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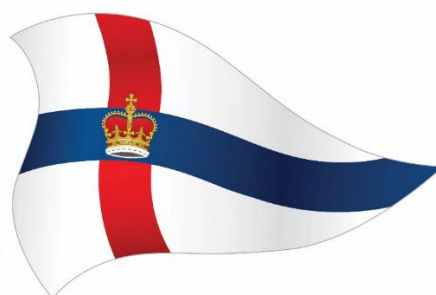
78th MARIA ISLAND RACE

Friday 21 November 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organised and Hosted By

THE ROYAL
YACHT CLUB
OF TASMANIA



2025 Lexus of Tasmania 78th Maria Is Race

1. Rules

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS), the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), the Rules of IRC Parts A, B and C, the 2025 IMS Rules and the 2025 ORC Rating System Rules except as any of these modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Nothing in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions relieves a boat of her responsibility under civil law to comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea or local regulations.
- 1.3 Between sunset and sunrise, when a boat cannot determine with certainty what tack the other boat is on, she shall keep clear of that boat. Competitors are reminded that part of the definition of "room" includes taking into account the existing conditions (including visibility).
- 1.4 Attention is drawn to AS Special Regulation 5.01.1(g & h):
 - (i) *A PFD shall be worn by each member of the crew when on deck between the hours of sunset and sunrise.*
 - (ii) *It is strongly recommended that a PFD be worn by each member of the crew at times such as, but not limited to:*
 - a) *When alone on deck*
 - b) *When the true wind speed is 25 knots or above*
 - c) *When visibility is less than 1 nautical mile*
- 1.5 Boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 3 with additional items as stated in the Notice of Race.
- 1.6 Boats may be required to display the supplied sponsor's advertising on the forward sides of the hull. A sponsor's race pennant, if provided by the organisers, shall be flown from the backstay of each competing boat from the Warning Signal until 20 minutes after the start and when finishing. The pennant shall be returned to the organisers after the race.
- 1.7 Alteration to the Rules

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.

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 HAS, HLU Max and SPA without an increase in rating.

RRS 51: A boat with movable 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.

RRS 52: Amended to permit stored power for the purposes of operating sails and moving of movable ballast.

RRS 52: Amended to allow self-steering equipment to be used by boats who have been granted dispensation to race two handed.
- 1.8 Further spot checks may be carried out immediately after a boat finishes, at the RYCT marina. The boat will be advised when she finishes if she is required to go to the RYCT marina for a safety check.
- 1.9 **Liability Disclaimer** all those taking part in the 78 Maria Island Yacht Race 2025, do so at their risk and responsibility. The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania (RYCT) and the Race Sponsors are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted, or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The RYCT and the sponsors are not responsible for any damage or injury, either ashore or at sea, either to persons or boats which result from participating in this race.

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- 1.10 **Risk Statement** RRS Rule 3: **"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.

2. Charts

It is recommended that the following current or fully amended paper charts shall be carried on board:

Chart number AUS 171 Hobart to Norfolk Bay

Chart number AUS 796 Tasman Head to Cape Frederick Hendrick

Chart Number AUS 797 Tasman Island to Mistaken Cape

3. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff located adjacent to the RYCT clubhouse prior to the start, and from then on, the flagstaff located at the Castray Start box.

4. Notices to Competitors/ Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Any notices or changes to the Sailing Instructions will be displayed on the Official Notice Board by 16:00 hours on the 21 November.
- 4.2 The Official Notice Board is located at the southeast corner of the RYCT club house.

5. Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Mon 10 Nov 2025	17:00	Close of Entries	RYCT Sailing Office
Fri 14 Nov 2025	17:00	Deadline for corrections to entry details	
Thu 20 Nov 2025	18:00	Mandatory Briefing & Collect Trackers (If required, a second briefing will be held at 20:00 for competitors who are competing in Twilight Races.)	RYCT Bass & Flinders Room
Fri 21 Nov 2025	19:00	Race Start	River Derwent Castray start box

6. Race Categories: Handicapping and Scoring

- 6.1 **ORC Club Category:** this will be the Single Number Scoring Option, All Purpose (AP) Time on Time as printed on the certificate.
- 6.2 **IRC Category:** Results will be decided by the application of the Time Correction (TCC) as shown on the IRC Certificate.
- 6.3 **PHS Category:** Results will be decided by the application of the Time Corrector 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 (This amends RRS 60.1)
- 6.4 Subject to entries, further divisions may be formed within the above categories. The composition of divisions will not form the basis of any protest or redress. (This amends RRS 60.1).
- 6.5 The list of divisions will be posted on the official notice board by 1800 hours, Wednesday 19 November 2025 and may also be posted on the event website. The divisional lists may be available at the mandatory race briefing at RYCT 1800 hours, Thursday 20 November 2025.

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7. Tracking Devices

- 7.1 A boat may be required to carry a tracking device supplied by the Organising Authority. A boat on which such a unit fails or ceases to operate will be required to provide additional position reports by radio.
- 7.2 All trackers and sponsor's pennants (see SI 1.6) are required to be returned to the RYCT as soon as practicable after finishing or by 1200 on Tuesday 25 November 2025.

8. Communications

- 8.1 All radio transmissions during the race will be made with "RYCT Race Control" operating through transmitters VIT319 which includes Castray Box. The exception will occur when competitors may have to work with a Radio Relay Vessel when conditions make it necessary. Note: Transmissions cannot be relayed when using a duplex (repeater) channel.
- 8.2 RYCT Race Control will monitor VHF Channels 81, 16 (for very local transmissions), 4483kHz and 2524 kHz. When responsibility for race monitoring has been transferred to Castray Box only VHF Channel 81 will be monitored.
- 8.3 Radio Schedules-Position Report Schedules
2235, 0535, 1135, 1635 local time on VHF Channel 81, the primary radio channel
If vessels have not been able to be contacted on VHF channels Race Control will standby on 4483 kHz for any calls.
- 8.4 Race Traffic Schedules
All boats are required to stand by for five (5) minutes at any other period that may be nominated for race and safety traffic. Individual boats may be called during this period and asked for their position.
- 8.5 Compliance with the instruction for both position and race schedules is mandatory.
- 8.6 When abeam of **White Rock** heading toward the finish, boats are to advise RYCT Race Control of their position and ETA on **VHF Channel 81**.
- 8.7 Procedures
 - a) All boats will stand by tuned to their race frequency at all times listed for Radio Schedules.
 - b) At the commencement of the Schedule, RYCT Race Control will broadcast any race traffic which may include an updated Weather Forecast for the area covered by the course, if available. A list of vessels for which messages are held will also be broadcast.
 - c) Boats will then be called in alphabetical order for their position reports. Boats which are unable to reply on the first call should stand by until the list has been completed when they will be called a second time.
 - d) Boats shall give the following information in their position reports:
 - (i) Name of boat
 - (ii) Position in Degrees and Whole Minutes of Latitude and Longitude at the commencement of the Schedule and whether bound North, South, in relation to turning marks.
 - (iii) Wind direction and speed only if requested by RYCT Race Control
- 8.8 RYCT Race Control may require some boats to make special calls between Schedule times in order to estimate when the finishing line should be manned.
- 8.9 One or more competing boats may be designated "Radio Relay Vessel" to assist in the passing and recording of information when signals are unable to be read by RYCT Race Control. Such boats will be identified at the commencement of the Schedule.
- 8.10 Any Boat failing or unable to make contact at a scheduled radio report time shall do so at the first available opportunity after that time by any means available.
- 8.11 Failure to report in at skeds may result in Penalty Clause 23 (b) being applied.

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9. Ranking as a Starter

- 9.1 Boats intending to start shall report to the race officials at the Castray Box. The boat shall have its trysail, or a mainsail reefed to reduce the luff by at least 50%, and storm jib set until acknowledged by the race officials. The boat shall radio its sail number and the number of persons on board on VHF Channel 81 until acknowledged by race officials. Number of persons on board shall be as per the Crew List provided by the boat.
- 9.2 Boats may be penalised in accordance with SI 23 unless they have completed the Pre-Race check.

10. The Start

- 10.1 The Starting Line will be between the main mast at the Castray Box and an Orange Flagmark set approximately at right angles to the first leg of the course. A Green flag mark inner limit buoy may be moored approximately on this line and shall be left the same side as the Starting box when starting. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the Castray Box at any time. A breach of this SI is open to protest by the Race Committee only; this changes RRS 60.1 and 60.3.
- 10.2 The starting procedure will be in accordance with RRS 26 except as amended below.
- 10.3 Class Flag will be Code Flag 0 (zero).

11. Recalls

Individual recalls in accordance with RRS 29.1 may also be notified by radio approximately five minutes after the start on race frequency VHF Channel 81. Competitors are reminded that radio recall information is provided as an aid and the provision or failure of the aid will not form the basis of any protest or claim for redress.

12. Boats Arriving Late

- 12.1 Boats that start more than thirty (30) minutes after the starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start", unless the Race Committee deems otherwise. This changes RRS A5.
- 12.2 A boat which has been delayed and has not been able to arrive in the vicinity of the Starting Line when the preparatory signal is made, may use her engine to get towards the starting line. A delayed boat availing herself of this privilege shall cease use of her engine and then complete a 360 degree turn before she crosses the starting Line. A boat so competing shall record the circumstances on her Declaration after the race and the Sailing Committee shall decide whether she will be regarded as a bona fide starter.

13. Courses

The course to sail is shown below:

Course	Description
Course A	Starting line – Iron Pot to Port – Tasman Island to Port – Maria Island to Starboard – Tasman Island to Starboard – Iron Pot to Starboard– Finish
Course B	Starting line – Iron Pot to Port – Tasman Island to Port – Maria Island to Port – Tasman Island to Starboard – Iron Pot to Starboard– Finish

14. Temporary Discontinuance from Racing (Amends RRS 41 and RRS 45)

- 14.1 A boat after starting may use its motor to assist with anchoring or berthing when either:
- taking shelter from extreme weather.
 - disembarking sick or injured crew who will take no further part in the race (such crew shall not be replaced).
 - attempting repairs wholly on board.

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- 14.2 Mechanical propulsion may be used only to assist with berthing or anchoring or when complying with SI 12.2. Crew intending to continue to race may go ashore solely for the purpose of making fast and thereafter shall immediately re-embark. No outside assistance shall be accepted by the boat or the crew other than as provided in RRS 41.
- 14.3 A boat complying with RRS 1.1 (except as to its own crew), which sustains damage or depletes its stores, may accept outside assistance to make good the damage, equipment or stores provided that such assistance shall not be provided over a cumulative period exceeding 24 hours in total.

15.Man Overboard

As well as activating the boat's man overboard procedures a boat in a man overboard situation shall as soon as practical broadcast on the VHF race channels the latitude and longitude of the vessel and the time the MOB took place. A description of the outer clothing of the MOB will also assist. Any boat recovering the MOB shall radio as soon as practical on the racing channels to advise Race Control and the fleet.

16.Finishing Line

The Finishing Line will be between the Flagpole on the Judges box on Castray Esplanade and an illuminated orange flag buoy to the East of the box.

17.Finishing after Dark

In the event of a boat finishing during the hours of darkness, the sail number must be illuminated and her name relayed via VHF to the Race Officials.

Boats shall also record their finishing times.

18.Time Limit

There will be no time limit for boats in PHS, IRC and ORC Club.

Please note: - Boats finishing more than 20 hours after the finish of the first boat are required to take their own finishing time as the finishing line may not be manned. Boats that take their own finishing time shall record it on the declaration form as in Sailing Instruction 21 and shall lodge with the race committee within two hours after finishing.

19.Alternative Penalties

A boat that fails to return and start when signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1 will receive a 30 minute elapsed time penalty. This alters RRS Appendix A 5.2.

20.Retirement

A boat retiring from the race shall notify RYCT Race Control at the earliest opportunity.

Should the boat be unable to make immediate contact with RYCT Race Control, notification of the time should be given at the time of the next radio Sked.

Having retired, a boat will be dropped from its position on the Race calling list to a secondary list which will be called after completion of the Race Schedule.

Retired boats are requested to report their positions and give their destinations at the scheduled times until they have reached port.

21. Declarations

- 21.1 Declarations on the prescribed form are required only when a breach of rules or sailing instructions occurs during the race. Any contravention, however trivial, of the 78 Maria Island Race Sailing Instructions or the AS Safety Regulations, including failure to report at any mandatory radio schedule, must be reported.
- 21.2 In electing to refrain from lodging a Declaration the skipper of each boat is acknowledging that the boat complied fully with the rules, regulations and sailing instructions throughout the race.
- 21.3 A completed Declaration on the attached form with the date and time of lodgement noted thereon, shall be lodged as soon as practical after the boat has finished by either
- (a) Email to sailing@ryct.org.au
 - (b) Posting in the letter box at the RYCT Reception
 - (c) Mail to the RYCT, Marieville Esplanade, Sandy Bay, 7005 on the same day the boat finishes (THE TIME OF LODGMENT IS THE TIME OF POSTING).
- 21.4 A boat that is observed or reported to have infringed a rule and which fails to lodge a declaration within the time limit shall be subject to the application of penalties in accordance with SI 23.

22. Protests

- 22.1 Protests and requests for redress will be lodged within 2 hours of the finish time of the protesting boat, or if the Race Office at the RYCT is closed, by 0900 hours the next business day.
- 22.2 Notification of the details of protest hearings will be placed on the Official Notice Board to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest or named as a witness.
- 22.3 In accordance with RRS 64 in determining discretionary penalties, the Protest Committee may:
- 22.3.1 Disqualify the boat or,
 - 22.3.2 Make any other arrangement, which may be to award no penalty.

23. Penalties Without Hearing

Alters RR 63.1. Non-Compliance with certain sailing instructions may result in penalties being applied by the Race Committee without hearing. Penalties maybe either:

- a) Disqualification from the race or
- b) 20% to be added to her unadjusted elapsed time thus altering both her finishing and corrected time positions, such penalty shall not affect the finish or corrected time position of any other boat.

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(TO BE SIGNED BY THE OWNER/CHARTERER OR HIS/HER REPRESENTATIVE)

Declaration Form to the Race Committee

I, (owner/rep)_____ hereby declare that I am a member of
(Yacht Club)_____ and my AS number is_____, and that I was in
charge of the boat (boat name)_____ whilst competing in the 2025 78th Maria Island Race.
Finish Date_____ Finish Time _____

Were all SI's & RRS **complied** with? YES / NO

If **NO**, please explain:

Was a B (RRS 61.1) or Q (RRS 44.3) flag flown during racing? YES / NO

If **YES**, please explain:

Did you partake and receive all position skeds? YES / NO On HF 4483 ☐ or VHF 81/16 ☐

If **NO**, please explain:

Did you relay for any other boats (position) during the race? YES/NO

If **YES** who:

Reason:

Any other feedback for RYCT Sailing Committee?

Signed_____ Print Name _____

Witnessed_____ Print Name _____

Declaration received (Sailing Office/Race Committee use)

Date_____ Time _____ Received by _____

Action to be taken_____