



2023 Bligh Point Rum Challenge Channel Race

NOTICE OF RACE

Sunday 8 October 2023

Organising Authority

THE ROYAL YACHT CLUB OF TASMANIA

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania (RYCT)

2. RULES

- 2.1 Races will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-24.
- 2.2 Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS).
- 2.3 RRS 55.2 is changed to allow the use of fixed or retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.
- 2.4 RRS 52 is changed by adding “Stored power may be used for the operation of sails and movable ballast systems.”
- 2.5 RRS 63.1 and A5 are changed by adding the following to each “The Race Committee may apply penalties without a hearing to boats which infringe the sailing instructions relating to keeping clear of start and finish lines. Penalties shall be as specified in the sailing instructions.”
- 2.6 Protest Arbitration-Appendix T of the RRS applies except that the arbitrator may be a member of a subsequent protest hearing.
- 2.7 Boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 5 for Groups 1, 2, 3 & 4 except that a fitted VHF radio is mandatory (This amends Special Regulation 3.25.1(b)). Group 5 shall comply with Category 7 together with a VHF radio (this may be a handheld unit).
- 2.8 General Rules as described in Section 1 of the Organising Clubs’ fixtures and sailing instructions booklets.
- 2.9 The minimum number of crew to be on board is three (3) adults unless special dispensation sought in writing from the Organising Authority is granted by the Race Committee before the race.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Entry is open to owners of boats on the register of the BYC, DSS or RYCT. Other entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority from members of other clubs affiliated with Australian Sailing.
Crew Declaration.
- 3.2 The Crew Declaration shall confirm that the boat intends to race and shall include required details of persons on board as follows:
Name;
 - I. Contact phone number;
 - II. Emergency contact name and contact details
 - III. Australian Sailing Number in accordance with NoR 3.7.
- 3.3 Boats that do not comply with NOR and NOR 3.2 will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 RRS (2021-24).
- 3.4 The Race Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entry.
- 3.5 Boats wishing to enter IRC or ORC shall hold a valid IRC, or ORC Certificate before the race.
- 3.6 All crew members must comply with the AS Prescription to RRS 46 which states –

Australian Sailing prescribes that, from 1st January 2022, all persons on board a boat while racing shall be members of a Club affiliated to Australian Sailing and have an Australian Sailing number, or hold a valid Sail Pass

4. ENTRY

4.1 Entries may be lodged via the RYCT website. Entry shall be lodged no later than 1700hrs on Thursday 05 October 2023.

4.2 No entry will be deemed to have been accepted until approved by the Race Committee.

4.3 Entry fees

Race Entry \$35

Each additional Handicap Group \$15

5. INSURANCE

All competing boats are required to have a current Certificate of Insurance for the period of the race including Third Party Liability and Public Liability Insurance of not less than AUS \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars) for any one incident.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Day	Date	Start Line	First Warning Signal
Sunday	8 October 2023	Mid-River Start all groups	1000hrs

7. GROUP ALLOCATION

Boats will be allocated to Groups according to those published by the Combined Clubs Race Committee using Time Correction Factors (TCF) based on the Performance Handicapping System (PHS). Boats may be allocated to a Group outside of these parameters at the discretion of the Race Committee

Non-Spinnaker entrants will be allocated to a group best suited to their PHS performance.

Groups may be combined if there are insufficient entries in any Group.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available from RYCT by 18 September 2023 and placed on the Club's website. The Channel Race will use Section 3 of the Combined Clubs Sailing Instructions.

9. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The Official Notice Board will be located on the Notice Board of the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania. Copies of notices will be placed on the other Club Notice Boards as soon as practical before and following the race.

10. RACING AREA

The waters of the River Derwent & D'Entrecasteaux Channel.

11. COURSES

As described in the Sailing Instructions of Section 3 of Combined Clubs Summer Pennant Long Race Starts.

12. SCORING

Races shall be scored based on handicap or rating system.

13. PRIZES

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

Five entries	1 st prize
Six to nine entries	1 st and 2 nd prizes
Ten or more entries	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd prizes

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

14. SAFETY

- 14.1 The attention of all persons taking part in the Channel Race is drawn to the requirement to be aware of the application of the *Marine Safety (Misuse of Alcohol) Act, 2006*.
- 14.2 For all boats in Groups 1 to 4 a fully operational permanently installed VHF radio is mandatory. Group 5 boats may use a handheld VHF radio.
- 14.3 Persons in charge are also reminded of the requirement for the wearing of lifejackets where full lifelines are not provided. AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 5, 5.01.1 (j) shall apply.
- 14.4 For all Category 7 races for Sports boats AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 5, 5.01.1 (j) (Lifejackets) shall apply, and is recommended for all other boats without rails.
- 14.5 It is also recommended that entrants have a Man Overboard procedure that all crew members have practiced.
- 14.6 Boats must report any serious on water incidents to the Race Officer/Race Committee as soon as practical (for example man overboard, collision, grounding or crew injury).
- 14.7 Attention is also drawn to the requirement for boats to keep well clear of vessels under pilotage especially vessels proceeding through the Tasman Bridge.

15. PRIVACY NOTICE

Personal information about crew members is obtained in the crew lists for use in case of emergency situations. If necessary, the information will be provided to Public Health Authorities, Emergency Organisations or the Water Police and may be passed on by them to other organisations as required. A condition of entry is that crew members are to be informed of this and advised that they may obtain access to the information held about them by contacting the Organising Authority.

16. LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

- 16.1 All persons taking part in this race, whether as entrants or otherwise, do so at their own risk and responsibility. Particular attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3 Decision to Race. The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania's executives, boards, servants and agents and all other parties involved with the conduct and organisation of the race disclaim any and every responsibility for loss, damage, injury, death or inconvenience that might occur to persons or property, both ashore and/or afloat, as a consequence of participation in the race covered by this notice of race and by the sailing instructions.
- 16.2 The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 16.3 The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania reserves the right to refuse or withdraw any entry.