



**2023-24 SAILING SEASON
MASTERS KEELBOAT REGATTA
NOTICE OF RACE**

To be sailed on the waters of the River Derwent & hosted by
The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania

Sunday 17 March 2024

Supported by

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. 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); and,
 - Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS).
- 2.2. Protest Arbitration – Appendix T of the RRS applies, amended so that the arbitrator may be a member of a subsequent protest committee.
- 2.3. Boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 7 together with a VHF radio (this may be a handheld unit).

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. Entry is open to masters sailors (see NoR 9 Prizes below for age categories) who are members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing (AS) and their AS number must be provided with entry.
- 3.2. Each team entry shall comprise three or four crew per boat.
- 3.3. A maximum of 12 team entries will be accepted for the regatta.
- 3.4. The Race Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entry.
- 3.5. Crew Declaration.
 - The Crew Declaration shall include required details of persons on board as follows:
 - i. Name;
 - ii. Contact phone number; and
 - iii. Australian Sailing Number
- 3.6 Boats that do not comply with NOR 3.5 will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the relevant race. This changes A5.1 RRS (2021-24).

4. ENTRY

- 4.1. Entries should be lodged via an [Expression of Interest HERE](#) no later than 17:00 on Friday 8 March 2024.
- 4.2. No entry will be deemed to have been accepted until approved by the RYCT Race Committee.
- 4.3. Entry fees for the regatta

Entry fee for each team	\$100
Damage deposit per team	\$500

(Note: Damage deposit will be by way of lodging valid credit card details with the Organising Authority. No funds will be debited unless there is damage attributed to a particular crew. Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat and supplied equipment unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the Protest Committee.)

5. BOATS AND CREW

- 5.1. The event will be sailed in Elliott 6 boats.
- 5.2. Spinnakers will be used.
- 5.3. Boats will be allocated by the Race Committee.
- 5.4. All registered crew shall sail all scheduled races.
- 5.5. There is no crew weight limit.

6. EVENT FORMAT

- 6.1. Ten (10) races are scheduled.
- 6.2. For entries of up to six (6) boats, it will be a series of fleet races.
- 6.3. For entries of more than six (6) boats racing will either be conducted in a round robin or if sufficient numbers will be split into two groups and a qualifying series for each group will be raced.
- 6.4. If conducted as a qualifying series in two groups the boats placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd from each group in the qualifying series will race a grand final. The boats placed 4th, 5th and 6th from each group in the qualifying series will race a petit final.
- 6.5. A minimum of three (3) races will constitute a series.
- 6.6. The Organising Authority may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions or the remaining time scheduled do not permit the completion of the intended format. If there are six or fewer teams, there will be no finals and the overall placings will be decided on results from the series of fleet races.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday	17 Mar 2024	08:00	Elliott rigging at RYCT
		09:00	Race Briefing at RYCT
		10:00	1 st Warning signal and back-to-back races
		17:30	Prize Presentation
There will be no warning signal after 16:30			

8. COURSE

- 8.1. The course will be windward/leeward course with spreader mark, port hand roundings and finishing downwind.

9. PRIZES

- 9.1. The highest ranked team overall will receive the RYCT Masters Keelboat trophy (Over 35 years of age).
- 9.2. If there are sufficient entries in each age group (min three entries) additional trophies will be awarded for:
 - First Apprentice Masters (35 to 44 years of age) overall from final series
 - First Masters (45 to 54 years of age) overall from final series
 - First Grand Masters (55 to 64 years of age) overall from final series
 - First Great Grand Masters (65+ years of age) overall from final series
- 9.3. To qualify for an age group the skipper's age shall fall within the age range and the average age of the crew shall also fall within the age range.
- 9.4. Age date is 31 December 2024.

10. PERSONAL BUOYANCY

- 10.1. Approved lifejackets must be worn by all crew members when afloat. Inflatable lifejackets will not be allowed.

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1. Sailing Instructions will be available from the RYCT website by no later than 12:00 on Thursday 14 March 2024 and placed on the organising Clubs' websites.

12. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

- 12.1. The Series Official Notice Board will be at the south-east corner of the RYCT clubhouse.

13. RACING AREA

- 13.1. The waters of the River Derwent.

14. SAFETY

- 14.1. Boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 7 together with a handheld VHF radio.
- 14.2. 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. LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

- 15.1. All persons taking part in all races, 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 RYCT their executives, boards, servants and agents and all other parties involved with the conduct and organisation of the RYCT Masters Keelboat Regatta 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 Notice of Race and by the Sailing Instructions.
- 15.2. The RYCT reserves the right to refuse or withdraw any entry.

16. PRIVACY NOTE

- 16.1. 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.