

THE 99th BRUNY ISLAND RACE

for monohulls and, by application, multihulls

Saturday 8th February 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority

**THE ROYAL
YACHT CLUB
OF TASMANIA**



1. Organising Authority

1.1 The Organising Authority is The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania (RYCT).

2. Rules and Regulations

2.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the WS Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS), the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), the 2024 IRC Rules Parts A, B and C, the 2024 ORCc Rules, all as modified by the sailing instructions.

2.2 Boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 3 with Life Raft. Boats may be subject to a Category 3 spot inspection by the Organising Authority.

2.3 The following alterations have been made to the rules:

2.3.1 IRC Rule 21.1.5(e): A spare mainsail may be carried in the race as a bona fide replacement for a mainsail damaged during the race.

2.3.2 IRC Rule 21.6.1: In accordance with a prescription by Australian Sailing, a boat in the IRC Handicap Category may carry one more headsail and/or spinnaker than shown on her current IRC certificate, of area not greater than rated HSA, HLUMax and SPA, without an increase in rating.

2.3.3 RRS 51: A boat with moveable ballast or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the special regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.

2.3.4 RRS 52: Amended to permit stored power for the operation of sails and movable ballast systems.

2.3.5 RRS 52: Amended to allow self-steering equipment to be used by boats who have been granted dispensation to race two handed.

2.4 The Sailing Instructions will be issued at, and may be available prior to, the race briefing. They may also be published on the event website.

2.5 Yellow Brick trackers will be provided for each boat in the race and the tracker shall be switched on and attached to the boat as per supplied instructions at all times while at sea, whether racing or retired.

2.6 All boats shall ensure that their Automatic Identification System (AIS) remains switched on and transmitting until they have returned safely to their berth, whether racing or retired.

3. Eligibility of Boats

3.1 All boats must:

3.1.1 Be single hulled and self-righting. Multihull boats' owners seeking to race shall apply to the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania to enter.

3.1.2 Have an overall length not less than 8.5 metres.

3.1.3 Comply with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations for Category 3 events as amended.

3.1.4 Comply with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations 3.02.4. Effective 1 January 2022. Structural Inspection-Consult the owner's manual for any instructions for keel bolt checking and re-tightening. The following inspection to be conducted by a qualified person externally with the boat out of the water. Check that there are no visible stress cracks particularly around the keel, hull / keel attachments, hull appendages and other stress points, inside the hull, backing plates, bolting arrangements and other keel floors. (See Appendix C-Model Keel and Rudder Inspection Procedures.

3.1.5 Be on the register of a yacht club affiliated with its National Authority.

3.1.6 Be equipped with a storm trysail, or a mainsail reefing to reduce the luff by at least 50%, and storm jib as for Category 2. Both must be rigged prior to start until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

- 3.1.7 Have an inboard engine in operating order with sufficient fuel for a minimum of 24 hours use and not less than the minimum requirements for Category 2.
- 3.1.8 Carry life rafts with sufficient capacity to carry all crew. See notes following this Notice of Race.
- 3.1.9 An adequate supply of water as per Category 2.
- 3.1.10 Shall carry radios capable of transmitting and receiving VHF 16, 67, 21, 72, 73, 81 and 82 **and/or** MF/HF frequencies 2524 and 4483.

3.2 **Insurance**

- 3.3 The owner or charterer of a boat entered in the race shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with the respect to the boat, current when racing and not racing, with an adequate sum insured of not less than AU \$10 million (or its equivalent in another currency). The policy shall state that the boat is covered for the race in which it is participating or that it is covered for races of a length greater than the length of the race in which it is participating. The policy shall be in effect throughout the period of 2025 Bruny Island Race.
- 3.4 IRC and ORCc Boats
- 3.5 A boat may only enter the IRC or ORCc Categories if the boat has a current, valid IRC and/or ORCc certificate.
- 3.6 PHS boats will be less than 30.0m LOA and will be handicapped by the RYCT Handicap Committee.

4. **Eligibility of Crew**

For the 2025 Bruny Island Race:

Fully Crewed Boats

- 4.1 The minimum number of crew on any yacht shall be four.
- 4.2 At least two crew members on the boat have a Senior First Aid certificate or equivalent or higher qualification.
- 4.3 At least two crew members on the boat have a Restricted Operators Certificate of Proficiency in Radio Telephony issued by a relevant authority, or equivalent or higher qualification.
- 4.4 **It is recommended** that at least 50% of the total crew (rounded down) of each boat have a valid AS Safety and Sea Survival Certificate (SSSC) as per Special Regulations Part 1, Section 6 with a minimum of two SSSC per boat.

Two-Handed Boats

- 4.5 A boat shall have two crew.
- 4.6 Both crew members shall meet the requirements of WS Regulation 19 (WS Eligibility Code) and shall be a current financial member of an Australian Sailing (AS) affiliated club. A temporary AS SailPass membership will not be accepted for this event.
- 4.7 Both crew members shall be 18 years of age or over.
- 4.8 Both crew **members** on the boat shall have completed a Category 3 race or an equivalent passage within the past two years. Details of which shall be supplied under Clause 5.2.6.
- 4.9 Both crew members shall have a Senior First Aid certificate or equivalent or higher qualification.
- 4.10 Both crew members shall have a Restricted Operators Certificate of Proficiency in Radio Telephony issued by a relevant authority, or equivalent or higher qualification.
- 4.11 Both crew members shall have a valid AS Safety and Sea Survival Certificate (SSSC) as per Special Regulations Part 1, Section 6.

General

- 4.12 Boats shall provide the Race Committee with a Crew List declaration by 18:00 on Thursday 6 February 2025. Any request for changes to the Crew List after 18:00 on Thursday 6 February 2025 must be made in writing to the Race Committee and approval must be received in writing.
- 4.13 A boat's crew list may be changed to correct errors, to amend for late crew changes or after protest, but shall not be changed later than two hours prior to the starting signal. After any change to a crew list, the boat shall still satisfy the general requirements of NoR clause 4.
- 4.14 Any boat which is unable to meet the requirements of 4.1 – 4.11 may apply to the Race Committee for an exemption. Such application shall be in writing and provide full details of their grounds for an exemption and shall be received by Wednesday 5 February 2025.

5. Entries

- 5.1 Entries shall be received on the online forms supplied by the Organising Authority:
- 5.2 (Go to the RYCT website www.ryct.org.au/sailing-program/ and select the "Enter Online" button. This will take you to the Club's entry page on TopYacht.)
- 5.3 As required by this Notice of Race (NoR) or the AS Special Regulations, boats entering shall attach valid:
 - 5.3.1 Audited AS Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form for Category 3 plus additional requirements in accordance with NoR 3.1.
 - 5.3.2 Life Raft information as part of the online entry.
 - 5.3.3 406 MHz EPIRB registration certificate in the boat's name (to satisfy compliance with AS Special Regulations 4.18.4 iv) as part of the online entry.
 - 5.3.4 Measurement and Rating Certificates, as required (NoR 3.5) emailed or submitted to the RYCT Office.
 - 5.3.5 Colour photograph of the boat under sail, suitable for search and rescue purposes – this may be a digital photograph of a size not less than 60 mm by 60 mm with a resolution not less than 300 dpi, emailed or submitted to the RYCT Office.
 - 5.3.6 A brief history of the boat for publicity purposes in the online entry.
 - 5.3.7 Crew list in the Skipper/Crew details on the online entry – crew members with a registered Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) are required to provide the Hex number on the online crew list form. Please ensure the PLB is registered with AMSA to the boat entered in this race.
 - 5.3.8 For those crew that have them, Australian Sailing Safety at Sea Survival Course Certificates (NoR 4.4/4.11) as part of the online crew registration.
 - 5.3.9 For those crew that have them Senior First Aid Certificates (NoR 4.2/4.9) as part of the online crew registration.
 - 5.3.10 For those crew that have them, Marine Radio Operator's Certificate of Proficiency in Radio Telephony or higher qualification (NoR 4.3/4.10) as part of the online crew registration.
 - 5.3.11 A Keel & Rudder inspection report in accordance with Australian Sailing Special Regulation 3.02.4. (Appendix C)
- 5.4 A completed online Entry Form and Declaration and Indemnity, plus the additional items specified above shall be received by the Organising Authority by 1200 hours on Wednesday 5 February 2025 (Close of Entries).
- 5.5 Entries may be received after the Close of Entries at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 5.6 Corrections to the items specified in NoR 5.3 (except 5.3.6 which will be 1800 that day) shall be received by the Organising Authority by 0900 hours on Friday 7 February 2025.

- 5.7 **Privacy Note:** Personal information about crew members is obtained in the crew lists. That information is obtained for use in search and rescue situations. The information will be given to search and rescue authorities and organisations, the water police, volunteer coastal stations and media representatives, and may be passed on by them to other organisations. 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.
- 5.8 The Race Committee reserves the right to reject or cancel any entry at its discretion (RRS 76.1).
- 5.9 The Race Committee will publish a final list of entries for the 2025 Bruny Island Race by 1000 hours Friday 7 February 2025. Protests concerning eligibility shall be received no later than 1400 hours on Friday 7 February 2025.

6. Fees

Entries received shall be AUD100.00 paid online.

Additional category entry fees shall be AUD30.00 paid online.

Late entry fee shall be AUD30.00

7. Categories

7.1 There are three categories:

- 7.1.1 PHS (Performance Handicap System)
- 7.1.2 IRC (International Rating Certificate)
- 7.1.3 ORCc (ORC Club Rating System)

7.2 All boats shall enter for PHS and may enter any other category for which they qualify.

7.3 A boat electing to race in more than one handicap category shall pay the additional category entry fee.

7.4 Divisions may be formed in each of the above categories, subject to the number of entries.

7.5 The organising authority may alter, amalgamate or divide any category and may add categories as required. The organising authority may cancel any category if fewer than five entries have been received by the closing date. In this event, boats that have entered will have the option of transferring to another category (if eligible) or having their entry fee refunded.

8. Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Wed 5 Feb 2025	12:00	Close of Entries	RYCT online entering
Thu 6 Feb 2025	18:00	Crew List Declaration	RYCT by email, online, or in person
Fri 7 Feb 2025	18:00	Mandatory Briefing	RYCT
Sat 8 Feb 2025	09:25	Warning Signal	River Derwent off RHRA Grounds

9. The Course and Charts

9.1 The course to be sailed will be from the starting line around Bruny Island then to the finishing line – details will be in the Sailing Instructions.

9.2 It is highly recommended that the following paper charts shall be carried on board:

- AUS 173 D'Entrecasteaux Channel
- AUS 171 Hobart to Norfolk Bay

10. Scoring and Handicaps

- 10.1 IRC & ORC Categories: Results will be decided by the application of the Time Correction (TCC) as shown on the IRC ORC Certificates.
- 10.2 PHS Category: Results will be decided by the application of the Time Correction Factor (TCF) as a multiplier of elapsed times. The TCF shall be determined by the Race Committee and shall not be subject to protest or request for redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 62).

11. Penalties

A boat that fails to return and start when signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1 shall receive a 30-minute elapsed time penalty. This alters RRS A.5.1.

12. Advertising

Boats may be required to display the event sponsor's name or logo in accordance with WS Advertising Code as directed by the Race Committee.

13. Race Briefing

A mandatory Race and Weather Briefing shall be held at RYCT at 1800 hours on Friday 7 February 2025. At least two members of the crew of each boat are required to attend this briefing including the nominated person in charge. Failure to attend may result in a protest by the Race Committee.

14. Prizes and Trophies

- 14.1 Prizes shall be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each Category for the race, subject to a minimum of five (5) entries received.
- 14.2 A Line Honours prize will be awarded.
- 14.3 Other prizes and trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

15. Safety

- 15.1 The attention of all persons taking part in the 2025 Bruny Island Race is drawn to the requirement to be aware of the application of the *Marine Safety (Misuse of Alcohol) Act, 2006*.
- 15.2 It is also recommended that entrants have a Man Overboard procedure that all crew members have practised.

16. Disclaimer

The Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the Race Sponsors and their respective representatives, officers, members and volunteers accept no liability whatsoever for any loss of life, property, personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the 2025 Bruny Island Race. Participants compete entirely at their own risk.

17. Conditions of Entry

By submitting an entry, the owner/charterer agrees to be bound by all the rules and conditions of the races. By submitting an entry, the owner/charterer acknowledges and accepts:

- 17.1 **RISK STATEMENT:** RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. The entry of the boat and crew is agreed and accepted by the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania on the basis that the owner/charterer, his/her Person in Charge and crew are individually aware of and conversant with the risks involved in the sport of ocean racing and that the participation in this event is entirely at the risk of the owner/competitor and his/her skipper and crew.

- 17.2 He/she and the crew have an understanding of the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Australian Sailing Special Regulations as amended;
- 17.3 He/she and the crew are familiar with and understand RRS 3 "Decision to Race", Addendum A (Safety Equipment) and Rule 1.02 "Owner's Responsibility" of the Special Regulations.
- 17.4 The owner/charterer warrants the suitability of his/her boat for the race.
- 17.5 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/charterer who must ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, and managed by a crew of sufficient number and experience who are physically fit. The owner/charterer must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging sails and all gear. He/she must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.
- 17.6 Neither the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania nor its officers, employees nor agents shall be responsible or liable for any loss, damage death or personal injury however caused to the owner/charterer, his/her skipper or crew of their property as a result of their taking part in the 2025 Bruny Island Race and its related activities, including pre-start and post finish operations and shore activities.
- 17.7 Neither the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania nor its officers, employees or agents shall be liable for any costs or expenses that may be incurred as a result of special assistance at sea being arranged for any reason whatsoever.
- 17.8 Neither the existence of these conditions, and their use by the race organisers, or the inspection of the boat pursuant to these conditions in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the owner/charterer and crew.
- 17.9 The crew has been advised by the owner/charterer to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of the boat, all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.

18. Pre-Entry Check List

NoR Clause	Item	Time & Date required	Submitted
5.1	Entry form on supplied form online.	1200 Wed 5 Feb 2025	
5.1	Entry Fee paid	1200 Wed 5 Feb 2025	
5.3.1	Audited Cat 3 AS SR Equipment Audit Form online	1200 Wed 5 Feb 2025	
3.1.4 5.3.11	Structural Inspection Certificate (Keel & Rudder) online.	1200 Wed 5 Feb 2025	
3.1.8 5.3.2	Cat 2 Life raft Inspection Certificate online.	1200 Wed 5 Feb 2025	
5.3.3	406 MHz EPIRB registration certificate online.	1200 Wed 5 Feb 2025	
5.3.5	Colour photo of the boat online	1200 Wed 5 Feb 2025	
5.3.6	Brief history of the boat online	1200 Wed 5 Feb 2025	
5.3.7	Crew List Declaration lodged online	1800 Thu 6 Feb 2025	
4.4 4.11 5.3.8	Any AS Safety and Sea Survival Certificates online	1200 Wed 5 Feb 2025	
4.2 4.9 5.3.9	Any Senior First Aid Certificates online	1200 Wed 5 Feb 2025	
4.3 4.10 5.3.10	Any Radio Operators Certificates online	1200 Wed 5 Feb 2025	
5.3.1	PFD Service Certificates online	1200 Wed 5 Feb 2025	
3.3	Insurance Certificate online	1200 Wed 5 Feb 2025	
13	Skipper & crew member attending the Safety briefing	1800 Fri 7 Feb 2025	

Information not forming part of the Notice of Race

Great Circle life rafts provide a short-term hire service at reasonable prices. They will need a minimum of two weeks' notice to have a life raft delivered in time for the race as life rafts need to travel by surface freight. It is recommended that orders therefore need to be in before 20 January. Great Circle's web address is

Cruise Jackson cruise@greatcircleliferafts.com.au

There are also some owners of life rafts not intending to compete in the race who may wish to make their rafts available to other boats. RYCT sailing office will endeavour to put competitors in touch with owners of life rafts however a hire arrangement, either with Great Circle or any other provider, is a more reliable way of securing an in-service life raft of the appropriate standard and will be the responsibility of the competitor.

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