



The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania

WINTER PENNANT SERIES 2024

For Women Skippers

# NOTICE OF RACE

Sunday 16 June 2024

Sunday 7 July 2024

Sunday 28 July 2024

Sunday 18 August 2024

Organising Authority

THE ROYAL YACHT CLUB OF TASMANIA

## 1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania (RYCT)

## 2. RULES

- 2.1. The race will be governed by the *rules*, as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS). The races will be governed by the current versions of:
  - a. the IRC Rules 2024 Parts A, B and C;
  - b. the IMS Rule and ORC Rating System Rules 2024; 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 7.
- 2.3. The Organising Authority (OA) may amend any detail of this NoR before 17:00 on 3 June 2024.
- 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.

## 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.
- 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 RRS applies amended so that an Arbitrator may form part of any Protest Committee.
- 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. The helm of each boat will be female. The general make-up of the remainder of the crew is open.

#### 4.3. Crew Declaration.

- 4.3.1. For each race a boat shall submit a Crew Declaration via TOPYACHT before its Warning Signal.
- 4.3.2. 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 contact name and phone number.
- 4.3.3. 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).
- 4.4. 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.
- 4.5. The OA reserves the right to accept, reject or cancel any entry.
- 4.6. Boats entering IRC must have a current valid endorsed IRC certificate.
- 4.7. Boats entering ORC<sub>c</sub> must have a current, valid audited ORC<sub>c</sub> certificate or a current, valid ORC<sub>i</sub> 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.
- 4.8. Competitors who join a pennant after one 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 ORC<sub>c</sub>) but have not provided the appropriate rating certificate/s. This changes RRS A5.

#### 5. ENTRY

- 5.1. Entries shall be lodged via The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania website no later than 17:00 on Wednesday 12 June 2024. Late entries may be accepted after this time at the absolute discretion of the RYCT Race Committee.
- 5.2. No entry will be deemed to have been accepted until approved by the RYCT 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 Combined Clubs (RYCT, DSS or BYC).
- 5.3. Entry fees

Pennant Entry (incl. PHS)	\$80
• Additional Handicap Group (IRC and/or ORC <sub>c</sub> )	\$40 each
Individual Race Day Entry (incl. PHS)	\$25
• Additional Handicap Group (IRC and/or ORC <sub>c</sub> )	\$15 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 incident.

## 7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

RACE	DAY	DATE	START	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL
Day 1	Sunday	16 June 2024	Midriver	09:25
Day 2	Sunday	7 July 2024	Midriver	09:25
Day 3	Sunday	28 July 2024	Midriver	09:25
Day 4	Sunday	18 August 2024	Midriver	09:25

## 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

There will be one race on each race day of the RYCT Winter Pennant.

## 10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available from the RYCT by no later than Friday 14 June 2024 and placed on the RYCT website.

## 11. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The official notice board will be the RYCT notice board located at the south-east corner of the clubhouse. Copies of notices will be sent to the other Combined Clubs for posting by those Clubs at their discretion.

## 12. RACING AREA

The waters of the River Derwent.

## 13. COURSES

As described in the SI.

## 14. SCORING

14.1. Races shall be scored based on handicap or rating system. 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 boat's rating certificate.

14.2. The RYCT Winter Pennant will consist of up to four races.

14.3. A minimum of two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute the RYCT Winter Pennant Series.

14.4. RYCT Winter Pennant Series Discards:

- 14.4.1. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of its race scores.
- 14.4.2. When four races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of its race score excluding its worst score.

15. PRIZES

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

Five (5) entries	1st prize only
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.

16. SAFETY

- 16.1. The attention of all persons taking part in the RYCT Winter Pennant races is drawn to the requirement to comply with the Marine Safety (Misuse of Alcohol) Act, 2006.
- 16.2. Safety Category requirement for the RYCT Winter Pennant is Category 7.
- 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 RYCT Race Officer/OA as soon as practical (e.g. 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.

17. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 17.5. The owner or charterer of a competing boat and all crew members shall grant the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania 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 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, their executives, boards, servants and agents and all other parties involved with the conduct and organisation of the RYCT Winter 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 RYCT is not individually or collectively responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

### Additional Information Not Forming Part of the Notice of Race

The RYCT's fleet of Elliott 6 keelboats will be available for charter by RYCT Winter Series Entrants at no charge. Entrants will be required to post a damage bond of \$500 by way of providing a valid credit card number with the RYCT Sailing Office. Charter conditions will be governed by the RYCT's Elliott 6 Charter Agreement. For details and to book a charter please contact the RYCT's Sailing Operations Manager Andrew Burnett [sailing@ryct.org.au](mailto:sailing@ryct.org.au) or 6223 4599.