



2023-24

COMBINED CLUBS

LONG RACE PENNANT SERIES

# NOTICE OF RACE

Saturday 14 October 2023

Saturday 4 November 2023

Saturday 2 December 2023

Saturday 3 February 2024

Saturday 16 March 2024

Conducted by the Combined Clubs:

THE ROYAL YACHT CLUB OF TASMANIA, BELLERIVE YACHT CLUB AND DERWENT  
SAILING SQUADRON

## 1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

The Combined Clubs Committee (CCC) consisting of The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania (RYCT), Bellerive Yacht Club Inc. (BYC) and the Derwent Sailing Squadron Inc. (DSS).

## 2. RULES

- 2.1. The race will be governed by the rules, as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RSS) of World Sailing, including: Except as amended by this Notice of Race (NoR) and/or the Sailing Instructions (SI), the race will be governed by the current versions of:
  - a. the IRC Rules 2023 Parts A, B and C;
  - b. the IMS Rule and ORC Rating System Rules 2023; and
  - c. the prescriptions and special regulation of Australian Sailing (AS Special Regulations) (a copy of which may be found at <https://www.sailingresources.org.au/safety/specialregs/> ). Where Australian Standards are specified in the AS Special Regulations, equipment marked as satisfying a recognised equivalent international standard may be accepted.
- 2.2. General Rules as described in Section 1 of the 2023-24 Organising Clubs' Fixture and Sailing Instruction booklet. Boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 5. A permanently installed VHF transceiver is mandatory (This amends Special Regulation 3.25.1(b)).
- 2.3. The OA may amend any detail of this Notice of Race (NoR) before 17:00 on 25 September 2023.
- 2.4. The minimum number of adult crew to be on board shall be three (3) unless dispensation is sought in writing from the OA and is granted by the Race Committee before a race.
  - 2.4.1. If dispensation is granted by the Race Committee to race two handed then both crew shall wear a lifejacket whilst racing, in accordance with NoR 16.7. A handheld VHF Radio shall be carried in the cockpit, in accordance with NoR 16.2.

## 3. CHANGES TO CLASS RULES AND RRS

- 3.1. RRS 52 is changed:
  - i. to allow adjustment of movable ballast or canting keels on any boat and the use of stored power to do so; and
  - ii. to allow the use of stored power for sail handling and sail trimming on any boat.
  - iii. to allow self-steering equipment to be use by boats who have been granted a dispensation to race two handed.
- 3.2. RRS 55.2 is changed to allow the use of fixed or retractable spinnaker poles, and bowsprits for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.
- 3.3. RRS 63.1 and A5.1 are changed by adding the following to each; "The Race Committee may apply penalties without a hearing to boats which infringe the SI relating to keeping clear of start and finish lines. Penalties shall be as specified in the SI."
- 3.4. Appendix T Arbitration of the RSS applies.

- 3.5. IRC Rule 22.4.2 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew weight except as required for boats rated as one designs which shall comply with IRC Rule 22.4.1.

#### 4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. Entry is open to owners of boats from members of clubs affiliated with Australian Sailing. Entries are accepted at the discretion of the OA.

- 4.2. Crew Declaration.

4.2.1. For each race a boat shall submit a Crew Declaration via TOPYACHT before its Warning Signal.

4.2.2. The Crew Declaration shall confirm that the boat intends to race and shall include required details of each person on board as follows:

- i. Name;
- ii. Contact phone number;
- iii. Australian Sailing Number in accordance with NoR 4.3; and
- iv. Emergency name and contact phone number.

4.2.3. Boats that do not comply with NoR 4.2.1 and NoR 4.2.2 (i, ii & iii) will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the relevant race. This changes A5.1 RRS (2021-24).

- 4.3. 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 AS or hold a valid Sail Pass.

- 4.4. The OA reserves the right to accept, reject or cancel any entry.

- 4.5. Boats entering IRC must have a current valid endorsed IRC certificate.

- 4.6. Boats entering ORCc must have a current, valid audited ORCc certificate or a current, valid ORCi certificate. For the avoidance of doubt, audited certificates are those where measurements have been supplied by an approved measurer, meaning that certificates incorporating “owner” measurements are not used.

- 4.7. Competitors who join a pennant after one (1) or more races have been run will be awarded a “Late Entrant” score for each earlier race. The “Late Entrant” score will be Did Not Compete (DNC) score for the first (non-abandoned) race run after the competitor joins the pennant. Previously allocated DNC for other boats will not be altered. This score will also apply to boats that have entered a pennant (IRC or ORCc) but have not provided the appropriate rating certificate/s. This changes RRS A5.

#### 5. ENTRY

- 5.1. Entries shall be lodged via one of the organising club’s websites no later than 17:00 on Friday 29 September 2023. Late entries may be accepted after this time at the absolute discretion of the Combined Clubs Race Committee.

- 5.2. No entry will be deemed to have been accepted until approved by the Combined Clubs Race Committee and until a self-assessed AS Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form for the appropriate safety category has been lodged with the Race Office of one of the organising clubs.

- 5.3. Entry fees

Pennant Entry (incl. PHS)	\$80
• Additional Handicap Group (IRC and/or ORCc)	\$40 each
Individual Race Day Entry (incl. PHS)	\$25
• Additional Handicap Group (IRC and/or ORCc)	\$15 each
Optional Non-Member RYCT Pennant Entry	\$50
• Additional Handicap Group (IRC and/or ORCc)	\$30 each

#### 5.4. Entry fees – Combined Clubs Long Race Pennant & Harbour Pennant

Block Entry (incl. PHS)	\$150
• Additional Handicap Group (IRC and/or ORCc)	\$75 each

## 6. INSURANCE

All competing boats are required to have a current Certificate of Insurance for the period of the pennant including Third Party Liability and Public Liability Insurance of not less than AUS \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars) for any one (1) incident.

## 7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

RACE	DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL
Day 1	Saturday	14 Oct 2023	RYCT	Midriver	09:55
Day 2	Saturday	4 Nov 2023	DSS	Midriver	09:55
Day 3	Saturday	2 Dec 2023	BYC	Midriver	09:55
Day 4	Saturday	3 Feb 2024	RYCT	Midriver	09:55
Day 5	Saturday	16 Mar 2024	DSS	Midriver	09:55

## 8. GROUP ALLOCATION

- 8.1. Boats will be allocated to Groups according to those published by the OA 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.
- 8.2. Groups may be combined if there are insufficient entries in any Group.

## 9. RACES

All Groups will have one (1) race on each race day of the Combined Clubs Long Race Pennant Series.

## 10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1. Sailing Instructions will be available from the combined clubs by no later than Friday 29 September 2023 and placed on the organising clubs' websites.

## 11. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The official notice board for each race will be located on the notice board of the club assigned to conduct the race. Copies of notices will be placed on the other clubs' notice boards as soon as practical before and following a race.

## 12. RACING AREA

The waters of the River Derwent, D'Entrecasteaux Channel, Frederick Henry Bay and Storm Bay.

## 13. COURSES

As described in the SI.

## 14. SCORING

- 14.1. Races shall be scored based on PHS handicap or rating systems handicaps. For IRC this will be the IRC Time Corrector (TCC) as printed on the certificate. For ORC this will be the Single Number Scoring Option, All Purpose (AP) Time on Time, as printed on the boats rating certificate.
- 14.2. The Combined Clubs Long Race Pennant will consist of a maximum of five (5) races with discards as described in NoR 14.4.1 and 14.4.2.
- 14.3. A minimum of two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute the Combined Clubs Long Race Pennant Series.
- 14.4. Combined Clubs Long Race Pennant Series Score:
  - 14.4.1. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores.
  - 14.4.2. When five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race score excluding its worst score.

## 15. PRIZES

- 15.1. A pennant will be awarded to the first boat in each Long Race Pennant Group.
- 15.2. Additional prizes may be awarded but the OA reserve the right to vary the number of prizes based on the number of entries as follows:

Five (5) entries	1st prize
Six (6) to nine (9) entries	1st & 2nd prizes
Ten (10) or more entries	1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes
- 15.3. Individual race day prizes may be awarded by the host organising club after the race.

## 16. SAFETY

- 16.1. The attention of all persons taking part in the Combined Clubs Long Race Pennant Series races is drawn to the requirement to comply with the Marine Safety (Misuse of Alcohol) Act, 2006.
- 16.2. Safety Category requirement for the Combined Clubs Long Race Pennant Series is Category 5 except that a fully operational permanently installed VHF transceiver is mandatory. A handheld VHF Radio shall be carried in the cockpit. This changes AS SR 3.25.1(b).
- 16.3. For sports boats and boats without full lifelines, AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 5, 5.01.1 (j) (Lifejackets) shall apply.
- 16.4. It is also recommended that entrants have a Man Overboard procedure that crew members have practiced.
- 16.5. Boats must report any serious on-water incidents to the organising clubs Race Officer/OA as soon as practical (for example man overboard, collision, grounding or crew injury).

- 16.6. The person in charge of the boat must give way to a vessel that is under pilotage as per regulation 29 of the Marine and Safety (Pilotage and Navigation) Regulations 2017.
- 16.7. If a crew dispensation is granted, to race two handed, by the Race Committee in accordance with NoR 2.4 then each crew member shall wear a suitable lifejacket whilst racing.

## 17. MEDIA RIGHTS

The owner or charterer of a competing boat and all crew members shall grant the Combined Clubs the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any medium, names, images, data of the crew and still and moving images of the boat and its crew prior to, during and after any Combined Clubs race.

## 18. PRIVACY NOTICE

Personal information about crew members is obtained in the crew lists for use in case of emergency. If necessary, the information will be provided to Emergency Service Organisations 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 OA.

## 19. LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

- 19.1. All persons taking part in this pennant, 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.
- 19.2. The RYCT, DSS and BYC, their executives, boards, servants and agents and all other parties involved with the conduct and organisation of the Long Race Pennant 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 races covered by this NoR and by the SI.
- 19.3. The CCC are not individually or collectively responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.