Combined Clubs 2026-27

May 19, 2026

Dear Combined Clubs Competitor,

I am pleased to announce that the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania has assumed the role of the Combined Clubs Committee (CCC) Chair for the 2026-27 sailing season. Our Combined Clubs collaboration is guided by a memorandum of understanding (MOU), which reflects our shared commitment to developing a comprehensive sailing program for the Hobart sailing community.

The CCC has begun planning for the season ahead and are in process of reviewing extensive feedback from respective sailing committees, members and other stakeholders. These considerations will help inform the calendar for the next season.

We have already taken an important decision in respect to what scoring systems will be used for Saturday Combined Clubs race days. It has been agreed that to simplify things and by extension hopefully relieve some of the costs to competitors, Combined Club races will be scored using PHS and ORCc only. This means that IRC will not be used for these Combined Clubs races.

It is important to note however, that all clubs have indicated that they intend to continue to offer IRC results for many of their individual important club events; such as but not limited to, Offshore Series Races, Crown Series and King of the Derwent yacht race, for example.

The reason for this communication is to let boat owners know before the renewal date of their current rating certificates (IRC certificates expire on 31 May and ORCc certificates expire on the 30 June each year), so you can make an informed decision regarding rating certificate renewal.

Please engage with your Sailing Committee or sailing office to discuss how this might affect you.

We will share more information regarding the new season once available.

Kind regards

Rob Greenwell
Vice Commodore
The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania
On behalf of the Combined Clubs Committee

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Communication to Competitors #2

June 26, 2026

Dear Combined Clubs Competitor,

The Combined Clubs Committee has been planning for the upcoming season and has carefully considered the extensive feedback received from the participating clubs sailing committees and sailors. This valuable input has helped shape the Combined Clubs format and calendar for the 2026-27 season.

We are pleased to confirm that the Combined Clubs Saturday Series will continue this season as a six race day series, providing competitors with a consistent and enjoyable afternoon programme. The race start time for all six race days will be 1:30pm, with no scheduled starts prior to this time.

The racing format for the Saturday Series is still under consideration, and further information will be provided once it has been finalised.

The Combined Clubs Offshore Series will also continue, offering competitors a dedicated offshore championship across the season.

Date	**Combined Clubs Series**	**Combined Clubs Offshore**
Saturday 3 Oct 2026	**Opening Day**	
Saturday 10 Oct 2026	**Combined Clubs Series Race Day 1**	
Wednesday 21 Oct 2026		**BYC Overnight Race Race 1 CC Offshore Series**
Saturday 31 Oct 2026	**Combined Clubs Series Race Day 2**	
Saturday 7 Nov 2026		**DSS Two Capes Race Race 2 CC Offshore Series**
Friday 20 Nov 2026		**RYCT Maria Island Race Race 3 CC Offshore Series**
Saturday 28 Nov 2026	**Combined Clubs Series Race Day 3**	
Saturday 6 Feb 2027		**RYCT Bruny Island Race Race 4 CC Offshore Series**
Saturday 13 Feb 2027	**Combined Clubs Series Race Day 4**	
Saturday 27 Feb 2027	**Combined Clubs Series Race Day 5**	
Saturday 20 Mar 2027	**Combined Clubs Series Race Day 6**	

While we are pleased to announce the key dates for these series, the overall Combined Clubs calendar is still being finalised as we complete the scheduling of the Combined Clubs Midweek Series, the RYCT/DSS Twilight Series, the BYC Twilight Series, and other popular club specific events to the calendar.

At this stage, no significant changes are anticipated to those events, and we expect to confirm the remaining dates shortly.

Kind regards

Rob Greenwell

Vice Commodore
The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania
On behalf of the Combined Clubs Committee

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Communication to Competitors #3

August 2026

Dear Combined Clubs Competitor,

On behalf of the Combined Clubs, I am pleased to announce that entries for the 2026-27 Combined Clubs Sailing Season will open on Wednesday, 26 August 2026 at 17:00.

This year's collaboration has focused on reducing barriers to participation, particularly those within the Clubs' ability to influence, in recognition of changing economic and social priorities across the sailing community.

Among other initiatives, we have reduced the number of Saturday race days, lowered entry fees and reduced scoring options, including the removal of IRC, to reduce the cost of participation. We have also moved the start time for all six Saturday race days to the afternoon, with these days intended to feature longer-format racing.

Saturday Series & Divisions

- **Start Time:** 1:30 PM first start for all six race days.
- **Format:** Longer-style afternoon races; short course windward/leeward races will be avoided.
- **Division 4:** Jib and Main Cruising Division starting 10 minutes after Division 3, utilising permanent marks and a possible virtual finish line.
- **Scoring:** PHS and ORCc.

Midweek & Offshore Highlights

- **Midweek Luncheons:** Skipper eats free; extra tickets cost $25 each for upgraded meals.
- **Offshore Series:** Includes the BYC Overnight Race, DSS Two Capes Race, RYCT Maria Island Race, and the Bruny Island Race (entered individually via host clubs).
- **Documents and entry:** Available on individual club websites.

  https://ryct.org.au/

  https://www.byc.org.au/

  https://dssinc.org.au/

In addition to the above, each club has been allocated a dedicated race weekend within the 2026-27 schedule. While the dates are identified on the attached one-page calendar, each host clubs will separately provide details of the racing format, event schedules, and social activities planned for their respective weekends.

We are very much looking forward to the coming season and encourage sailors across all clubs to get involved. Skippers looking for crew, and crew looking for opportunities to sail, are encouraged to contact the sailing staff at their home club, who will assist with potential placements wherever possible.

I would like to acknowledge and thank each of the clubs for their contribution to this year's discussions and the collaborative approach taken in developing the season ahead. On behalf of the broader sailing community, I extend our congratulations to the Bellerive Yacht Club as it celebrates its 100th year. This is a significant milestone, and I am sure the coming season will be a particularly memorable year of celebration for the Club and its members.

I look forward to seeing many of you out on the racetrack during the season ahead.

Kind regards

Rob Greenwell

Vice Commodore

The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania

Chair of the 2026-27 Combined Clubs Committee