



COMBINED CLUBS 2024-25

It is our honour, on behalf of the Combined Clubs, to introduce the 2024-25 sailing program.

Our Combined Clubs collaboration is based on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that reflects a shared commitment to developing a comprehensive sailing program. The Combined Clubs Committee (CCC), comprised of Vice Commodores and Sailing Managers from each partner club, plays a crucial role in overseeing this initiative. I am pleased to announce that the Derwent Sailing Squadron will assume the role of CCC chair for the upcoming season.

The MOU formalises and sets the framework for the allocation of race dates, as well as the administration, organisation, and promotion of Combined Club events. While each of our clubs continues to offer yacht racing opportunities for members, the MOU ensures that we work together to develop an equitable 12-month sailing calendar that serves the entire Hobart sailing community.

The efforts of the CCC to work collaboratively with their respective sailing committees, have been instrumental in ensuring that participant feedback and perspectives are reflected in the upcoming season's calendar.

On behalf of the Combined Clubs, we are pleased to confirm that entries are open and to present the finalised 2024-25 racing and events schedule, which is now available via the Combined Clubs Calendar link [<HERE>](#).

OPENING DAY

The sailing season will commence officially on 5 October 2024 with the traditional sail past including yachts and motor cruisers from The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Derwent Sailing Squadron, Bellerive Yacht Club and other local clubs. Details of the event will be available via the host club the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania closer to the date.

RACING RULES OF SAILING 2025-28

Starting January 1, 2025, the new version of the [Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-28](#) from World Sailing will be applicable to racing. The release of new rules often means that there have been updates or changes to the existing rules that you will need to familiarise yourself with to ensure compliance.

I encourage you to stay informed about these changes through communications from Australian Sailing in the coming months.

NEW LOOK SATURDAY RACING PROGRAM

In response to your feedback and to enhance our Saturday racing program this season, we are pleased to offer a total of nine race weekends for our Combined Clubs events.

The Long Race Series will retain its core structure but will now feature an early afternoon start time for three of the six races to help mitigate morning doldrums. Additionally, the traditional Harbour Series will be revised so that three of its six races will be incorporated into three of the Long Race

Series afternoons starts. That is, on three occasions, the afternoon long races will count for three harbour races in the Harbour Series.

The Sailing Instructions are currently being developed in collaboration with the Race Officer representatives from each club, and further details will be provided as the season approaches.



COMBINED CLUBS MIDWEEK RACING

The Combined Clubs Midweek Racing remains highly popular, and for the 2024–25 season, the racing format will stay the same. This season will feature three cycles of 10 races each, starting on 9 October 2024.

COMBINED CLUBS OFFSHORE SERIES

The Combined Clubs Offshore Series will once again be conducted by deriving scores from the designated Category 3 races as listed below. A separate Notice of Series will be issued, accompanied by each Club's individual Notice of Race for the respective events.

- BYC Overnight Race 23 October 2024
- RYCT Maria Island Race 8 November 2024
- [DSS Two Capes Race](#) 23 November 2024
- RYCT Bruny Island Race 8 February 2025

RATING CERTIFICATES

If you plan to race under IRC or ORC this season, it is crucial to revalidate your certificates before the first race. With the prestigious [Australian Yachting Championships](#) returning to Hobart in January 2025, it is essential to address your IRC requirements now.

If your boat has not previously held a Rating certificate, you should begin discussing your measurement needs with a qualified Australian Sailing [Measurer – Ratings](#). Several Measurers – Ratings are available in Hobart, and your club’s sailing office can provide you with their contact details.

IRC Rating certificates are valid from June 1 to May 31 each year. For more information, please visit [HERE](#). Additionally, the recent IRC Information Evening with RORC on YouTube is a valuable resource for your preparations: [Information Evening - IRC and RORC](#).

ORC Rating certificates are valid from July 1 to June 30 each year. More details are available [HERE](#).

Please ensure that you comply with the requirements of your IRC and ORC certificates, as well as any amendments specified in the Notice of Race for the specific event.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a successful and exciting sailing season ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dr. Steve Chau', with a large, stylized initial 'D' and 'C'.

Dr. Steve Chau
Vice Commodore Derwent Sailing Squadron
On behalf of the Combined Clubs Committee

5 September 2024