

THE ROYAL
YACHT CLUB
OF TASMANIA



2026

WOMEN'S SKIPPER WINTER SERIES

NOTICE OF RACE

To be sailed on the River Derwent

Sunday 21 June 2026

Sunday 12 July 2026

Sunday 2 August 2026

Sunday 23 August 2026

Conducted by:

THE ROYAL YACHT CLUB OF TASMANIA

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

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania (RYCT).

2. RULES

- 2.1. Races will be governed by the current version of the rules, as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing including: except as amended by this NoR and/or the Sailing Instructions (SI), the race will be governed by the current versions of: The prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS); and where applicable.
- 2.2. General Rules as described in Section 1 of the 2025-26 Organising Clubs' Fixture and Sailing Instruction booklet. Boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 7 except that a VHF Radio must be carried (this may be a handheld unit).
- 2.3. The Organising Authority (OA) may amend any detail of this Notice of Race (NoR) before 17:00 on 15 June 2026.
- 2.4. The minimum number of adult crew to be on board shall be two (2).

3. CHANGES TO CLASS RULES AND RRS

- 3.1. RRS 52 is changed:
 - i. to allow adjustment of movable ballast or canting keels on any boat and the use of stored power to do so; and
 - ii. to allow the use of stored power for sail handling and sail trimming on any boat.
- 3.2. RRS A5.1 is changed by adding the following "The Race Committee may apply penalties without a hearing to boats which infringe the Sailing Instructions relating to keeping clear of start and finish lines. Penalties shall be as specified in the Sailing Instructions."
- 3.3. Appendix T Arbitration of the RSS applies.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. Entry is open to owners of boats who are members of clubs affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 4.2. The helm of each boat shall be female. The general make-up of the remainder of the crew is open.
- 4.3. Crew Declaration.
 - 4.3.1. For each race a boat shall submit a Crew Declaration via TOPYACHT before 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 NoR 4.4.
 - 4.3.2. [NP] Boats that do not comply with NoR 4.3.1 will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the relevant race. This changes RRS A5.1.
- 4.4. All crew members must comply with the AS Prescription to RRS 46, all participating crew members shall be a member of a club affiliated to AS or hold a valid Sail Pass.
- 4.5. The Race Committee reserves the right to accept, reject or cancel any entry.
- 4.6. Competitors who join a pennant after one (1) or more races have been run will be awarded a 'Late Entrant' score for each earlier race. The 'Late Entrant' score will be Did Not Compete (DNC) score for the first (non-abandoned) race run after the competitor joins the pennant. Previously allocated DNC for other boats will not be altered. This changes RRS A5.

5. ENTRY

- 5.1. Entries shall be lodged via the organising club's websites no later than 17:00 on Monday 15 June 2026. Late entries may be accepted after this time at the absolute discretion of the Race Committee.
- 5.2. No entry will be deemed to have been accepted until approved by the OA and until a self-assessed AS Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form for the appropriate safety category has been lodged with the Race Office.
- 5.3. Entry fees

Series Entry	\$100
Individual Race Day Entry	\$30
Series Entry including Elliott hire	\$200

6. INSURANCE

All competing boats are required to have a current Certificate of Insurance for the period of the pennant including Third Party Liability and Public Liability Insurance of not less than AUS \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars) for any one (1) incident.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

RACE	DAY	DATE	START	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL
Day 1	Sunday	21 June 2026	Midriver	09:35
Day 2	Sunday	12 July 2026	Midriver	09:35
Day 3	Sunday	2 August 2026	Midriver	09:35
Day 4	Sunday	23 August 2026	Midriver	09:35

8. GROUP ALLOCATION

- 8.1. Boats will be allocated to Groups according to those published by the Race Committee using Time Correction Factors (TCF) based on the Performance Handicapping System (PHS). Boats may be allocated to a Group outside of these parameters at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 8.2. Groups may be combined if there are insufficient entries in any Group.

9. RACES

All Groups will have one race only each race day.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available from RYCT by no later than Thursday 18 June 2026 and placed on the Organising Clubs' websites.

11. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The official notice board will be the RYCT Notice board located at the South-East corner of the clubhouse.

12. RACING AREA

The waters of the River Derwent.

13. COURSES

As described in the Sailing Instructions.

14. SCORING

- 14.1. Races shall be scored based on PHS handicap.
- 14.2. Minimum Number of Races:
 - 14.2.1. Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - 14.2.2. SERIES SCORE: When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 14.2.3. When four (4) races have been completed a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1. A Pennant prize will be awarded to the first boat in each Winter Series Group.
- 15.2. Additional prizes maybe awarded but the OA reserves 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
- 15.3. Individual race day prizes may be awarded.

16. SAFETY

- 16.1. The attention of all persons taking part in the RYCT Winter Series races is drawn to the requirement to comply with the Marine Safety (Misuse of Alcohol) Act, 2006.
- 16.2. Safety Category requirement is Category 7 except that a VHF transceiver is mandatory, this may be a handheld. This changes AS SR 3.25.1(b).
- 16.3. For sports boats and boats without full lifelines, AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 5, 5.01.1 (j) (Lifejackets) shall apply.
- 16.4. It is also recommended that entrants have a Man Overboard procedure that crew members have practiced.
- 16.5. Boats must report any serious on-water incidents to the Race Officer/Race Committee as soon as practical (for example man overboard, collision, grounding or crew injury).
- 16.6. The person in charge of the boat must give way to a vessel that is under pilotage as per regulation 29 of the Marine and Safety (Pilotage and Navigation) Regulations 2017.

17. MEDIA RIGHTS

The owner or charterer of a competing boat and all crew members shall grant the RYCT the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any medium, names, images, data of the crew and still and moving images of the boat and its crew prior to, during and after any RYCT Winter Series race.

18. PRIVACY NOTICE

Personal information about crew members is obtained in the crew lists for use in case of emergency. If necessary, the information will be provided to Emergency Service Organisations and may be passed on by them to other organisations as required. A condition of entry is that crew members are to be informed of this and advised that they may obtain access to the information held about them by contacting the OA.

19. LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

- 19.1. All persons taking part in this pennant, whether as entrants or otherwise, do so at their own risk and responsibility. Particular attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3 Decision to Race.
- 19.2. The RYCT, their executives, boards, servants and agents and all other parties involved with the conduct and organisation of the Winter Series disclaim any and every responsibility for loss, damage, injury, death or inconvenience that might occur to persons or property, both ashore and/ or afloat, as a consequence of participation in the races covered by this NoR and by the Sailing Instructions.
- 19.3. The Race Committee are not individually or collectively responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

Additional information not forming part of the Notice of Race

The RYCT fleet of Elliott 6 keelboats will be available for charter to RYCT Women's Skipper Winter Series entrants at \$100 per boat for the series. Entrants will be required to post a damage bond of \$500 by way of providing a valid credit card number to the RYCT Sailing Office. For details and to book a charter please contact the RYCT Sailing Operations Manager Michael Denney sailing@ryct.org.au or 6223 4599