



2023-2024

COMBINED CLUBS MIDWEEK SERIES

# NOTICE OF RACE

## SERIES ONE

11 October to 13 December 2023

Midweek Luncheon at DSS – 20 December 2023

## SERIES TWO

10 January to 13 March 2024

Midweek Luncheon at BYC – 20 March 2024

## SERIES THREE

27 March to 29 May 2024

Midweek Luncheon at RYCT – 05 June 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 consisting of The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania (RYCT), Bellerive Yacht Club Inc. (BYC) and Derwent Sailing Squadron Inc. (DSS)

## 2. RULES

- 2.1. Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-24.
- 2.2. Boats shall comply with the Australian Sailing (AS) Prescriptions and Special Regulations.
- 2.3. Under World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01, change the definition *Start* as follows:
  - 2.3.1. **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.
  - 2.3.2. 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.
- 2.4. Boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 7 plus an operational VHF radio is mandatory.
- 2.5. General Rules as described in Section 1 of the 2023-24 Organising Clubs' fixture and sailing instruction booklet.
- 2.6. Spinnakers and other off the wind sails are not permitted whilst racing.
- 2.7. RRS 52 is changed by adding "The use of stored power may be used for the operation of sails and moveable ballast systems."
- 2.8. RRS 63.1, A5 and A5.1 (RRS 2021-24) 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."
- 2.9. Appendix T Arbitration of the RRS applies.
- 2.10. The minimum number of adult crew to be on board is two (2).

## 3. ELIGIBILITY

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

3.2. Crew Declaration.

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

3.2.2. 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 3.3; and
- iv. emergency Contact name and phone number.

3.2.3. Boats that do not comply with NoR 3.2.1 and NoR 3.2.2 (i, ii & iii) will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the relevant race. This changes A5.1 RRS (2021-24).

3.3. 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 Sail Pass.

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

4. ENTRY

4.1. Entries shall be lodged via one of the organising club’s websites no later than 17:00 on the Friday before the first race of each series. Late entries may be accepted after this time at the absolute discretion of the OA.

4.2. No entry will be deemed to have been accepted until approved by the OA and until a self-assessed AS Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form – Category 7 has been lodged with the Race Office of one of the organising clubs.

4.3. Entry fees for each series

Block Entry (all Series)	\$200
Series One	\$80
Series Two	\$80
Series Three	\$80
Individual Race Entry	\$15

4.4. Luncheon Tickets – two tickets free per boat. Additional tickets \$15 each.

5. INSURANCE

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

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The first warning signal will be no earlier than 13:20 and the first starting signal no earlier than 13:25.

Midweek Series One

RACE	DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START
Day 1	Wednesday	11 Oct 2023	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 2	Wednesday	18 Oct 2023	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 3	Wednesday	25 Oct 2023	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 4	Wednesday	01 Nov 2023	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 5	Wednesday	08 Nov 2023	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 6	Wednesday	15 Nov 2023	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 7	Wednesday	22 Nov 2023	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 8	Wednesday	29 Nov 2023	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 9	Wednesday	06 Dec 2023	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 10	Wednesday	13 Dec 2023	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
		20 Dec 2023	DSS	Luncheon

Midweek Series Two

RACE	DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START
Day 1	Wednesday	10 Jan 2024	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 2	Wednesday	17 Jan 2024	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 3	Wednesday	24 Jan 2024	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 4	Wednesday	31 Jan 2024	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 5	Wednesday	07 Feb 2024	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 6	Wednesday	14 Feb 2024	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 7	Wednesday	21 Feb 2024	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 8	Wednesday	28 Feb 2024	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 9	Wednesday	06 Mar 2024	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 10	Wednesday	13 Mar 2024	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
		20 Mar 2024	BYC	Luncheon

Midweek Series Three

RACE	DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START
Day 1	Wednesday	27 Mar 2024	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 2	Wednesday	03 Apr 2024	RYCT	Victoria Esplanade
Day 3	Wednesday	10 Apr 2024	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 4	Wednesday	17 Apr 2024	BYC	Castray Esplanade
Day 5	Wednesday	24 Apr 2024	RYCT	Victoria Esplanade
Day 6	Wednesday	01 May 2024	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 7	Wednesday	08 May 2024	BYC	Castray Esplanade
Day 8	Wednesday	15 May 2024	RYCT	Victoria Esplanade
Day 9	Wednesday	22 May 2024	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 10	Wednesday	29 May 2024	BYC	Castray Esplanade
		05 Jun 2024	RYCT	Luncheon

## 7. GROUP ALLOCATION

Boats will be allocated to Groups by the OA based on the speed of the boat. Times of group starts will be posted on the official notice boards at RYCT, DSS and BYC by 12:00 on the day of the race.

## 8. RACES

All Midweek races will be staggered starts with the slowest group of boats starting 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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available from the Organising Clubs by no later than Thursday 28 September 2023 and placed on the organising club's websites.

## 10. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The Series 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.

## 11. RACING AREA

The River Derwent between a line from Woodman Point to Shag Bay Point and a line from Cartwright Point to Trywork Point.

## 12. COURSES

As described in the SI.

## 13. PRIZES

The Birngana Trophy will be awarded to the best performing boat on PHS across all three series.

## 14. SAFETY

- 14.1. The attention of all persons taking part in the Combined Clubs Midweek Series is drawn to the requirement to be aware of the application of the Marine Safety (Misuse of Alcohol) Act, 2006.
- 14.2. For sports boats and boats without full lifelines, AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 5, 5.01.1 (j) (Lifejackets) shall apply.
- 14.3. It is recommended that entrants have a Man Overboard procedure that all crew members have practiced.
- 14.4. 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).
- 14.5. 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. MEDIA RIGHTS

The owner or charterer of a competing boat and all crew members shall grant the OA 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.

## 16. 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.

## 17. LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

- 17.1. The RYCT, DSS and BYC, their executives, boards, servants and agents and all other parties involved with the conduct and organisation of the Midweek Series 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.
- 17.2. 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.