

96th Bruny Island Race

Saturday 11 February 2023

Sailing Instructions

Organised and Hosted By

The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania

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1. Rules

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the World Sailing (WS), the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), the Rules of IRC Parts A, B and C, the 2022 ORCc Rules, except as any of these modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Nothing in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions relieves a boat of her responsibility under civil law to comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea or local regulations.
- 1.3 Between sunset and sunrise, when a boat cannot determine with certainty what tack the other boat is on, she shall keep clear of that boat. Competitors are reminded that part of the definition of "room" includes taking into account the existing conditions (including visibility).
- 1.4 Boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 3 as amended with additional items as stated in notice of race.
- 1.5 In accordance with WS Appendix 1 Regulation 20.4.1, Boats may be required to display the supplied series sponsor's advertising on the forward sides of the hull. A sponsor's race pennant, if provided by the organisers, shall be flown from the backstay of each competing boat from the Warning Signal until the boat finishes.
- 1.6 Alteration to the Rules
 - 1.6.1 IRC rule 22.4:222.4.2 The crew weight shall not exceed 85kg multiplied by the Crew Number printed on the certificate. This Rule does not apply to short-handed certificates issued under rule 8.2.1.
 - 1.6.2 IRC Rule 21.1.5 (e): A Spare mainsail may be carried in the race as a bona fide replacement for a mainsail damaged during the race.
 - 1.6.3 IRC Rule 21.6.1: In accordance with a prescription by Australian Sailing, a boat in the IRC Handicap Category may carry one more spinnaker than shown on her IRC certificate without an increase in rating.
 - 1.6.4 RRS 51: A boat with movable ballast or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the special regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.
 - 1.6.5 RRS 52: Amended to permit stored power for the purposes of operating sails or movable ballast systems.
- 1.7 All those taking part in the 2023 Bruny Island Race, do so at their risk and responsibility. The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania (RYCT) and the Race Committee and Race Sponsors are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat, whose entry is accepted, or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. RYCT and the sponsors are not responsible for any damage or injury, either ashore or at sea, either to persons or boats which result from participating in this race. **Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3: The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.**
- 1.8 Boats must report any serious on water incidents to RYCT Race Control as soon as practical (examples are, but not limited to, man overboard, collision, grounding or crew injury).

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2. Charts

It is recommended that the following current or fully amended paper charts shall be carried on board:

AUS 173 D'Entrecasteaux Channel

AUS 171 Hobart to Norfolk Bay

3. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff located adjacent to the RYCT clubhouse prior to the start, and from then on the River Derwent Castray Box.

4. Notices to Competitors/ Changes to Sailing Instructions

4.1 Any notices or changes to the Sailing Instructions will be displayed on the Official Notice Board by 0800 hours on the day such notice will take effect.

4.2 The Official Notice Board is located at the southeast corner of the RYCT club house.

5. Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Wed 8 Feb 2023	12:00	Close of Entries	RYCT online entering
Fri 10 Feb 2023	18:00	Mandatory Briefing	RYCT
Sat 11 Feb 2023	09:30	Race Start	Derwent River off RHRA Grounds

6. Race Categories - Handicapping and Scoring

6.1 **IRC Category:** Results will be decided by the application of the Time Correction (TCC) as shown on the IRC Certificate.

6.2 **PHS Category:** Results will be decided by the application of the Time Correction Factor (TCF) as a multiplier of elapsed times. The TCF shall be determined by the Race Committee and shall not be subject to protest or request for redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 62).

6.3 **ORCc Category:** Results will be decided by the application of the Time Correction Factor (TCF) as shown on ORC certificate.

6.4 Subject to entries, further divisions may be formed within the above categories. The composition of divisions will not form the basis of any protest or redress. This alters RRS 60.1 and 62.1 (a).

6.5 The list of divisions will be posted on the official notice board 1000 hours Friday 10 February 2023 and may also be posted on the event website. The divisional lists will be available at the mandatory race briefing at RYCT 1800 hours on Friday 10 February 2023.

7. Tracking Devices

A boat shall be required to carry a tracking device supplied by the Organising Authority. A boat on which such a unit fails or ceases to operate will be required to provide additional position reports by radio.

All trackers are required to be returned to the RYCT as soon as practicable after finishing or by 1200 on Tuesday 14 February 2023.

8. Communications

8.1 All radio transmissions during the race will be made with "Royal Yacht Club Race Control" operating through transmitters VIT319 or VIT320 which includes Castray Box. The

exception will occur when competitors may have to work with a Radio Relay Vessel when conditions make it necessary.

8.2 Contact numbers: - Castray finish box 0477 922 489
RYCT Race Office (Boardroom) (03) 6134 8910

8.3 Radio Schedules-Position Report Schedules (see also 8.8 below)

1135	1735	2335	0535 local time on VHF Channel 81
1150	1750	2350	0550 local time on MF 2524 kHz

8.4 Race Traffic Schedules

All boats are required to standby for five (5) minutes at any other period that may be nominated for race and safety traffic. Individual boats may be called during this period and asked for their position.

8.5 Compliance with the instruction for both position and race schedules is mandatory.

8.6 **When abeam of White Rock** heading toward the finish, boats are to advise Royal Yacht Club Race Control of their position and ETA.

8.7 Procedures

- (a) All boats will standby tuned to their race frequency at all times listed for Radio Schedules.
- (b) At the commencement of the Schedule, Royal Yacht Club Race Control will broadcast any race traffic which may include an updated Weather Forecast for the area covered by the course, if available. A list of vessels for which messages are held will also be broadcast.
- (c) Boats will then be called in alphabetical order for their position reports. Boats which are unable to reply on the first call should stand by until the list has been completed when they will be called a second time.
- (d) Boats shall give the following information in their position reports:
 1. Name of Boat
 2. Position in Degrees and Whole Minutes of Latitude and Longitude at the commencement of the Schedule and whether bound North, South, East or West in relation to turning marks
 3. Wind direction and speed only if requested by Royal Yacht Club Race Control
 4. Royal Yacht Club Race Control may require some boats to make special calls between Schedule times in order to estimate when the finishing line should be manned.

8.8 One or more competing boats may be designated "Radio Relay Vessel" to assist in the passing and recording of information when signals are unable to be read by Royal Yacht Club Race Control. Such boats will be identified at the commencement of the Schedule.

8.9 Any boat failing or unable to make contact at a scheduled radio report time shall do so at the first available opportunity after that time by any means available. .

8.10 Failure to report in at skeds may result in Penalty clause 22.1 (b) being applied.

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9. Ranking as a Starter

- 9.1 Boats intending to start shall report to the race officials at the Sailing Committee Start Boat off Royal Hobart Regatta Grounds. The boat shall have its trysail/luff reduced by 50% or greater reefed mainsail, and storm jib set until acknowledged by the race officials. The boat shall radio its sail number and the number of persons on board until acknowledged by race officials.
- 9.2 Boats may be penalised in accordance with SI 22 unless they have completed the Pre-Race check.

10. The Start

- 10.1 The Starting Line will be off the Royal Hobart Regatta Grounds Pavilion and be between the Orange Flag on the Committee Boat and an Orange inflatable mark.
- 10.2 Class Flag will be Flag 0 (zero).

11. Recalls

- 11.1 Recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.
- 11.2 Individual recalls in accordance with RRS 29.1 may also be notified by radio approximately five minutes after the start on VHF Channel 81. Competitors are reminded that radio recall information is provided as an aid and the provision or failure of the aid will not form the basis of any protest or redress.

12. Boats Arriving Late

- 12.1 Boats that start more than thirty (30) minutes after the starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start", unless the Race Committee deems otherwise.
- 12.2 A boat that has been delayed and has not been able to arrive in the vicinity of the Starting Line when the preparatory signal is made, may use her engine to get towards the starting line. A delayed boat availing herself of this privilege shall cease use of her engine and then complete a 360 degree turn before she crosses the Starting Line. A boat so competing shall record the circumstances on her Declaration after the race and the Sailing Committee shall decide whether she will be regarded as a bona fide starter.

13. Courses and Marks

Mark	Description
Course A	From the starting line around Bruny Island, leaving this to Port thence to the finishing line.
Course B	From the starting line around Bruny Island, leaving this to Starboard thence to the finishing line.
Finish	As described in Sailing Instruction 15

14. Temporary Discontinuance From Racing (Amends RRS 41 and RRS 45)

- 14.1 A boat after starting may use its motor to assist with anchoring or berthing when:
- (a) taking shelter from extreme weather; or
 - (b) disembarking sick or injured crew who will take no further part in the race (such crew shall not be replaced); or
 - (c) attempting repairs wholly on board.
- 14.2 Mechanical propulsion may be used only to assist with berthing or anchoring. Crew intending to continue to race may go ashore solely for the purpose of making fast and

thereafter shall immediately re-embark. No outside assistance shall be accepted by the boat or the crew other than as provided in RRS 41.

- 14.3 A boat complying with RRS 1.1 (except as to its own crew), which sustains damage or depletes its stores, may accept outside assistance to make good the damage, equipment or stores provided that such assistance shall not be provided over a cumulative period exceeding 24 hours in total.

15. Finish Line

The Finish line will be between the Flagpole on the box on Castray Esplanade and an illuminated orange flag mark to the east of the box.

16. Finishing after Dark

In the event of a boat finishing during the hours of darkness, the sail number must be illuminated and her name relayed via VHF to the Race Officials. **Boats shall also record their finishing times.**

17. Time Limit

There will be no time limit. Please note: Boats finishing more than 20 hours after the finish of the first boat are required to take their own finishing time as the finishing line may not be staffed. Boats that take their own finishing time shall record it on the declaration form and shall lodge with the race committee within two hours after finishing.

18. Alternative Penalties

A boat that fails to return and start when signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1 will receive a 90-minute elapsed time penalty. This alters RRS Appendix A 5.2.

19. Retirement

- 19.1 A boat retiring from the race shall notify Royal Yacht Club Race Control at the earliest opportunity. Should the boat be unable to make immediate contact with Royal Yacht Club Race Control, notification of the time should be given at the time of the next radio Sked. Once having retired, a boat will be dropped from its position on the Race calling list to a secondary list which will be called after completion of the Radio Schedule. Retired boats are requested to report their positions and give their destinations at the scheduled times until they have reached port.

20. Declarations

- 20.1 Declarations on the attached form are required only when a breach of rules or sailing instructions occurs during the race, or when SI 17 applies. Any contravention, however trivial, of the 2023 Bruny Island Race Sailing Instructions or the AS Safety Regulations, including failure to report at any mandatory radio schedule, must be reported.
- 20.2 In electing to refrain from lodging a Declaration the skipper of each boat is acknowledging that the boat complied fully with the rules, regulations and sailing instructions throughout the race.
- 20.3 A completed Declaration on the attached form with the date and time of lodgement noted thereon, shall be lodged as soon as practical after the boat has finished either
- (a) Email to sailing@ryct.org.au
 - (b) Posting in the letter box at the RYCT Reception

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20.4 A boat that is observed or reported to have infringed a rule and which fails to lodge a declaration within the time limit shall be subject to the application of penalties in accordance with SI 23.

21. Protests

21.1 Protests and requests for redress will be lodged within 2 hours of the finish time of the protesting boat, or if the Race Office at the RYCT is closed, by 0900 hours the next day.

21.2 Notification of the details of protest hearings will be placed on the Official Notice Board at the RYCT to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest or named as a witness. These notices are deemed to fulfill the requirements of RRS 63.2.

21.3 In accordance with RRS 64.1 (a) in determining penalties, the Protest Panel may:

- (a) disqualify the boat or,
- (b) Make any other arrangement, which may be to award no penalty.

21.4 The scoring penalty RRS 44.3 (c) is altered as follows. Delete the second last sentence and insert: "All other boats affected, including any boat with the same score, shall be moved up one place."

22. Penalties Without Hearing

22.1 **Alters RR 63.1.** Non- Compliance with certain sailing instructions may result in penalties being applied by the Race Committee without hearing. Penalties may be

- (a) Disqualification from that race or
- (b) 20% to be added to her unadjusted elapsed time thus altering both her finishing and corrected time positions, such penalty shall not affect the finish or corrected time position of any other boat.

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(TO BE SIGNED BY THE OWNER/CHARTERER OR HIS/HER REPRESENTATIVE)

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Declaration Form to the Race Committee

I, (owner/rep) _____ hereby declare that I am a member of
(Yacht Club) _____ and my AS number is _____, and that I was in charge of the
boat (boat name) _____ whilst competing in the 2023 Bruny Island Race.

Finish Date _____ Finish Time _____

Were all SI's & RRS **complied** with? YES / NO

If **NO**, please explain: _____

Was a B (RRS 61.1) or Q (RRS 44.3) flag flown during racing? YES / NO

If **YES**, please explain: _____

Did you partake and receive all position skeds? YES / NO On HF 2524/4483 _____ or VHF 81 _____

If **NO**, please explain: _____

Did you relay for any other yachts (position) during the race? YES/NO

If **YES** who: _____

Reason: _____

Any other feedback for Race Committee & RYCT Sailing Committee? _____

Signed _____ Print Name _____

Witnessed _____ Print Name _____

Declaration received (Sailing Office/Race Committee use)

Date _____ Time _____ Received by _____

Action to be taken _____