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Hobart Combined Clubs Sailing Program

It is a privilege, on behalf of the Combined Clubs, to present the 2023-24 sailing program.

The Combined Clubs' arrangements are formalised through a Memorandum of Understanding that underscores the commitment to collaboratively developing a shared sailing program. The Combined Clubs Committee (CCC), comprising Vice Commodores from each partner club, oversees this initiative, with the role of CCC chair rotating annually. This year, we are pleased to announce that the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania has assumed the role of CCC chair.

We would like to extend a note of gratitude to the Combined Clubs Working Group for their attention to detail and commitment to ensuring that the views and feedback of participants is best represented for the upcoming sailing season calendar. This dedicated working group acts in liaison with the CCC and respective sailing committees, representing the views and aspirations of members.

On behalf of the Combined Clubs, we are delighted to present the finalised 2023-24 racing and events schedule, available at the link Combined Clubs Calendar. [Combined Clubs Calendar](#)

While we will provide some specific details, we encourage you to engage with your club's sailing office for any queries you might have.

OPENING DAY

Our upcoming season will commence officially on October 7, 2023, with Opening Day festivities hosted by the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania. Detailed instructions for this event will be communicated closer to the date.

TWILIGHT RACING

Please note that Twilight racing commences before Opening Day this year with BYC on Wednesday 4 October & RYCT/DSS on Thursday 5 October.

COMBINED CLUBS SUMMER PENNANT

This year we have retained the successful structure of five long races and five harbour race days. To that end, the 2023-24 season will echo the previous year's schedule that has been well received.

MEASUREMENT RATING

The CCC acknowledges the successful adoption of the ORC Club measurement rating system last season, this will once again run alongside IRC and PHS for the 2023-24 season.

INDIVIDUAL CLUB PENNANTS

While individual clubs will maintain their discretion in determining eligibility rules for club pennant awards, they will continue to adhere to established participation principles that have been pivotal to the success of the Combined Clubs. The criteria for each individual club's pennant will be detailed in Section 1 of the Sailing Instructions.

REGATTAS

We wholeheartedly encourage owners from all clubs to actively participate and support the upcoming regattas, fostering a strong spirit of camaraderie and healthy competition.

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| • Pipe Opener Series | DSS/KYC | 15 – 17 September 2023 |
| • Ratings Test Event | DSS | 13 – 14 January 2023 |
| • Channel Challenge | DSS/KYC | 19 – 21 January 2024 |
| • Crown Series Regatta | BYC | 23 – 25 February 2024 |
| • Women's Keelboat Regatta | DSS | 02 – 03 March 2024 |
| • Port Cygnet Regatta | RYCT/PCSC | 08 – 10 March 2024 |
| • Port Esperance Dover Regatta | RYCT/PESC | 29 – 31 March 2024 |
| • Barnes Bay Regatta | DSS/KBC | 06 April 2024 |

COMBINED CLUBS MIDWEEK SERIES

The Combined Clubs Midweek Series continues to be very popular, and the racing format will remain unchanged for the 2023–24 season, apart from Series 4 (Winter) which will be determined at the conclusion of Series 3. This means there will be three (3) series with a possible winter midweek series.

COMBINED CLUBS OFFSHORE SERIES

The Combined Clubs Offshore Series will again be conducted extracting scores from the following Category 3 races. A separate Notice of Series will be issued along with each Club's individual Notice of Race for the events.

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| • BYC Overnight Race | 25 October 2023 |
| • RYCT Maria Island Race | 10 November 2023 |
| • DSS Two Capes Race | 25 November 2023 |
| • RYCT Bruny Island Race | 10 February 2024 |

CREW DECLARATION

Effective from 1 January 2022 the Australian Sailing prescription to RRS 46 changed to require that all crew are members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing. This can be achieved by way of club membership or by Sailpass. Each of the Combined Clubs continue to offer Sailpasses, free of charge, for up to six (6) occasions in a season.

A crew declaration for each Combined Clubs race will continue to be a requirement during the 2023- 24 season. This season there will be an extra field to complete detailing emergency crew contact details. Your cooperation over the previous seasons assisting to this very important function has been appreciated very much.

We very much look forward to delivering a sailing program that promotes and covers the needs of competitors as we strive to provide a comprehensive sailing program across Hobart's premier sailors.



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Chair – Combined Clubs Committee