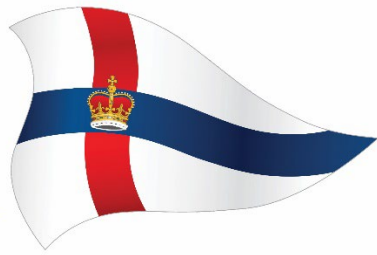


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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



RYCT Sailing Manager

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2025-26 Sailing Program

SECTION 1

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & SAFETY REQUIREMENT

1. RIVER DERWENT SAFETY FACILITIES AND PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO EVENTS CONDUCTED BY BYC, DSS AND RYCT

The CC Committee has identified several issues and risks related to on-water incidents, and the need for communication with emergency services.

The most important point of contact should be where Emergency Services have the highest likelihood of communicating with someone who can provide First Aid or is in the immediate vicinity of any person injured on the water.

The ability to directly communicate with Emergency Services should be the first point of contact, with subsequent follow-up with the host club to ensure ease of passage for emergency vehicles.

1.1. CRISIS SAFETY PLAN

1.1.1. The CC has a joint planned procedure that will apply should an emergency occur during a race.

1.1.2. If the RO decides that a situation warrants assistance, the RO will direct a previously designated boat, or boats, to the rescue work. A boat acting under RO's instructions may display code flag D and must be given complete clearance by all other vessels.

1.2. PROCEDURE

The following should be used by those conducting or involved in activities on-water.

- i. Where possible, communications with Emergency Services should occur directly from those attending a person who is injured or in need to medical support. This means that, if possible, a person with the injured person should dial 000 and remain on the line until advised otherwise. If there is any doubt that Emergency Services have been contacted, additional contact should be made.
 - a. **EMERGENCY PICK UP POINT:** Should a boat require emergency medical assistance; the RO may direct boats to a nominated meeting point for Emergency Services at:
 - ✧ The Kangaroo Bay Ferry Terminal adjacent to the Waterfront Hotel
 - ✧ MAST floating dock at King's Pier Marina – Elizabeth Pier, Hobart
 - ✧ Unless specific alternative arrangements are notified by the Emergency Services.
 - b. If there is a need for an alternative pickup location is needed, this should be communicated subsequently with the RO via the Race Frequency.
- ii. Once direct communication with Emergency Services is underway, contact must be made with the RO via the Race Frequency at the earliest possible opportunity.
- iii. It is important to provide the following to the Emergency Services.
 - ✧ The injured person's name, nature of the injury, and any developing information; and
 - ✧ what is the response plan from those attending i.e. bringing the person to shore at speed, slowly bringing them ashore to prevent further injury etc.
- iv. Following any incident, a report or declaration **must** be completed, and a debrief may be conducted with those attending and any relevant parties by the host club representative.
 - ✧ **DECLARATION FORM** – This should be completed where a rule is NOT observed during racing.
 - ✧ **INCIDENT FORM** - as required by the Marine and Safety (Maritime Incidents) Regulations 2017 – see below
- v. It is a requirement under the Marine and Safety (Maritime Incidents) Regulations 2017 that incidents involving recreational vessels must report to MAST. The MAST Incident Report Form outlines reportable incidents: <https://mast.tas.gov.au/safe-boating/emergencies-incidents/>

- 1.3. **RADIO MONITORING:** Individual clubs will monitor radio communications on their race day.
- 1.4. **SEEKING ASSISTANCE:** A boat seeking assistance may do so by:
- ✧ Using a radio - CALL on VHF Race Channel or VHF Channel 16.
 - ✧ Using a mobile phone Emergency Services on 000
 - ✧ Displaying a standard distress sheet.
 - ✧ By a crew member hand signalling by continually raising both arms above the head and lowering to the sides at five second intervals, or a flag or other object on a spar waved from side to side through an arc of 30 degrees either side of the vertical at five second intervals.
 - ✧ Use of flares.
 - ✧ A crew in water shall signal by one arm raised above the head for three seconds at five second intervals.
 - ✧ When a boat is in difficulty with its sails lowered, some highly visible article such as an orange or yellow garment should be hoisted on a halyard as an aid to visibility to rescue crew.
- 1.5. **PERSONAL BUOYANCY:** when Committee Boats or start boxes display Code Flag Y alone with one (1) sound signal before or with the Warning Signal approved life jackets shall be worn while racing by all competitors. Code Flag Y displayed ashore on the Club's main flag mast shall mean that approved life jackets shall be worn by all competitors at all times while afloat. See RRS 40 and Race Signals.
- 1.6. **OFFICIAL PATROL BOAT DISCRETION:** Official Patrol Boats shall use their own discretion as to necessary action in rescue operations except when the RO issues a specific overriding instruction.

2. PENNANT CHAMPIONSHIPS AND OTHER SERIES

2.1. PENNANT POINTS SCORING

Races in a series and races to be scored for a boat's series score are detailed in the SI's for each series.

2.2. PENNANTS OR SERIES PRIZES

2.2.1. Shall be awarded on the following basis:

- In PHS Handicap Groups to the boat gaining the least number of points for placings using TCFs.
- In One Design Groups to the boat gaining the least number of points for placings across the line.
- In IRC or ORC Groups, to the boat gaining the least number of points for placings using IRC or ORC allowances.

2.2.2. BYC Pennants will be awarded to boats entered by Senior or Life members of the Bellerive Yacht Club, based on the results from the Combined Clubs Harbour Series and Long Race Series, using the scoring provisions outlined in the Notices of Race. The BYC Sailing Committee reserves the right to determine all matters relating to the awarding of BYC Pennants.

2.2.3. The RYCT Pennant will be awarded to Full (or equivalent) members of The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania based on the overall series results from the CC Harbour Series and Long Race Series, in accordance with the scoring provisions outlined in the respective Notice of Race. The RYCT Sailing Committee reserves the right to determine all matters relating to the awarding of the RYCT Pennant. RYCT perpetual trophies will be awarded based on the Pennant results of the Harbour Series.

2.2.4. The DSS Pennant will be awarded to boats owned by Full (or equivalent) members of the Derwent Sailing Squadron, based on the overall series results from the CC Harbour Series and Long Race Series, in accordance with the scoring provisions outlined in the respective Notice of Race. The DSS Sailing Committee reserves the right to determine all matters relating to the awarding of the DSS Pennant.



SECTION 2

COMBINED CLUBS HARBOUR SERIES

The notation [NP] in a rule of the sailing instructions (SI's) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 1.1. Groups 1 and 2 may have up to two (2) races on each race day.
- 1.2. Group 3 and 4 will have one (1) race on each day.
- 1.3. There will be no warning signal after 16:00

RACE	DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START	FINISH	VHF Channel
Day 1	Saturday	11 Oct 2025	BYC	Midriver	Finish Line 2	VHF Channel 14
*Day 2	Saturday	01 Nov 2025	RYCT	Midriver	Finish Line 1/Midriver	VHF Channel 14
Day 3	Saturday	29 Nov 2025	RYCT	Midriver	Finish Line 1	VHF Channel 14
Day 4	Saturday	17 Jan 2026	DSS	Midriver	Finish Line 1/Midriver	VHF Channel 14
Day 5	Saturday	14 Feb 2026	RYCT	Midriver	Finish Line 2/Midriver	VHF Channel 14
*Day 6	Saturday	21 Mar 2026	BYC	Midriver	Finish Line 2	VHF Channel 14

*Combined event with the Long Race Series for Harbour Series Race days 2 and 6.

These race days are part of both the Harbour and Long Race Series. All boats, whether entered in one or both series, will start together and race the same course. Separate results will be produced for each series based on their respective handicaps.

2. CREW DECLARATION

2.1. Crew Declaration

- 2.1.1. For each race a boat shall submit a Crew Declaration via TOPYACHT before its warning signal. The Crew Declaration shall confirm that the boat intends to race and shall include required details of persons on board as follows:

- i Name;
- ii Contact phone number; and
- iii Australian Sailing Number in accordance with SI 2.3.

- 2.2. [NP] Boats that do not comply with SI 2.1.1 will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the relevant race. This changes RRS A5.1.
- 2.3. 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 Australian Sailing or hold a valid SailPass.

3. GROUPS

The Harbour Series will be conducted in allocated groups. The Race Committee will allocate boats according to size, known performance and TCF handicaps (where known). The composition of each group will be displayed on each club's notice board and be available from 16:00 on the Friday before the first race of the series.

4. FIRST WARNING SIGNAL TIMES & GROUP IDENTIFIERS

The starting signal will be five (5) minutes after the warning signal.

GROUP	WARNING SIGNAL	GROUP NUMERAL
Group 1	13:25	1
Group 2	13:30	2
Group 3	13:35	3
Group 4	13:40	4

5. STARTING AREA, STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

5.1. STARTING LINE – Midriver Start

The midriver starting line will be between an orange staff or orange flag on the Committee Boat and a yellow inflatable buoy.

The Committee Boat will be moored in an area bounded by a line between Castray Esplanade and Kangaroo Bluff to the north and Crayfish Point and Trywork Point to the south. The name of the Committee Boat for the day will be posted on the start list. It will be standing by on VHF Channel 14 if competitors require directions to the starting line.

5.2. MIDRIVER FINISHING LINE – Courses 01 - 06

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and a black and white chequered buoy.

5.3. CASTRAY ESPLANADE FINISHING LINE 1 – Courses 07 to 28 (Host Clubs DSS and RYCT).

Finishing Line 1 will be between the flagpole on the Castray Box and a yellow with red band inflatable buoy laid approximately east of Castray Box.

5.4. VICTORIA ESPLANADE FINISHING LINE 2 – Courses 07 to 28 (Host Club BYC).

Finishing line 2 will be between the flagpole on the Victoria Esplanade Box and a yellow with red band inflatable buoy laid approximately west of the Victoria Esplanade Box.

5.5. STARTING AND FINISHING LINE PENALTIES

- 5.5.1 After a Warning Signal has been made, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made. Boats who have finished shall keep clear of the finishing line and boats which are yet to finish.
- 5.5.2 Boats shall not sail through any starting or finishing line except when starting or finishing correctly or as required by the SI's.
- 5.5.3 Boats shall not sail through the starting or finishing line of other sailing events.
- 5.5.4 The starting or finishing lines referred to in 5.5.2 and 5.5.3 shall be designated obstructions in accordance with the definitions of the RRS.
- 5.5.5 A boat committing a breach of 5.5.2 or 5.5.3 while boats are in a starting sequence or finishing on that starting or finishing line, as reported by the race committee conducting the start or finish, will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.
- 5.5.6 A boat committing a breach of 5.5.2 or 5.5.3 when boats are not in a starting sequence or finishing shall be penalised by having two (2) minutes added to their elapsed time without a hearing. This Changes RRS A5.1.

6. STARTING TIMES AND STARTING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. After each start there may be a 30 second time lag in the displaying of the new Group identifier and course flag/course board but the time for the succeeding Group shall be taken from the signal indicating the start of the previous Group. This changes RRS 26.
- 6.2. Competitors may be advised of starting procedure signals on VHF Channel 14.
- 6.3. Note: Boats should not transmit on VHF Channel 14 whilst a starting sequence is in progress except in an emergency.

7. RECALLS

Individual and General Recalls may be announced on VHF Channel 14. Failure to notify individual recalls by radio shall not be grounds for redress.

8. SHORTENING COURSE

Should the Race Committee decide to shorten course, Code flag S will be displayed on the Race Committee Boat or on the Castray Esplanade Box or Victoria Esplanade Box. This will be accompanied by two (2) sound signals and shall apply to all Groups unless group numeral signals are displayed, in which case it shall apply only to those Groups whose signal is displayed.

9. COURSE SIGNALS

- 9.1. Courses will be indicated by course boards displayed on the Race Committee Boat.
- 9.2. A windward **laid mark** may be laid as the first mark of the course after the start. This mark will be an orange inflatable buoy and if deployed will be laid approximately to windward at a distance of between 0.5 – 2.0 nautical miles from the starting line. The direction of rounding the windward mark will be indicated on the Race Committee Boat – green for starboard rounding and red for port rounding. If no signal is made, this mark is deleted from the course. The deployment or non-deployment of this mark may be advised by VHF Channel 14. Failure to advise will not be grounds for redress.

10. COURSES

- 10.1. Laid mark courses – Refer Diagram Below

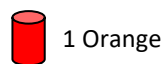
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COURSE

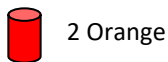
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- 02 Start → 1 → 2 → 3 → 1 → 3 → 1 → Finish
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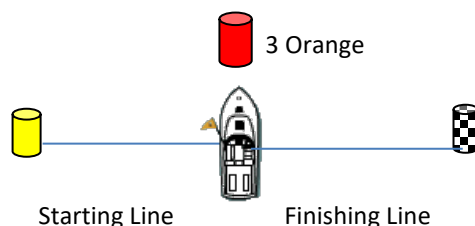
1A Yellow



1 Orange



2 Orange



Change of the next leg of the course.

To change the next leg of a course, in courses 01 to 06, a new mark as described below will be laid and the original mark will be removed as soon as practicable.

The new mark for Mark 1A will be a yellow mark with a black band. The new mark for Mark 1 will be an orange mark with a black band.

In a subsequent change of course the new mark/s will be replaced with the original mark/s.

10.2. Fixed and laid mark courses – refer course cards.

NOTE: SI 9.2 allows for a windward mark to be laid as the first mark of the course. Refer SI 9.2

COURSE 7 – 16 - MARKS SHALL BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO PORT		APPROX. DISTANCE NM
07	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → P → H → A → P → Finishing line 1/2	10.3
08	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → T → H → A → T → Finishing line 1/2	14.3
09	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → T → H → A → P → Finishing line 1/2	12.5
10	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → C → H → C → P → Finishing line 1/2	13.8
11	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → R → A → T → Finishing line 1/2	16.5
12	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → R → A → P → Finishing line 1/2	17.0
13	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → ZC → H → ZC → Finishing line 1/2	16.8
14	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → Q → A → G → Finishing line 1/2	20.1
15	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → C → A → C → A → G → Finishing line 1/2	16.3
16	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → ZC → R → Finishing line 1/2	12.0

17	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → R → ZC → Finishing line 1/2	12.0
18	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → H → T → C → Finishing line 1/2	09.0
19	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → PH → A → G → Finishing line 1/2	19.0

COURSE 20 - 28 – MARKS SHALL BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO STARBOARD UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

20	Ralphs Bay - John Garrow mark - Ralphs Bay	16.6
	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → R → G → R → Finishing line 1/2	
21	Pigeon Holes & Blackmans Bay	16.9
	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → PH → Q → Finishing line 1/2	
22	White Rock - John Garrow mark - White Rock	18.7
	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → WR → G → WR → Finishing line 1/2	
23	Seacroft Bay	19.4
	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → S → Finishing line 1/2	
24	Seacroft Bay & Blackmans Bay	20.9
	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → S → Q → Finishing line 1/2	
25	Ralphs Bay & Piersons Point	21.5
	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → R → K → Finishing line 1/2	
26	Pigeon Holes - John Garrow mark - White Rock	22.2
	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → PH → G → WR → Finishing line 1/2	
27	Blackmans Bay, Ralphs Bay & Blackmans Bay	24.2
	Start→Laid Mark(if used refer SI 9.2)→Q(to Port)→ R(to Port)→Q(to Starboard)→ Finishing line 1/2	
28	Seacroft Bay, Blackmans Bay & Seacroft Bay	27.4
	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → S → Q → S (Port) → Finishing line 1/2	

11. MARKS - POSITIONS, BEARING AND DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE ONLY

- A Yellow with red band inflatable buoy at the outer end of Castray Esplanade FINISHING LINE 1 or Victoria Esplanade FINISHING LINE 2.
- C Yellow inflatable buoy approximately 0.5 NM E of Cartwright Point. The buoy may be moved within 0.5 NM circle from that position.
- G Orange inflatable buoy with a black band 0.3 NM E of John Garrow Light. The buoy may be moved within 0.3 NM circle from that position.
- H Orange permanent float mark 0.25 NM SW of Howrah Point.
- K Orange inflatable buoy 0.5 NM NE of Piersons Point (~43 02.9'S 147 21.0'E).
- P Yellow permanent float mark 0.5 NM SW of Punchs Reef.
- PH Yellow inflatable buoy 0.6 NM WNW of The Pigeon Holes (~43 00.3'S 147 23.1'E). The buoy may be moved within 0.3 NM circle from that position.
- Q Orange inflatable buoy 0.3 NM E of the northern end of Blackmans Bay (~43.00.03'S 147 20.26'E). The buoy may be moved within 0.3 NM circle from that position.
- R Orange inflatable buoy in Ralphs Bay 0.8 NM SSE of Droughty Point (~42 57.2'S 147 25.5'E). The buoy may be moved within 0.5 NM circle from that position.
- S Orange inflatable buoy in Seacroft Bay midway between Johns Point and Cape Deliverance (~43 02.5'S 147 24.3'E).
- T Orange permanent float mark 0.4 NM SW of Tranmere Point.
- WR Orange inflatable buoy laid 0.5 NM from, and within an arc, NW to SW of White Rock.
- ZC Yellow inflatable buoy 0.4 NM SE of Crayfish Point. The buoy may be moved within 0.3 NM circle from that position.

12. RACE AREA AND SAFETY CATEGORIES

The Harbour Series will be sailed on the River Derwent and will be Category 7. In all cases AS SR Section 5, 5.01.1 (j) (on a boat without lifelines complying with 3.12, a lifejacket complying with 5.01.1(i), shall be worn by each member of the crew while on deck) shall apply.

13. HANDICAPS

- 13.1. Competitors in the Harbour Series will have a PHS handicap. The Handicap Committee will set the handicaps before the first race of the series, and these may be adjusted after each race. The Race Committee's choice of handicap is final and shall not be grounds for protest.
- 13.2. The Race Committee may, subject to minimum entry requirements as per SI 17.3, provide an IRC and/or an ORC result.
- 13.3. Boats entering IRC must have a current valid endorsed IRC certificate.
- 13.4. Boats entering ORCc must have a current, valid audited ORCc certificate or a current, valid ORCi certificate. The Single Number Scoring Option, All Purpose (AP) Time on Time will be used for scoring.

14. RESULTS

- 14.1. Official provisional result sheets will be posted on the Combined Clubs website as soon as practical following the race. The time of posting thereof will be shown on the result sheet. Results may be posted on each club's Notice Board as soon as possible after the race.
- 14.2. Races will be scored based on PHS handicaps and/or IRC and ORC ratings.

15. SCORING. RRS A2.2 does not apply.
- 15.1. MINIMUM NUMBER OF RACES
- 15.1.1. Two (2) races are required to be scored to constitute a series.
- 15.2. SERIES SCORE - Groups 1 & 2. RRS A5.3. will apply.
- 15.2.1. When fewer than six (6) races have been scored, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.2.2. When six (6) or seven (7) races have been scored, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.2.3. When eight (8) or more races have been scored, a boat's series score will be the total of her race score excluding her two (2) worst scores.
- 15.3. SERIES SCORE - Group 3 and 4. RRS A5.3. will apply.
- 15.3.1. When fewer than six (6) races have been scored, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.3.2. When six (6) races have been scored, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.4. Boats wishing to compete in World Sailing or Australian Sailing sanctioned World and or National Championships during the Combined Clubs Sailing Season 2025-26 may apply to the Combined Clubs Committee to be awarded average points for a nominated race in the Harbour Series. If the application to the Combined Clubs Committee is successful, then this changes RRS 62. and average points will be calculated as per RRS Appendix A10 (a).
16. PROTESTS
- Protests must be lodged at the DSS, BYC or RYCT within two (2) hours of the last boat finishing in the last race of the day or the Race Committee signalling 'No More Racing Today'. The protest will be heard at a time determined by the Protest Committee.
17. PRIZES
- 17.1. A Series Prize will be awarded to the first boat in each Harbour Series Group.
- 17.2. Additional prizes may be awarded but the OA reserve the right to vary the number of prizes awarded based on the number of entries as follows:
- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Three (3) to Five (5) entries | 1st prize |
| Six (6) or more entries | 1 st , 2nd and 3rd prizes |
- 17.3. A minimum of three (3) entries are required to constitute a Group.
- 17.4. Individual race day prizes may be awarded by the Host Club after the race.
18. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
- Any changes to these SIs will be posted on the official notice boards of each club and will also be posted on the online [Official Notice Board](#) by 17:00 on the Friday before the race.
19. TIME LIMITS
- The time limit will be 18:30. Boats that have not then finished will be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF) without a hearing. This changes Rule 35, A4 and A5.

20. NUMBER OF CREW

[NP] All boats are to carry a sufficient number of crew as per NoR 2.4. Requests for dispensation from the requirements of NoR 2.4 must be submitted to the Organising Authority (OA) at least 48 hours prior to the first Warning Signal of the Series or, for casual entries, 48 hours before the first Warning Signal of each race day. Boats failing to comply will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the Series or respective race in the case of casual entries. This modifies RRS A5.1.

21. ANCHORS

While racing boats shall not allow deck-stowed anchors to protrude outside of the hull limits. Anchors which are stowed as an integral part of the bowsprit and whose shaft is secured within a slot on the boat are permitted.

22. RETIREMENTS

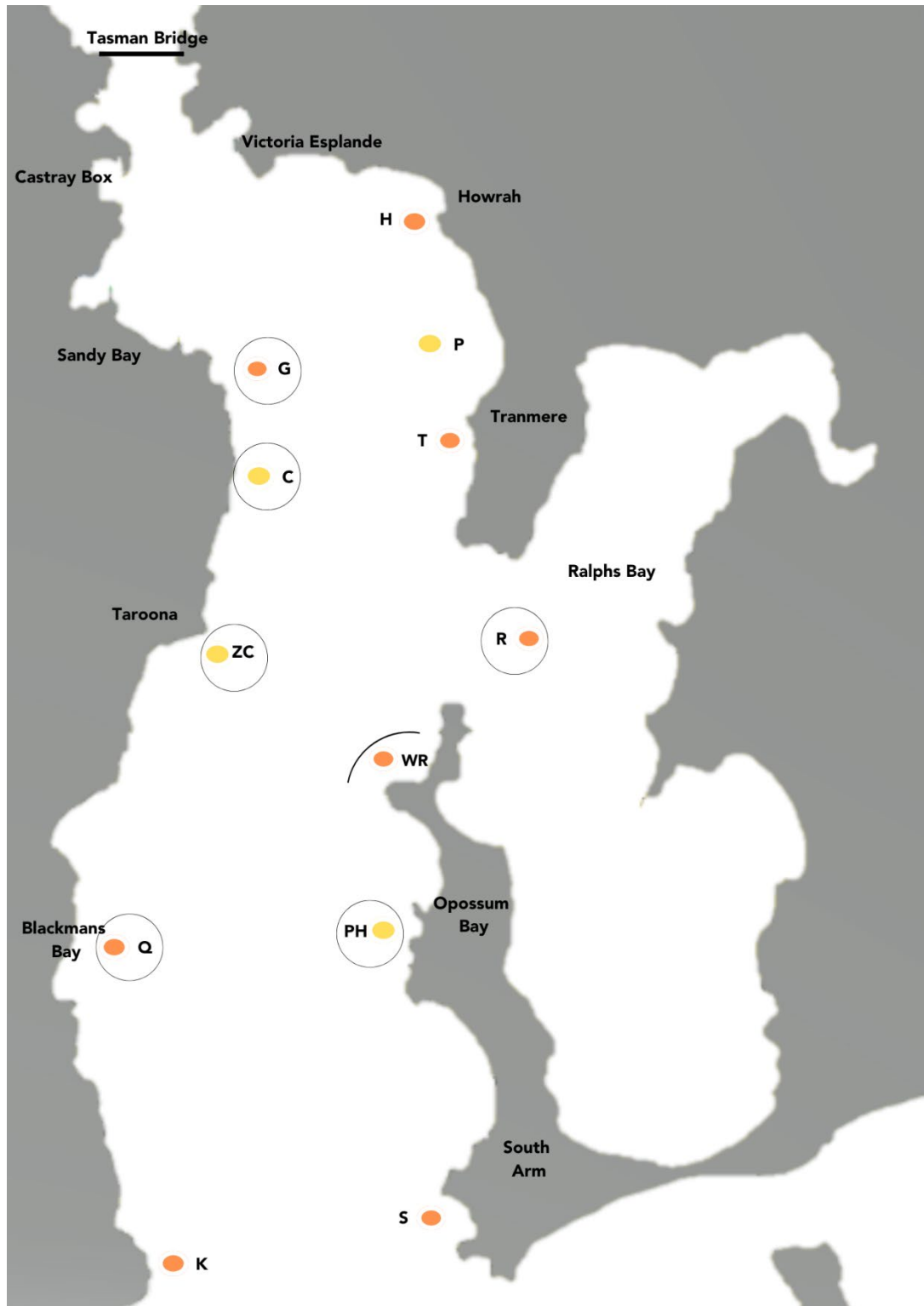
Any boat retiring shall report the fact to the Race Committee as soon as possible.

23. RADIO INSTRUCTIONS

23.1. All competitors shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 14 for announcements by the Race Committee. Competitors should also monitor VHF Channel 16 at all times.

23.2. The Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of OCS boats and/or other information of interest to competitors.

SECTION 2 HARBOUR COURSE CARD



Disclaimer: note map not to scale positions are approximate only.



SECTION 3

COMBINED CLUBS LONG RACE SERIES

The notation [NP] in a rule of the sailing instructions (SI's) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. SCHEDULE OF RACES

RACE	DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START	FINISH	VHF Channel
Day 1	Saturday	18 Oct 2025	DSS	Midriver	Finish Line 1	VHF Channel 81
*Day 2	Saturday	01 Nov 2025	RYCT	Midriver	Finish Line 1	VHF Channel 14
Day 3	Saturday	15 Nov 2025	BYC	Midriver	Finish Line 2	VHF Channel 81
Day 4	Saturday	31 Jan 2026	BYC	Midriver	Finish Line 2	VHF Channel 81
Day 5	Saturday	28 Feb 2026	DSS	Midriver	Finish Line 1	VHF Channel 81
*Day 6	Saturday	21 Mar 2026	BYC	Midriver	Finish Line 2	VHF Channel 14

*Combined Event with Harbour Series for Long Race Series race days 2 and 6.

These race days are part of both the Long and Harbour Race Series. All boats, whether entered in one or both series, will start together and race the same course. Separate results will be produced for each series based on their respective handicaps.

2. CREW DECLARATION

2.1 Crew Declaration

2.1.1 For each race a boat shall submit a Crew Declaration via TOPYACHT before their warning signal. The Crew Declaration shall confirm that the boat intends to race and shall include required details of persons on board as follows:

- i Name;
- ii Contact phone number; and
- iii Australian Sailing Number in accordance with SI 2.3.

2.2 [NP] Boats that do not comply with SI 2.1.1 will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the relevant race. This changes RRS A5.1.

2.3 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 Australian Sailing or hold a valid SailPass.

3. GROUPS

The Long Race Series will be conducted in allocated groups. The Race Committee will allocate boats according to size, known performance and TCF handicaps (where known). The composition of each Group will be displayed on each club's notice board and will be available from 16:00 on the Friday before the first race of the series.

4. FIRST WARNING SIGNAL TIMES & GROUP IDENTIFIERS

The starting signal will be five (5) minutes after the warning signal.

GROUP	WARNING SIGNAL Race 2 & 6	WARNING SIGNAL Race 1, 3, 4 & 5	GROUP NUMERAL
Group 1	13:25	09:55	1
Group 2	13:30	10:00	2
Group 3	13:35	10:05	3
Group 4	13:40	10:10	4

5. STARTING AREA, STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

5.1 STARTING LINE – Midriver Start

The Midriver starting line will be between an orange staff or orange flag on the Committee Boat and a yellow inflatable buoy.

The Committee Boat will be moored in an area bounded by a line between Castray Esplanade and Kangaroo Bluff to the north and Crayfish Point and Trywork Point to the south. The name of the Committee Boat for the day will be posted on the start list. It will be standing by on the VHF Race Channel if competitors require directions to the starting line.

5.2 FINISHING LINE 1 – Castray Esplanade (Host Clubs DSS and RYCT)

Finishing line 1 will be between the flagpole on the Castray Box and a yellow with red band inflatable buoy laid approximately east of Castray Box.

5.3 FINISHING LINE 2 – Victoria Esplanade (Host Club BYC)

Finishing line 2 will be between the flagpole on the Victoria Esplanade Box and a yellow with red band inflatable buoy laid approximately west of the Victoria Esplanade Box.

5.4 STARTING AND FINISHING LINE PENALTIES

5.4.1 After a Warning Signal has been made, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made. Boats who have finished shall keep clear of the finishing line and boats which are yet to finish.

5.4.2 Boats shall not sail through any starting or finishing line except when starting or finishing correctly or as required by the SI's.

5.4.3 Boats shall not sail through the starting or finishing line of other sailing events.

5.4.4 The starting or finishing lines referred to in 5.4.2 and 5.4.3 shall be designated obstructions in accordance with the definitions of the RRS.

5.4.5 A boat committing a breach of 5.4.2 or 5.4.3 while boats are in a starting sequence or finishing on that starting or finishing line, as reported by the race committee conducting the start or finish, will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.

5.4.6 A boat committing a breach of 5.4.2 or 5.4.3 when boats are not in a starting sequence or finishing shall be penalised by having two (2) minutes added to their elapsed time without a hearing. This Changes RRS A5.1.

6. STARTING TIMES AND STATING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 After each start there may be a 30 second time lag in the displaying of the new Group Identifier and course flag/course board but the time for the succeeding Group shall be taken from the signal indicating the start of the previous Group. This changes RRS 26.

6.2 Competitors may be advised of starting procedure signals for races 1, 3, 4 and 5 on VHF Channel 81 and for races 2 and 6 on VHF Channel 14

6.3 Note: Boats should not transmit on VHF Channel 81 or VHF Channel 14 whilst a starting sequence is in progress except in an emergency.

7. RECALLS

Individual and General Recalls may be announced on the VHF Race Channel. Failure to notify individual recalls by radio shall not be grounds for redress.

8. SHORTENING COURSE

8.1 Should the Race Committee decide to shorten course, Code flag S will be displayed on the Finish Box. This will be accompanied by two (2) sound signals and shall apply to all Groups unless group numeral signals are displayed, in which case it shall apply only to those Groups whose signal is displayed.

8.2 Boats shall finish from the course side of the finishing line.

9. COURSE SIGNALS

9.1 Courses will be indicated by course boards displayed on the Race Committee Boat.

9.2 A windward **laid mark** may be laid as the first mark of the course after the start. This mark will be an orange inflatable buoy and if deployed will be laid approximately to windward at a distance of between 0.5 – 2.0 nautical miles from the starting line. The direction of rounding the windward mark will be indicated on the Race Committee Boat – green for starboard rounding and red for port rounding. If no signal is made, this mark is deleted from the course. The deployment or non-deployment of this mark may be advised by the VHF Race Channel. Failure to advise will not be grounds for redress.

10. COURSES

Note: Where applicable all boats must pass to seaward of the Iron Pot and all Marks are to be rounded and left to starboard unless otherwise indicated.

NOTE: SI 9.2 allows for a windward mark to be laid as the first mark of the course. Refer SI 9.2

COURSE

COURSES 07 – 16 - MARKS SHALL BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO PORT APPROX. DISTANCE NM

07	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → P → H → A → P → Finishing line 1/2	10.3
08	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → T → H → A → T → Finishing line 1/2	14.3
09	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → T → H → A → P → Finishing line 1/2	12.5
10	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → C → H → C → P → Finishing line 1/2	13.8
11	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → R → A → T → Finishing line 1/2	16.5
12	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → R → A → P → Finishing line 1/2	17.0
13	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → ZC → H → ZC → Finishing line 1/2	16.8
14	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → Q → A → G → Finishing line 1/2	20.1
15	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → C → A → C → A → G → Finishing line 1/2	16.3
16	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → ZC → R → Finishing line 1/2	12.0

17	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → R → ZC → Finishing line 1/2	12.0
18	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → H → T → C → Finishing line 1/2	09.0
19	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → PH → A → G → Finishing line 1/2	19.0

COURSES 20 – 43 WHERE APPLICABLE ALL BOATS MUST PASS TO SEAWARD OF THE IRON POT AND ALL MARKS SHALL BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO STARBOARD UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

20	Ralphs Bay - John Garrow mark - Ralphs Bay Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → R → G → R → Finishing line 1/2	16.6
21	Pigeon Holes - Blackmans Bay Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → PH → Q → Finishing line 1/2	16.9
22	White Rock - John Garrow mark - White Rock Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → WR → G → WR → Finishing line 1/2	18.7
23	Seacroft Bay Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → S → Finishing line 1/2	19.4
24	Seacroft Bay - Blackmans Bay Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → S → Q → Finishing line 1/2	20.9
25	Ralphs Bay - Piersons Point Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → R → K → Finishing line 1/2	21.5
26	Pigeon Holes - John Garrow - White Rock Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → PH → G → WR → Finishing line 1/2	22.2
27	Blackmans Bay - Ralphs Bay - Blackmans Bay Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → Q (to Port) → R (to Port) → Q (to starboard) → Finishing line 1/2	24.2
28	Seacroft Bay - Blackmans Bay - Seacroft Bay Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → S → Q → S (Port) → Finishing line 1/2	27.4
29	Bull Bay Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → BB → Finishing line 1/2	24.8
30	Bligh Point – Channel Race Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → E (to Port) → Finishing line 1/2	25.4
31	Little Betsey Island Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → Little Betsey Island → Finishing line 1/2	28.4
32	Yellow Bluff Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → Y → Finishing line 1/2	28.7
33	Black Jack Rocks Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → Black Jack Rocks → Finishing line 1/2	29.0

34	Betsey Island	30.0
	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → Betsey Island → Finishing line 1/2	
35	Betsey Island	30.0
	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → Betsey Island (to Port) → Finishing line 1/2	
36	Ralphs Bay & Black Jack Rocks	30.6
	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → R → Black Jack Rocks → Finishing line 1/2	
37	Bull Bay (to Port) → Black Jack Rocks (to Port)	31.0
	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → BB (Port) → Black Jack Rocks (Port) → Finishing line 1/2	
38	Storm Bay	33.0
	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → SB → Finishing line 1/2	
39	Little Betsey Island - Yellow Bluff	33.6
	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → Little Betsey Island → Y → Finishing line 1/2	
40	Ralphs Bay - Black Jack Rocks - Yellow Bluff	35.2
	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → R → Black Jack Rocks → Y → Finishing line 1/2	
41	Clifton Beach	36.8
	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → CB → Finishing line 1/2	
42	Variety Bay	38.6
	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → V → Finishing line 1/2	
43	Storm Bay – Seacroft Bay – Storm Bay	46.4
	Start → Laid Mark (if used refer SI 9.2) → SB → S → SB → Finishing line 1/2	

11. MARKS - POSITIONS, BEARING AND DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE ONLY

A	Yellow with red band inflatable buoy at the outer end of Castray Esplanade FINISHING LINE 1 or Victoria Esplanade FINISHING LINE 2.
BB	Yellow inflatable buoy 0.3 NM E of Bull Bay Point (~43 05.4'S 147 22.9'E).
C	Yellow inflatable buoy approximately 0.5 NM E of Cartwright Point. The buoy may be moved within 0.5 NM circle from that position.
CB	Orange inflatable buoy 0.5 NM S of Cape Deslacs (~42 59.7'S 147 33.2'E).
E	Yellow inflatable buoy 0.4 NM W of Bligh Point.
G	Orange inflatable buoy with a black band 0.3 NM E of John Garrow Light. The buoy may be moved within 0.3 NM circle from that position.
H	Orange permanent float mark 0.25 NM SW of Howrah Point.
K	Orange inflatable buoy 0.5 NM NE of Piersons Point (~43 02.9'S 147 21.0'E).
P	Yellow permanent float mark 0.5 NM SW of Punch's Reef.
PH	Yellow inflatable buoy 0.6 NM WNW of The Pigeon Holes (~43 00.3'S 147 23.1'E). The buoy may be moved within 0.3 NM circle from that position.

- Q Orange inflatable buoy 0.3 NM E of the northern end of Blackmans Bay (~43.00.03'S 147 20.26'E) . The buoy may be moved within 0.3 NM circle from that position.
- R Orange inflatable buoy in Ralphs Bay 0.8 NM SSE of Droughty Point (~42 57.2'S 147 25.5'E). The buoy may be moved within 0.5 NM circle from that position.
- S Orange inflatable buoy in Seacroft Bay midway between Johns Point and Cape Deliverance (~43 02.5'S 147 24.3'E).
- T Orange permanent float mark 0.4 NM SW of Tranmere Point.
- SB Orange inflatable buoy on a line between the Iron Pot and Cape Raoul. approx. 5.5 NM from the Iron Pot (~43 06.9'S 147 30.9'E).
- V Yellow inflatable buoy 0.5 NM NE of Variety Bay (~43 12.0'S 147 25.7'E).
- WR Orange inflatable buoy laid 0.5 NM from, and within an arc, NW to SW of White Rock.
- Y Orange inflatable buoy 0.5 NM North of Yellow Bluff (~43 07. 2'S 147 24.0'E).
- ZC Yellow inflatable buoy 0.4 NM SE of Crayfish Point. The buoy may be moved within 0.3 NM circle from that position.

12. RACE AREA AND SAFETY CATEGORIES

The Long Race Series will be sailed on the River Derwent, D'Entrecasteaux Channel, Frederick Henry Bay and Storm Bay and will be Category 5 plus a permanently installed VHF transceiver in accordance with NoR 2.2. In all cases AS SR Section 5, 5.01.1 (j) (on a boat without lifelines complying with 3.12, a lifejacket complying with 5.01.1(i), shall be worn by each member of the crew while on deck) shall apply.

13. HANDICAPS

- 13.1 Competitors in the Long Race Series will have a PHS handicap. The Handicap Committee will set the handicaps before the first race of the series, and these may be adjusted after each race. The Race Committee's choice of handicap is final and shall not be grounds for protest.
- 13.2 The Race Committee may, subject to minimum entry requirements in SI 17.3 provide an IRC and/or an ORC result.
- 13.3 Boats entering IRC must have a current valid endorsed IRC certificate.
- 13.4 Boats entering ORCc must have a current, valid audited ORCc certificate or a current, valid ORCi certificate. The Single Number Scoring Option, All Purpose (AP) Time on Time will be used for scoring.

14. RESULTS

- 14.1 Official provisional result sheets will be posted on the Combined Clubs website as soon as practical following the race. The time of posting thereof will be shown on the result sheet. Results may be posted on each club's Notice Board as soon as possible after the race.
- 14.2 Races will be scored based on PHS handicaps and/or IRC and ORC ratings.

15. SCORING. RRS A2.2 does not apply.

15.1 MINIMUM NUMBER OF RACES

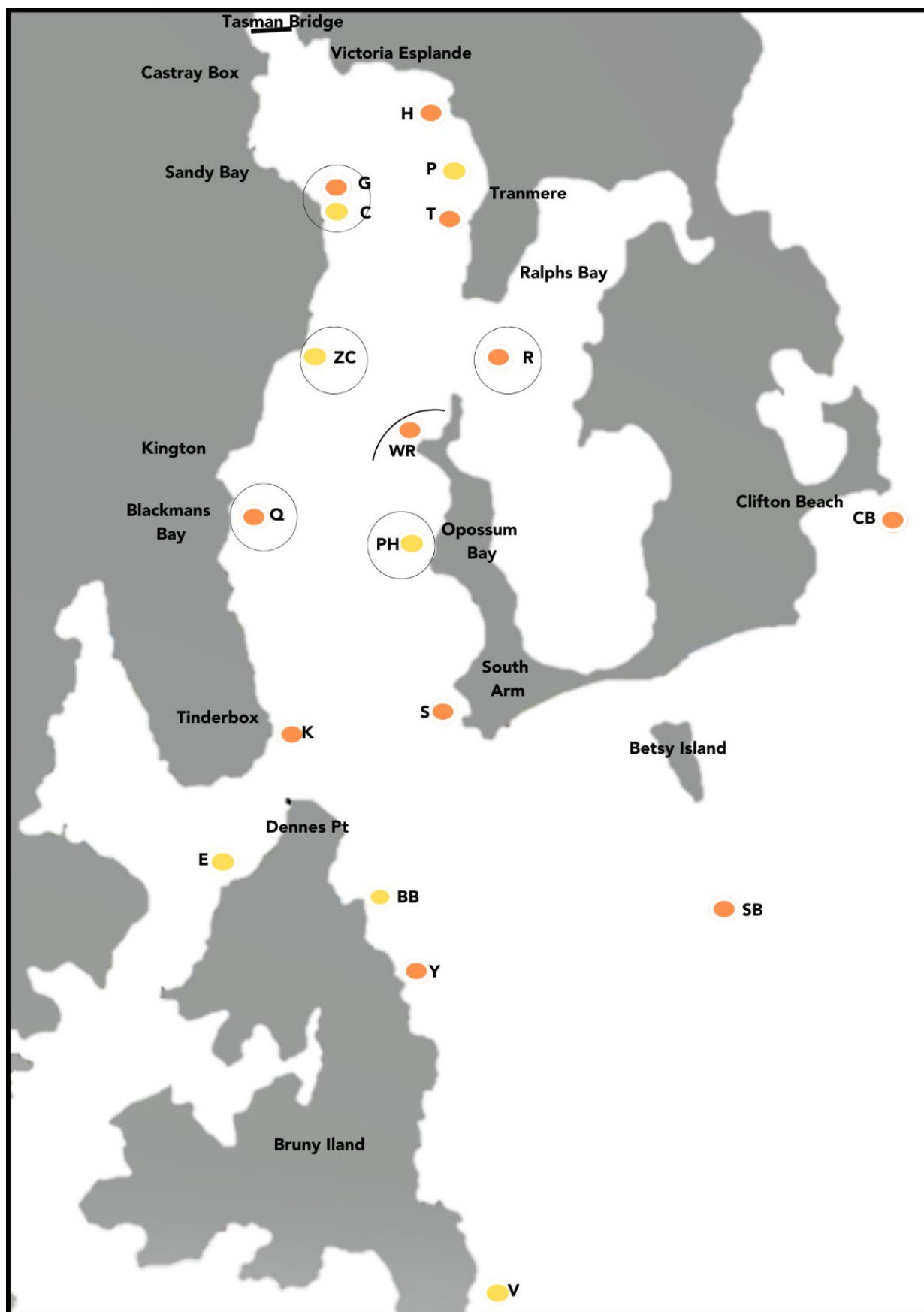
- 15.1.1 Two (2) races are required to be scored to constitute a series.

15.2 SERIES SCORE. RRS A5.3. will apply.

- 15.2.1 When fewer than six (6) races have been scored, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.2.2 When six (6) races have been scored, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

- 15.3 Boats wishing to compete in World Sailing or Australian Sailing sanctioned World and or National Championships during the Combined Clubs Sailing Season 2025-26 may apply to the Combined Clubs Committee to be awarded average points for a nominated race in the Long Race Series. If the application to the Combined Clubs Committee is successful, then this changes RRS 62. and average points will be calculated as per RRS Appendix A10 (a).
16. PROTESTS
- Protests must be lodged at the DSS, BYC or RYCT within two (2) hours of the last boat finishing in the last race of the day or the Race Committee signalling “No More Racing Today”. The protest will be heard at a time determined by the Protest Committee.
17. PRIZES
- 17.1 A Series Prize will be awarded to the first boat in each Long Race Series Group.
- 17.2 Additional prizes may be awarded but the OA reserve the right to vary the number of prizes based on the number of entries as follows:
- Three (3) to Five (5) entries 1st prize
 - Six (6) or more entries 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes
- 17.3 A minimum of three (3) entries are required to constitute a Group.
- 17.4 Individual race day prizes may be awarded by the Host Club after the race.
18. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
- Any changes to these SIs will be posted on the official notice boards of each club and will also be posted on the online [Official Notice Board](#) by 17:00 on the Friday before the race.
19. TIME LIMITS
- The time limit will be 18:30. Boats that have not then finished will be scored ‘Did Not Finish’ (DNF) without a hearing. This changes Rule 35, A4 and A5.
20. NUMBER OF CREW
- [NP] All boats are to carry a sufficient number of crew as per NoR 2.4. Requests for dispensation from the requirements of NoR 2.4 must be submitted to the Organising Authority (OA) at least 48 hours prior to the first Warning Signal of the Series or, for casual entries, 48 hours before the first Warning Signal of each race day. Boats failing to comply will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the Series or respective race in the case of casual entries. This modifies RRS A5.1.
21. ANCHORS
- While racing boats shall not allow deck-stowed anchors to protrude outside of the hull limits. Anchors which are stowed as an integral part of the bowsprit and whose shaft is secured within a slot on the boat are permitted.
22. RETIREMENTS
- Any boat retiring shall report the fact to the Race Committee as soon as possible.
23. RADIO INSTRUCTIONS
- 22.1 All competitors shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 81 (on Race Days 1, 3, 4 and 5) and VHF Channel 14 (on Race Days 2 and 6) for announcements by the Race Committee. Competitors should also monitor VHF Channel 16 at all times.
- 22.2 The Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of OCS boats and/or other information of interest to competitors.

SECTION 3 LONG RACE SERIES COURSE CARD



Disclaimer: note map not to scale positions are approximate only.



SECTION 4

COMBINED CLUBS MIDWEEK RACING

The notation [NP] in a rule of the sailing instructions (SI's) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Midweek Racing One

RACE	DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START
Day 1	Wednesday	08 Oct 2025	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 2	Wednesday	15 Oct 2025	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 3	Wednesday	22 Oct 2025	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 4	Wednesday	29 Oct 2025	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 5	Wednesday	05 Nov 2025	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 6	Wednesday	12 Nov 2025	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 7	Wednesday	19 Nov 2025	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 8	Wednesday	26 Nov 2025	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 9	Wednesday	03 Dec 2025	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 10	Wednesday	10 Dec 2025	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
		17 Dec 2025	DSS	Luncheon

Midweek Racing Two

RACE	DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START
Day 1	Wednesday	07 Jan 2026	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 2	Wednesday	14 Jan 2026	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 3	Wednesday	21 Jan 2026	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 4	Wednesday	28 Jan 2026	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 5	Wednesday	04 Feb 2026	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 6	Wednesday	11 Feb 2026	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 7	Wednesday	18 Feb 2026	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 8	Wednesday	25 Feb 2026	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 9	Wednesday	04 Mar 2026	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 10	Wednesday	11 Mar 2026	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
		18 Mar 2026	BYC	Luncheon

Midweek Racing Three

RACE	DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START
Day 1	Wednesday	25 Mar 2026	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 2	Wednesday	01 Apr 2026	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 3	Wednesday	08 Apr 2026	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 4	Wednesday	15 Apr 2026	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 5	Wednesday	22 Apr 2026	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 6	Wednesday	29 Apr 2026	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 7	Wednesday	06 May 2026	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 8	Wednesday	13 May 2026	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 9	Wednesday	20 May 2026	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 10	Wednesday	27 May 2026	DSS	Castray Esplanade
		03 Jun 2026	RYCT	Luncheon

2. CREW DECLARATION

2.1. Crew Declaration

2.1.1. For each race a boat shall submit a Crew Declaration via TOPYACHT before their warning signal. The Crew Declaration shall confirm that the boat intends to race and shall include required details of persons on board as follows:

- i Name;
- ii Contact phone number; and
- iii Australian Sailing Number in accordance with SI 2.3.

2.2. [NP] Boats that do not comply with SI 2.1.1. will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the relevant race. This changes RRS A5.1.

2.3. 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 Australian Sailing or hold a valid SailPass.

3. GROUPS

Midweek Racing will be conducted in allocated groups. The Race Committee will allocate boats according to size, known performance and speed (where known). The composition of each Group and allocated start times will be displayed on each club's notice board and will be available from 12:00 on the day of the race.

4. STARTING AREA, STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

4.1. **For DSS & RYCT** - the starting and finishing lines will be between the main flagpole on the Castray Box and Mark O (Yellow inflatable buoy) laid approximately Northeast of the Castray Box.

4.2. **For BYC** - the starting and finishing line will be between the flagpole on the BYC Victoria Esplanade Box and Mark A (a black and white chequered inflatable buoy) approximately West of the BYC Victoria Esplanade Box.

5. STARTING TIMES AND STARTING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1. Boats will be divided into starting groups with the slowest group of boats commencing first, with progressively faster groups of boats starting at five (5) minute intervals. All boats will be given individual handicaps, and the time offset of the start taken into account to arrive at a single corrected time result for the fleet.

5.2. A sound signal will be made 10 minutes before the scheduled start of the first boat(s). This amends RRS 26.

5.3. A sound signal will be made, and a course board will be displayed five (5) minutes before the start of the first Group.

- 5.4. A sound signal will be made to indicate the start of the first Group at 13:30.
- 5.5. At five (5) minute intervals after the start of the first Group a sound signal will be made indicating the start of following Groups which may be one or more boats.
6. **RECALLS**
- For the Midweek Racing there will be no individual recalls. As detailed in NoR 2.3 a boat whose hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side during the last minute before her starting signal may return to the pre-start side of the line but if she does not then a penalty of 2 (two) minutes will be added to her elapsed time.
7. **SHORTENING COURSE**
- 7.1. Should the Race Committee decide to shorten course, Code flag S will be displayed on the start box flagpole. This will be accompanied by two (2) sound signals and means that boats shall finish at the end of that lap by crossing the finishing line from the course side. The Race Committee may give verbal instructions via VHF Channel 14.
- 7.2. In order to achieve a result, the Race Officer may give directions on VHF Channel 14 which may vary the length of the course or race instructions.

8. COURSES

8.1. RYCT/DSS COURSES

DSS/RYCT COURSES A – R - MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO STARBOARD

- A Start → N → O → D → O → D → Finish
- B Start → N → O → N → O → D → Finish
- C Start → D → O → D → O → D → Finish
- D Start → N → M → O → N → M → O → D → Finish
- E Start → N → M → O → N → O → D → Finish
- F Start → N → WP → O → D → WP → O → D → WP → Finish
- G Start → D → M → O → D → M → O → D → M → Finish
- H Start → M → O → M → O → M → Finish
- I Start → JGL → N → M → WP → O → D → O → D → Finish
- J Start → D (to Port) → B1 → N → O → M → Finish
- K Start → D (to Port) → B1 → M → O → D → M → Finish
- L Start → B1 → D → O → B1 → D → O → D → Finish
- M Start → B1 → WP → O → D → WP → O → D → WP → Finish
- N Start → B1 → B2 → D → O → D → Finish
- O Start → B2 → O → D → O → D → Finish
- P Start → B2 → N → O → D → O → D → Finish
- Q Start → B2 → JGL → O → D → O → D → Finish
- R Start → JGL → O → D → O → D → Finish

DSS/RYCT COURSES – S - Z - MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO PORT

S	Start → M → N → O → M → N → O → M → N → Finish
T	Start → WP → M → D → O → WP → M → D → O → WP → M → D → Finish
U	Start → N → B1 → O → D → O → D → Finish
V	Start → D → B1 → J → O → D → O → D → Finish
W	Start → D → B1 → O → D → B1 → O → D → Finish
X	Start → WP → JGL → B2 → B1 → O → D → Finish
Y	Start → JGL → B2 → O → D → O → D → Finish
Z	Start → B2 → B1 → O → D → O → D → Finish

8.2. ADDITIONAL UPRIVER COURSES

When sailing under Tasman Bridge all boats must pass through the Illawarra Span.

To avoid contact with the bridge a boat may use an engine to navigate under the bridge provided the boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race.

DSS/RYCT COURSES 01 – 11 - MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO STARBOARD UNLESS INDICATED

OTHERWISE IN COURSE DESCRIPTION

01	Start → SP → BP → through Starting/Finishing line → D → O → D → Finish
02	Start → BP → through Starting/Finishing line → D → O → D → Finish
03	Start → SP → through Starting/Finishing line → D → O → D → Finish
04	Start → J → B2 → O(to Port) → D → O(to Port) → D → Finish
05	Start → J → B1 → N → O → D → O → D → Finish
06	Start → J → B1 → O → B1 → O → B1 → Finish
07	Start → J → D → O → D → Finish
08	Start → J → D → M → O → D → M → Finish
09	Start → Z → D → WP → O → Z → D → WP → O → Z → D → WP → Finish
10	Start → Z → B1 → WP → O → Z → D → WP → O → Z → D → WP → Finish
11	Start → D → WP → O → D → WP → O → D → WP → Finish

DSS/RYCT COURSES 12 – 15 - MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO PORT

12	Start → BP → SP → O → WP → D → Finish
13	Start → RB → BP → O → D → O → D → Finish
14	Start → RB → SP → O → D → O → D → Finish
15	Start → M → D → J → O → M → D → Finish

8.3. BYC COURSES

BYC COURSES 20 – 25 - MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO STARBOARD

- 20 Start → N → WP → A → N → WP → Finish
- 21 Start → N → J → A → D → Finish
- 22 Start → B2 → N → A → B1 → Finish
- 23 Start → B1 → R → A → B1 → R → A → B1 → Finish
- 24 Start → H → B2 → A → B1 → Finish
- 25 Start → H → N → M → WP → J → Finish

BYC COURSES 26 – 37 - MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO PORT

- 26 Start → N → A → D → Finish
- 27 Start → N → B2 → A → B2 → Finish
- 28 Start → N → B2 → A → N → Finish
- 29** Start → H → A → B1 → A → B1 → Finish
- 30 Start → J → B2 → A → J → B1 → Finish
- 31 Start → J → B1 → A → J → B1 → Finish
- 32 Start → J → D → B1 → A → J → B1 → Finish
- 33 Start → B1 → J → B1 → A → J → Finish
- 34 Start → D → B2 → A → D → Finish
- 35 Start → B2 → A → B2 → Finish
- 36 Start → B2 → A → B1 → Finish
- 37 Start → B2 → H → A → B2 → Finish
- 38 Start → B2 → H → A → B1 → Finish
- 39 Start → SP → through Starting/Finishing line leaving A to Starboard → B1 → Finish

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9. MARKS

- A Black and White Chequered band inflatable buoy laid to the W of the Victoria Esplanade Box.
- B1 Yellow permanent mark 0.5 NM SE, Kangaroo Bluff (BYC1 Permanent).
- B2 Yellow permanent mark 1.2 NM SSE of Kangaroo Bluff (BYC2 Permanent).
- D Orange illuminated mark 0.5 NM ENE of Wrest Point (DSS Permanent).
- H Orange float mark 0.25 NM SW of Howrah Point.
- J Yellow permanent mark 0.1 NM NE of Gunpowder Jetty (Government House Permanent).

- JGL John Garrow Light.
- M Yellow permanent mark 0.1 NM NNE of Maning Reef.
- N Yellow permanent mark 0.1 NM N of Nutgrove Beach.
- O Yellow inflatable buoy laid approximately NE from Castray Box.
- R Orange inflatable buoy approximately 170m S of Rosny Point.
- WP White pyramid mark 150m E of Wrest Point.
- Z Yellow inflatable buoy laid on a line between Battery Point and the Tasman Bridge.

ADDITIONAL UPRIVER MARKS

- RB Permanent Yellow buoy 200m N of Rose Bay Beach.
- BP Permanent outer Green Beacon 400m W of Beltana Point.
- SP Permanent Yellow cylindrical 0.2 nm NE of Cornelian Bay Point.

10. RACE AREA AND SAFETY CATEGORIES

- 10.1 The Midweek Racing will be sailed on the River Derwent and will be Category 7. In all cases AS SR Section 5, 5.01.1 (i) (on a boat without lifelines complying with 3.12, a lifejacket complying with 5.01.1 (i), shall be worn by each member of the crew while on deck) shall apply.
- 10.2 Boats sailing two-handed shall wear a suitable PFD whilst racing. The OA additionally recommends that all competitors are fitted with a lifejacket at all times.

11. RESULTS

Official provisional result sheets will be posted on the Combined Clubs website as soon as practical following the race. The time of posting thereof will be shown on the result sheet. Results may be posted on each club's Notice Board as soon as possible after the race.

12. PROTESTS

Protests must be lodged at the BYC, DSS or RYCT within two (2) hours of the last boat finishing in the last race of the day or the Race Committee signal "No More Racing Today". The protest will be heard at a time determined by the Protest Committee.

13. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Will be posted on the online [Official Notice Board](#). In unforeseen circumstances competitors may be advised on VHF Channel 14 of any change to the SI's before the warning signal of each Group.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1. The time limit for the Midweek Racing 1-3 will be 16:30.
- 14.2. Boats that have not then finished will be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF) without a hearing. This changes Rule 35, A4 and A5.

15. NUMBER OF CREW

The minimum number of adult crew to be on board is two (2).

16. ANCHORS

While racing boats shall not allow deck-stowed anchors to protrude outside of the hull limits. Anchors which are stowed as an integral part of the bowsprit and whose shaft is secured within a slot on the boat are permitted.

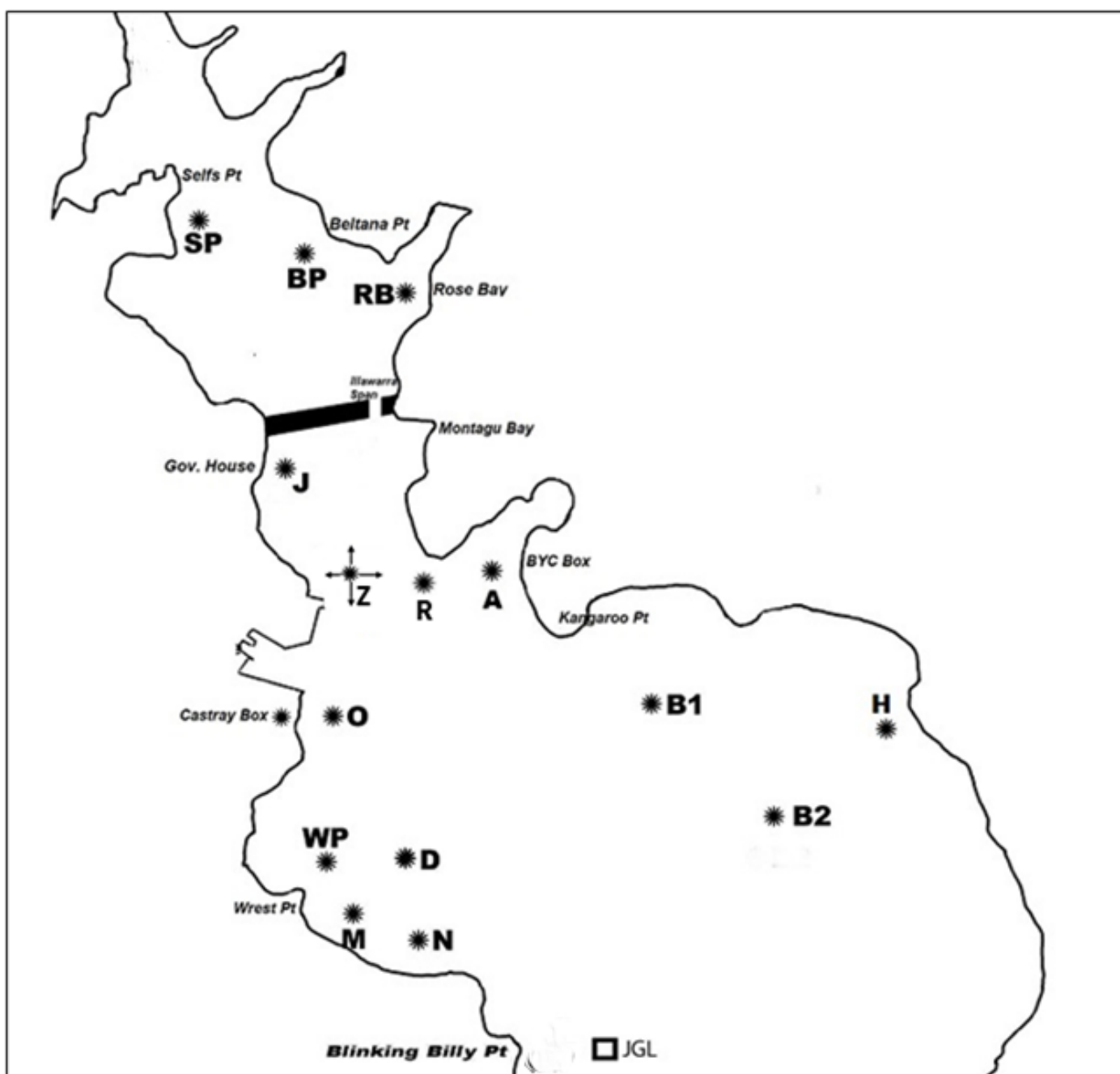
17. RETIREMENTS

Any boat retiring shall report the fact to the Race Committee as soon as possible.

18. RADIO INSTRUCTIONS

- 18.1. All competitors shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 14 for announcements by the Race Committee.
- 18.2. The Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of OCS boats and/or other information of interest to competitors.

SECTION 4 MIDWEEK RACING COURSE CARD



Disclaimer: note map not to scale positions are approximate only.



SECTION 5

DSS/RYCT TWILIGHT SERIES & SB20 SUMMER PENNANT

The notation [NP] in a rule of the sailing instructions (SI's) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. SCHEDULE OF RACES

RYCT			DSS		
Pre-Xmas Twilight & SB20 Summer Pennant			Post-Xmas Twilight & SB20 Summer Pennant		
RACE	DATE	HOST CLUB	RACE	DATE	HOST CLUB
Race Day 1	09 Oct 25	DSS	Race Day 1	15 Jan 26	DSS
Race Day 2	16 Oct 25	RYCT	Race Day 2	22 Jan 26	RYCT
No Racing	23 Oct 25	Show Day	Race Day 3	29 Jan 26	DSS
Race Day 3	30 Oct 25	DSS	Race Day 4	05 Feb 26	RYCT
Race Day 4	06 Nov 25	RYCT	Race Day 5	12 Feb 26	DSS
Race Day 5	13 Nov 25	DSS	Race Day 6	19 Feb 26	RYCT
Race Day 6	20 Nov 25	RYCT	Race Day 7	26 Feb 26	DSS
Race Day 7	27 Nov 25	DSS	Race Day 8	05 Mar 26	RYCT
Race Day 8	04 Dec 25	RYCT	Race Day 9	12 Mar 26	DSS
Race Day 9	11 Dec 25	DSS	Race Day 10	19 Mar 26	RYCT
Race Day 10	18 Dec 25	RYCT	Race Day 11	26 Mar 26	DSS

2. CREW DECLARATION

2.1. Crew Declaration.

2.1.1 For each race a boat shall submit a Crew Declaration via TOPYACHT before its warning signal. The Crew Declaration shall confirm that the boat intends to race and shall include required details for each person on board as follows:

- i. Name;
- ii. Contact phone number; and
- iii. Australian Sailing Number in accordance with SI 2.3.

2.2. [NP] Boats that do not comply with SI 2.1 will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the relevant race. This changes RRS A5.1.

2.3. All crew members must comply with the AS Prescription to RRS 46. All participating crew members shall be members of a club affiliated to Australian Sailing or hold a valid SailPass.

3. GROUPS

The DSS/RYCT Twilight Series and SB20 Summer Pennant races will be conducted in designated groups. The DSS & RYCT Race Committees will allocate boats according to size, known performance and PHS handicaps (where known). The composition of each Group will be displayed on each club's notice board and be available from 16:00 on the day of the race.

4. STARTING TIMES AND IDENTIFICATION

GROUP	STARTING TIME	IDENTIFICATION FLAG
Group 1	17:40	Numeral Pennant 1
Group 2	17:45	Numeral Pennant 2
Group 3	17:50	Numeral Pennant 3
Group 4	17:55	Numeral Pennant 4
Group 5	18:00	White flag with SB20 insignia

5. STARTING AREA, STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

5.1. STARTING LINE – Midriver Start

The Midriver starting line will be between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and a yellow inflatable buoy.

The Committee Boat will be moored in an area bounded by a line between Castray Esplanade and Kangaroo Bluff to the north and John Garrow Light and Punches Reef to the south. The name of the Committee Boat for the day will be posted on the start list. The Committee Boat will be on standby on VHF Channel 14 if competitors require directions to the starting line.

The Committee Boat will manoeuvre in the vicinity of the starting line approximately 20 minutes before the start.

5.2. FINISHING LINE 1 – Castray Esplanade – **Course 1-19**

Finishing line 1 will be between the flagpole on the Castray Box and a yellow with red band inflatable buoy laid approximately east of Castray Box.

5.3. FINISHING LINE 2– Midriver Finish – **Course 20 only**

Finishing line 2 will be between an orange staff or an orange flag on the Committee Boat and a yellow inflatable buoy.

5.4. STARTING AND FINISHING LINE PENALTIES

- 5.4.1 After a Warning Signal has been made, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made. Boats who have finished shall keep clear of the finishing line and boats which are yet to finish.
- 5.4.2 Boats shall not sail through any starting or finishing line except when starting or finishing correctly or as required by the SI's.
- 5.4.3 Boats shall not sail through the starting or finishing line of other sailing events.
- 5.4.4 The starting or finishing lines referred to in 5.4.2 and 5.4.3 shall be designated obstructions in accordance with the definitions of the RRS.
- 5.4.5 A boat committing a breach of 5.4.2 or 5.4.3 while boats are in a starting sequence or finishing on that starting or finishing line, as reported by the race committee conducting the start or finish, will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.
- 5.4.6 A boat committing a breach of 5.4.2 or 5.4.3 when boats are not in a starting sequence or finishing shall be penalised by having two (2) minutes added to their elapsed time without a hearing. This Changes RRS A5.1.

6. STARTING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 The starting procedure for the Twilight Series and SB20 Summer Pennant will be in accordance with RRS 26 except as amended below:

- 6.1.1 Attention signal - Ten (10) minutes before the start of the first Group a sound signal may be made.

Warning Signal	5 minute
Preparatory signal hoisted	4 minute
Preparatory signal lowered	1 minute
Starting Signal	0 minute

- 6.1.2 After each start there may be a 30 second time lag in the displaying of the Group identifier and course board (located at the stern of the Committee Boat), but the time for the succeeding Group shall be taken from the signal indicating the start of the previous Group.

- 6.1.3 For SB20's the second and subsequent start, the Warning signal will be made as soon as possible after the last boat finishes the preceding race, there will be no attention signal.

- 6.2 Groups 1 – 4 will have one (1) race per day. Group 5 will have a maximum of three (3) races per day sailed back-to-back.

- 6.3 Attention is drawn to RRS 23 "Interfering with another boat". A boat shall not enter the pre-start area prior to its preparatory signal (5 minutes before its numeral pennant). The pre-start area is defined as 50 metres to windward and leeward of the starting line.

- 6.4 Competitors may be advised of the starting procedure signals on VHF Channel 14.

Note: Boats should not transmit on VHF Channel 14 whilst a starting sequence is in progress except in an emergency.

7. RECALLS

Individual and General Recalls may be announced on VHF Channel 14. Failure to notify individual recalls by radio shall not be grounds for redress.

8. SHORTENING COURSE

- 8.1 Courses 1-19 - Should the Race Committee decide to shorten the course, competitors shall finish at the completion of their current lap through finishing line 1. Code flag S will be displayed at finishing line 1 and competitors may be advised of Shorten Course on VHF Channel 14.

- 8.2 Course 20 - The course may be shortened at the end of the first lap by the display of code flag S on the Committee Boat. Boats shall sail from Mark 1 to finishing line 2, Mark 2 will not have a required side when approaching the finishing line to finish. This changes RRS 32.2.

9. TIMING AT THE END OF ANY COMPLETED LAP – GROUPS 1-4

The Race Committee may record the times of boats at the completion of any lap for groups 1-4. If it appears that boats may not finish within the time limit the Race Committee may display the Code Flag 2nd Substitute accompanied by two sound signals which will indicate that the race has been finished at the end of the preceding lap. This may occur after the completion of any lap. An announcement may also be made by the Race Committee on VHF 14.

10. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

RRS 44.1 is amended for Group 5 (SB20's) in that only one (1) turn, including one (1) tack and one (1) gybe is required for an infringement.

11. COURSES

11.1 Boats shall not sail through the starting/finishing line except when required to do so by any of the following courses.

11.2 Fixed and Laid Mark Courses

Refer Course Card

Course	ALL MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO PORT	Approx Dist.
1	Start → W → P → Z → O → D → Z → Finishing Line 1	8.4nm
2	Start → W → H → Z → O → N → Z → O → D → Z → Finishing Line 1	11.4nm
3	Start → W → B1 → Z → O → D → Z → O → D → Z → Finishing Line 1	9.7nm
4	Start → W → Z → O → D → B1 → Z → Finishing Line 1	7.2nm
5	Start → W → Z → O → M → N → Z → O → D → Z → Finishing Line 1	10.0nm
6	Start → W → N → B1 → Z → O → D → B1 → Z → Finishing Line 1	9.9nm
7	Start → W → B2 → Z → O → N → Z → Finishing Line 1	8.3nm
8	Start → W → Z → O → N → Z → O → D → Z → Finishing Line 1	10.1nm
9	Start → X → Z → O → N → Z → Finishing Line 1	6.5nm
10	Start → Z → O → X → Z → O → X → Z → Finishing Line 1	9.4nm
11	Start → W → B1 → Z → O → B1 → Z → Finishing Line 1	6.2nm
12	Start → W → B1 → Z → O → B2 → Z → Finishing Line 1	6.7nm
13	Start → J → Z → O → X → Z → O → D → Z → Finishing Line 1	8.4nm
14	Start → W → B1 → Z → O → X → Z → O → X → Z → Finishing Line 1	9.5nm
Course	ALL MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO STARBOARD	Approx Dist.
15	Start → W → B2 → O → Z → B2 → Finishing Line 1	8.4nm
16	Start → W → B2 → O → Z → N → Finishing Line 1	11.4nm
17	Start → W → O → Z → N → O → Z → N → Finishing Line 1	7.2nm
18	Start → W → O → Z → B1 → D → O → Z → B1 → D → Finishing Line 1	10.5nm
19	Start → W → M → O → Z → N → M → O → Z → N → Finishing Line 1	8.8nm
	SB20 ALL MARKS ARE TO BE LEFT TO PORT	Approx Dist.
20	Start → 1 → 2 → 1 → Finishing Line 2	Variable

Refer to the diagram below for Course 20



Start/Finish

12. MARKS - ALL COURSES NOTE: POSITIONS, BEARING AND DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE ONLY

Courses 1-19

Start	Starting line in accordance with SI 5.1.
B ¹	Yellow permanent mark 0.5 NM SE of Kangaroo Bluff (BYC ¹ Permanent).
B ²	Yellow permanent mark 1.1 NM SE of Kangaroo Bluff (BYC ² Permanent).
D	Orange illuminated mark 0.5 NM NE of Wrest Point (DSS Permanent).
H	Orange float mark 0.25 NM SW of Howrah Point (Permanent).
J	Yellow permanent mark 0.1 NM NE of Gunpowder Jetty (Government House Permanent).
M	Yellow permanent mark 0.1 NM NE of Manning Reef (DSS Permanent).
N	Yellow permanent mark 0.1 NM E of Nutgrove Beach (DSS Permanent).
O	Yellow inflatable buoy with a red band laid eastward of the Castray Box and marks the outer end of the finishing line.
P	Yellow float mark 0.5nm SW of Punch's Reef (Permanent).
W	Yellow inflatable buoy laid to windward at a distance of approximately 0.5-1.5 nautical miles from the starting line.
X	Yellow inflatable buoy with a black band laid on a mid point on a line between Mark N and Mark BYC2. The buoy may be moved within 0.5nm circle from that point.
Z	Yellow inflatable buoy laid on a line between Battery Point and the Tasman Bridge. The buoy may be moved within 0.3 nm circle from that position.
Finish	Finishing line 1 – Castray Esplanade - in accordance with SI 5.2

Course 20

Start Starting Line in accordance with SI 5.1.

1 Orange inflatable buoy laid approx. 0.8 NM to windward of the starting line.

2 Orange inflatable buoy.

Finish Finishing line 2 – Committee Boat – in accordance with SI 5.3.

13. SAILS

13.1 A boat shall comply with the RRS Appendix G, Identification on Sails. This SI is the warning and opportunity to correct in the terms of RRS Appendix G4.

13.2 In Groups 1-4 designated non-spinnaker, only a mainsail, mizzen and headsails as defined in RRS 55.4 shall be used. Headsails shall not be set flying.

(No sail shall be set forward of a point of attachment of the permanent forestay).

14. ANCHORS

While racing boats shall not allow deck-stowed anchors to protrude outside of the hull limits. Anchors which are stowed as an integral part of the bowsprit and whose shaft is secured within a slot on the boat are permitted.

15. HANDICAP

Competitors in the DSS/RYCT Twilight Series and SB20 Summer Pennant will have a PHS handicap. The DSS & RYCT Handicap Committee will set the handicaps before the first race of the series, and these may be adjusted after each race. The Race Committee may, subject to minimum entry requirements as per the SI 19.3, permit an IRC Non-Spinnaker result for Division 1-4. The Race Committee's choice of handicap is final and shall not be grounds for protest.

16. RESULTS

16.1 Official provisional result sheets will be displayed on the official notice board of each club as soon as practical following the race.

16.2 The only recognised official results will be those posted on the official notice board and are subject to protest or request for redress. Any times or results, given verbally or displayed elsewhere or published in a newspaper or electronically on a website or similar are for information only and may be subject to correction. These results are therefore not official and shall not be subject to protest or request for redress. Where possible results may be published on each club's website as soon as possible after a race.

17. SCORING

17.1 For keelboats, races shall be scored based on handicap or rating system.

17.2 Twilight Keelboat Series:

- When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be a total of her race scores.
- When six (6) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.
- When eight (8) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race score excluding her two (2) worst scores.

17.3 SB20 Summer Pennant races shall be scored in both elapsed time order and handicap system.

17.4 SB20 Summer Pennant Series:

- When fewer than seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be a total of her race scores.
- When eight (8) and fewer than fifteen (15) races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race score excluding her two (2) worst scores.
- When fifteen (15) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race score excluding her three (3) worst scores.

18. PROTESTS

Protests must be lodged at the DSS or RYCT within two (2) hours of the finish time of the last boat in the last race of the day or the Race Committee signalling 'No More Racing Today'. Protests will be heard at a time determined by the Protest Committee.

19. PRIZES

19.1 A Series Pennant will be presented for both Twilight Series and SB20 Summer Pennant:

19.1.1 RYCT for the Pre-Christmas Series.

19.1.2 DSS for the Post-Christmas Series.

19.2 A Series Pennant will be awarded on the following number of entries:

Three (3) to five (5) entries 1st prize

Six (6) or more entries 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes

19.3 A minimum of five (5) entries are required to constitute a Group.

19.4 Individual race day prizes may be awarded by the Host Club after the race.

20. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

20.1 Any changes to these SI's will be posted on the official notice boards of each club by 12:00 on the day of the race.

20.2 In unforeseen circumstances competitors may be advised on VHF Channel 14 of any change to the SI's before the warning signal of each Group.

21. TIME LIMITS

The time limit will be 19:45 hours on the day of racing. Boats that have not then finished will be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF) without a hearing. This changes Rule 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

22. NUMBER OF CREW

All boats are to carry a sufficient number of crew as per NoR 2.6.

23. RETIREMENTS

Any boat retiring shall report the fact to the Race Committee as soon as possible.

24. RADIO INSTRUCTIONS

24.1 All competitors shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 14, for announcements by the Race Committee. Competitors should also monitor VHF Channel 16 at all times.

24.2 The Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of OCS boats and/or other information of interest to competitors.

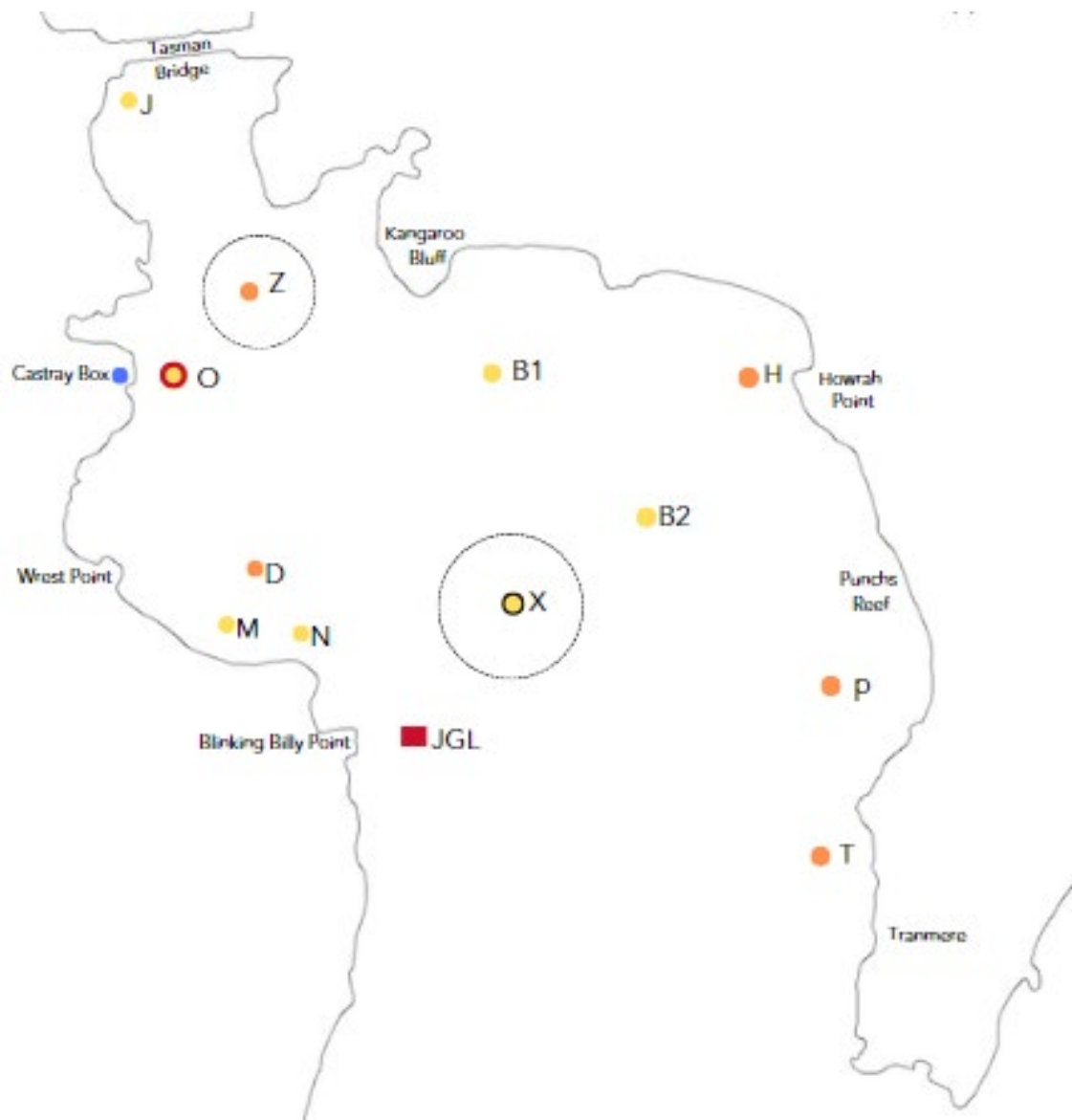
SECTION 5 TWILIGHT COURSE CARD

STARTING LINE – ALL GROUPS

In accordance with SI 5.1 the Committee Boat will be moored in an area bounded by a line between Castray Esplanade and Kangaroo Bluff to the north and John Garrow Light and BYC 2 Permanent Mark to the south. This will be the starting line for all groups.

WINDWARD MARK – GROUPS 1-4

In accordance with SI 12 the windward mark (W) will be a yellow inflatable buoy laid to windward at a distance of approximately 0.8 to 1.5 nautical miles from the starting line.

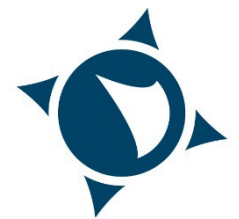


TASPORTS INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Hobart VTS

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TasPorts

Hobart VTS – Contact Details

- VHF - Channel 12
- Telephone - 1 300 366 742
- Email - vts@tasports.com.au TasPorts

VTS provides an online shipping schedule for the Port of Hobart at the following link

<https://www.tasports.com.au/hobart-schedule>



WEATHER FORECAST

- The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) issues two forecasts a day at 0530 and 1630. These are available almost instantly and warnings are issued between forecasts; (http://www.bom.gov.au/australia/meteye/?loc=TAS_FA001);
- Sailors should obtain the very latest forecast available to them prior to any racing or training session and brief the crews;
- Mobile phones today allow easy and instant access to weather reports;
- The Deckee App pushes out instant weather warnings for the area you are in. Useful information, including weather, is obtainable from the Deckee App. Deckee is available for free download on iPhone, iPad and Android.

TIDES

- Sailors should be aware of tidal movement prior to racing and training sessions and relay information to crews; (<http://www.bom.gov.au/australia/tides/#!/tas> or the Deckee app);
- Sailors should be aware of freshwater run-off after heavy rain and debris.

CHARTER VESSELS AND FERRIES

- Sailors should be aware that if a pilot boat, charter boat, or ferry is concerned, or unclear of a yacht's actions, five rapid blasts may be sounded to alert the crew in accordance with the International Collision Regulations;
- All charter boat skippers and crew to maintain a vigilant lookout for sailors and slow down for an appropriate distance to reduce wash;
- Carrying a VHF radio will allow rescue boats and larger yachts direct communication with a charter vessel or ferry.

EXCLUSION ZONES AND PROHIBITED AREAS - TASPORTS

- Regulation 71 of the Marine and Safety (Pilotage and Navigation) Regulations 2017 provides for the declaration of a specified area surrounding any vessel navigating to be a prohibited area for other vessels or persons;
- Notice to Mariners (NtM) M168-18 refers to a 60-metre exclusion zone existing around any vessel that is under pilotage and engaged in berthing operations. Only vessels engaged in assisting with the berthing operation are permitted to operate within the exclusion zone. Tug wash when underway or alongside a ship can be dangerous;
- NtM 169-18 refers to a prohibited area of 60m on either side of any vessel under pilotage. If that vessel is accompanied by an escort vessel (blue flashing light) you cannot pass between the escort vessel or the vessel under pilotage.
- A vessel under pilotage control is identified by a red and white vertical flag.
- Some vessels have pilotage exemption, and the same rules apply as for a pilotage vessel. Pilot Exempt vessels are identified by a white flag. These will generally be seen on the River Derwent or D'Entrecasteaux Channel and are often larger fish farm vessels. The Bruny Island ferry is also pilot-exempt.
- Mariners and sailors must maintain a distance of not less than 50m from any TasPorts' wharf or vessel at a berth in port. This applies in all Tasports' wharf areas Statewide.
- Mariners and sailors must make themselves aware of any other Notices to Mariners that may have been issued that could impact their activity. Notices to Mariners are found on www.mast.tas.gov.au
- The Deckee App provides push notifications of Notices to Mariners when issued for your area of operation.
- Australian Sailing Regulations The sport of sailing in Australia has a strong reputation for self-management of safety. The Special Regulations can also act as a guide for cruising boats. Special Regulations do not replace but rather supplement the requirements of government authorities, the Racing Rules of Sailing and the rules of class associations and rating systems

REPORTING OF INCIDENTS

It is a requirement under the Marine and Safety (Maritime Incidents) Regulations, 2017 that an incident must be reported to MAST by the quickest possible means.

Incident forms are available on the MAST website by using the following link. <https://www.mast.tas.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Incident-Report-Form-November-2017.pdf>

CRUISE SHIPS

Cruise Ships Mariners sailors and rescue boats should be aware that Cruise Ships will be arriving at Hobart. Arrival times are generally early morning. It is highly recommended mariners and rescue boats carry a VHF radio switched onto Ch 12 to enable communication with Tasports' Vessel Traffic Services (VTS).

TASMAN BRIDGE

Channel escape areas Channel escape areas exist either side of the Tasman Bridge. If a vessel needs to abort a transit of the Tasman Bridge, due to mechanical failure or other operational needs, this will occur in the Channel escape area. Vessel should avoid being in this area when a bridge transit is about to take place. These areas are marked on navigational charts Visibility limitation from the bridge of a vessel

Due to the size and construction of most sea going vessels, the forward visibility directly in front of the ship, from the navigational bridge, can be restricted by up to 250m. This means that when small vessels are directly ahead of a ship, they may not be visible to the pilot and master of the ship.



2025-26 SAILING PROGRAM

Combined Clubs Saturday Series

11 Oct 25	BYC	Harbour Race Day
18 Oct 25	DSS	Long Race Day
01 Nov 25	RYCT	Long & Harbour – PM Start
15 Nov 25	BYC	Long Race Day
29 Nov 25	RYCT	Harbour Race Day
17 Jan 26	DSS	Harbour Race Day
31 Jan 26	BYC	Long Race Day
14 Feb 26	RYCT	Harbour Race Day
28 Feb 26	DSS	Long Race Day
21 Mar 26	BYC	Long & Harbour – PM Start

Combined Clubs Wednesday Midweek One

DSS	BYC	RYCT
	08 Oct 25	15 Oct 25
22 Oct 25	29 Oct 25	05 Nov 25
12 Nov 25	19 Nov 25	26 Nov 25
03 Dec 25	10 Dec 25	
Midweek Luncheon hosted by DSS - 17 Dec 25		

Combined Clubs Wednesday Midweek Two

DSS	BYC	RYCT
		07 Jan 26
14 Jan 26	21 Jan 26	28 Jan 26
04 Feb 26	11 Feb 26	18 Feb 26
25 Feb 26	04 Mar 26	11 Mar 26
Midweek Luncheon hosted by BYC - 18 Mar 26		

Combined Clubs Wednesday Midweek Three

DSS	BYC	RYCT
25 Mar 26	01 Apr 26	08 Apr 26
15 Apr 26	22 Apr 26	29 Apr 26
06 May 26	13 May 26	20 May 26
27 May 26		
Midweek Luncheon hosted by RYCT - 03 Jun 26		

Offshore Races

22 Oct 25	BYC	Overnight Race
08 Nov 25	DSS	Two Capes Race
21 Nov 25	RYCT	Maria Island Race
07 Feb 26	RYCT	Bruny Island Race

Other Events

05 Oct 25	RYCT	Bligh Point Channel Race
22 Nov 25	BYC	Terry Bragg Memorial Race
06 Dec 25	BYC	Pursuit Race
02 Jan 26	DSS	King of the Derwent
09 Feb 26	RYCT	RHR + Lipton Cup
11 Feb 26	RYCT	VDL Cruise
27 Feb 26	RYCT	Rotary Sail Day
11 Apr 26	KYC/DSS	Barnes Bay Regatta
02 May 26	DSS	D Class Regatta
24 May 26	RYCT	Pear Tree

DSS/RYCT Twilight & SB20 RYCT Pre Christmas Pennant

DSS	RYCT
09 Oct 25	16 Oct 25
30 Oct 25	06 Nov 25
13 Nov 25	20 Nov 25
27 Nov 25	04 Dec 25
11 Dec 25	18 Dec 25

DSS/RYCT Twilight & SB20 DSS Post Christmas Pennant

DSS	RYCT
15 Jan 26	22 Jan 26
29 Jan 26	05 Feb 26
12 Feb 26	19 Feb 26
26 Feb 26	05 Mar 26
12 Mar 26	19 Mar 26
26 Mar 26	

DSS Autumn 2 Handed

19 Apr 26
26 Apr 26
03 May 26
10 May 26
17 May 26

BYC Twilight Series

Series 1	Series 2
08 Oct 25	14 Jan 26
15 Oct 25	21 Jan 26
22 Oct 25 *	04 Feb 26
29 Oct 25	11 Feb 26
05 Nov 25	18 Feb 26
12 Nov 25	25 Feb 26
19 Nov 25	04 Mar 26
26 Nov 25	18 Mar 26
10 Dec 25	25 Mar 26
17 Dec 25 ^A	
*Trophy Race ^A Christmas Trophy Race	

BYC Women's Twilight Series

03 Dec 25
28 Jan 26
11 Mar 26

RYCT Dragon Pennant

06 & 07 Sept 25
25 & 26 Oct 25
13 & 14 Dec 25

Championships

From	To	Host	Event
22 Oct 25	26 Oct 25	RYCT	Australian Match Racing
06 Dec 25	07 Dec 25	RYCT	SB20 States
01 Jan 26	08 Jan 26	RYCT	ILCA Oceania & Australian
03 Jan 26	09 Jan 26	SBSC	Australian 29er
08 Jan 26	15 Jan 26	RYCT	Australian Optimist
21 Jan 26	28 Jan 26	RYCT	Prince Philip Cup
27 Mar 26	29 Mar 26	DSS	SB20 Nationals

Regattas

From	To	Host	Event
19 Sept 25	21 Sept 25	DSS/KYC	Pipe Opener
22 Nov 25	23 Nov 25	SBSC	PJ's Super Series
13 Dec 25	14 Dec 25	RYCT	Showdown
16 Jan 26	18 Jan 26	KYC	Channel Challenge
20 Feb 26	22 Feb 26	BYC	Crown Series
06 Mar 26	08 Mar 26	PCSC	Port Cygnet Regatta
03 Apr 26	05 Apr 26	PESC	Dover Regatta
01 May 26	03 May 26	RYCT	Navigation Cruise

Christmas Offshore Events

26 Dec 25	CYCA/RYCT	Sydney to Hobart
27 Dec 25	DSS/TYC	Launceston to Hobart
27 Dec 25	ORCV/DSS	Melbourne to Hobart

Other Combined Clubs Events

04 Oct 25	All Clubs	Opening Day
09 Jan 26	All Clubs	Spinnaker Twilight Charity Race
14 Mar 26	BYC Host	Women's Regatta

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