRA Lipton Cup
26 Feb 27	RYCT	Rotary Sail Day
26–29 Mar 27	RYCT	Three Peaks Race
02–04 Apr 27	RYCT	SB20 Nationals
10 Apr 27	RYCT	Hope Island Race
11 Apr 27	BYC	Pursuit Race
30 Apr-2 May	RYCT	Navigation Cruise
30 May 27	RYCT	Pear Tree

Club Race Weekends		
Date	**Host**	**Event**
17–18 Oct 26	RYCT	Club Race Weekend
14–15 Nov 26	BYC	Club Race Weekend
30–31 Jan 27	DSS	Club Race Weekend
Each club will host events over the weekend		

Dates as at 13 Sept 2026

Combined Clubs Saturday Series		
Date	**Host**	**Race**
10 Oct 26	BYC	Race Day 1
31 Oct 26	RYCT	Race Day 2
28 Nov 26	DSS	Race Day 3
13 Feb 27	BYC	Race Day 4
27 Feb 27	RYCT	Race Day 5
20 Mar 27	DSS	Race Day 6

Combined Clubs Midweek One		
DSS	**BYC**	**RYCT**
07 Oct 26	14 Oct 26	21 Oct 26
28 Oct 26	04 Nov 26	11 Nov 26
18 Nov 26	25 Nov 26	02 Dec 26
09 Dec 26		
Midweek Luncheon — DSS · 16 Dec 26		

Combined Clubs Midweek Two		
DSS	**BYC**	**RYCT**
	06 Jan 27	13 Jan 27
20 Jan 27	27 Jan 27	03 Feb 27
10 Feb 27	17 Feb 27	24 Feb 27
03 Mar 27	10 Mar 27	
Midweek Luncheon — BYC · 17 Mar 27		

Combined Clubs Midweek Three		
DSS	**BYC**	**RYCT**
		24 Mar 27
31 Mar 27	07 Apr 27	14 Apr 27
21 Apr 27	28 Apr 27	05 May 27
12 May 27	19 May 27	26 May 27
Midweek Luncheon — RYCT · 02 Jun 27		

Club Winter Series		
DSS	**RYCT**	**BYC**
06 Jun 27	20 Jun 27	27 Jun 27
04 Jul 27	11 Jul 27	18 Jul 27
25 Jul 27	01 Aug 27	08 Aug 27
15 Aug 27	22 Aug 27	29 Aug 27
05 Sep 27		12 Sep 27
Each club will host their own series		

RYCT Dragon Pennant Series
15-16 Aug 2026
12-13 Sept 2026
24-25 Oct 2026
12-13 Dec 2026
13-14 Mar 2027 (State Titles)
10-11 Apr 2027

DSS / RYCT Twilight & SB20	
RYCT Pre-Christmas Pennant	
DSS	**RYCT**
08 Oct 26 *	15 Oct 26
29 Oct 26	05 Nov 26
12 Nov 26	19 Nov 26
26 Nov 26	03 Dec 26
10 Dec 26	17 Dec 26 *
** No SB20 Racing*	

DSS / RYCT Twilight & SB20	
DSS Post Christmas Pennant	
DSS	**RYCT**
	21 Jan 27 *
28 Jan 27 *	04 Feb 27
11 Feb 27	18 Feb 27
25 Feb 27	04 Mar 27
11 Mar 27	18 Mar 27
25 Mar 27	
** No SB20 Racing*	

BYC Twilight Series	
Series 1	**Series 2**
07 Oct 26	13 Jan 27
14 Oct 26	20 Jan 27
21 Oct 26 *	03 Feb 27
28 Oct 26	10 Feb 27 ^
04 Nov 26	17 Feb 27
11 Nov 26	24 Feb 27
18 Nov 26 ^	03 Mar 27
25 Nov 26	17 Mar 27 ^
09 Dec 26	24 Mar 27
16 Dec 26 ^	
** Pursuit Race ^ Midriver start incl OTB*	

BYC Women's Twilight Series
02 Dec 26
27 Jan 27
10 Mar 27

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