



2026-2027

## COMBINED CLUBS MIDWEEK RACING

# NOTICE OF RACE

### MIDWEEK ONE

7 October 2026 to 9 December 2026

*Midweek Luncheon at DSS – 16 December 2026*

### MIDWEEK TWO

6 January 2027 to 10 March 2027

*Midweek Luncheon at BYC – 17 March 2027*

### MIDWEEK THREE

24 March 2027 to 26 May 2027

*Midweek Luncheon at RYCT – 2 June 2027*

Organising Authority: The Combined Clubs:

THE ROYAL YACHT CLUB OF TASMANIA (RYCT), DERWENT SAILING SQUADRON (DSS)  
AND BELLERIVE YACHT CLUB (BYC)

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule.

This Changes RRS 60.1(a).

## 1. RULES

- 1.1. Midweek Racing will be governed by the current version of the rules, as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing found [HERE](#) including except as amended by this NoR and/or the Sailing Instructions (SI),
- 1.2. Boats shall comply with the Australian Sailing (AS) Prescriptions and Special Regulations (SR).
- 1.3. Under World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01, change the definition *Start* as follows:
  - **Start** A boat *starts* when it's hull having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line and having complied with rule 30.1, if it applies, any part of its hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side either;
    - a. at or after it's starting signal; or
    - b. during the last minute before the starting signal.
  - When a boat starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition *Start*, it may return to the pre-start side of the line to comply with item (a) of the definition of *Start*, if it does not the starting penalty shall be: 2 minutes added to its elapsed time.
- 1.4. Boats shall comply with AS SR Part 1, Category 7.
- 1.5. Only a mainsail, mizzen and headsails as defined in the 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.
- 1.6. Appendix T Arbitration of the RRS applies.
- 1.7. The minimum number of adult crew members to be on board is two (2).
- 1.8. RRS A5.3. will apply.

## 2. CHANGES TO RRS

- 2.1. RRS 52 is changed by adding "The use of stored power may be used for the operation of sails and moveable ballast systems."
- 2.2. RRS A5.1 is changed by adding the following "The Race Committee may apply penalties without a hearing to boats which infringe the SI relating to keeping clear of start and finish lines. Penalties shall be as specified in the SI."

## 3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available from the Organising Clubs by no later than Tuesday 29 September 2026 and placed on the organising club's websites.

## 4. COMMUNICATION

- 4.1. The official noticeboard for each race will be the online [Official Notice Board](#). Copies of notices may be placed on the noticeboard of the Club assigned to conduct the race and other Club's notice boards as soon as practical before and following a race.
- 4.2. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

## 5. ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1. Entry is open to owners of boats who are members of clubs affiliated with Australian Sailing. Entries are accepted at the discretion of the OA.
- 5.2. Crew Declaration.
  - 5.2.1. 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 each person on board as follows:
    - i. Name;
    - ii. Contact phone number; and
    - iii. Australian Sailing Number in accordance with NoR 5.4
- 5.3. [NP] Boats that do not comply with NoR 5.2.1 will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the relevant race. This changes RRS A5.1.
- 5.4. 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 Australian Sailing or hold a valid Sail Pass.
- 5.5. The OA reserves the right to accept, reject or cancel any entry.

## 6. ENTRY

- 6.1. Entries shall be lodged via one of the organising club's websites no later than 17:00 on the Friday before the first race of each block. Late entries may be accepted after this time at the absolute discretion of the OA.
- 6.2. No entry will be deemed to have been accepted until approved by the OA and until a self-assessed AS SR Equipment Audit Form – Category 7 has been lodged with the Race Office of one of the organising clubs.
- 6.3. Entry fees for Midweek Racing

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| Block Entry (all Races) | \$190 |
| Midweek One             | \$70  |
| Midweek Two             | \$70  |
| Midweek Three           | \$70  |
| Individual Race Entry   | \$15  |

- 6.4. Luncheon Tickets – Skipper free additional tickets \$25 each.

## 7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The first warning signal will be no earlier than 13:20 and the first starting signal no earlier than 13:25.

### Midweek Racing One

| RACE   | DAY       | DATE        | HOST CLUB | START              |
|--------|-----------|-------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Day 1  | Wednesday | 07 Oct 2026 | DSS       | Castray Esplanade  |
| Day 2  | Wednesday | 14 Oct 2026 | BYC       | Victoria Esplanade |
| Day 3  | Wednesday | 21 Oct 2026 | RYCT      | Castray Esplanade  |
| Day 4  | Wednesday | 28 Oct 2026 | DSS       | Castray Esplanade  |
| Day 5  | Wednesday | 04 Nov 2026 | BYC       | Victoria Esplanade |
| Day 6  | Wednesday | 11 Nov 2026 | RYCT      | Castray Esplanade  |
| Day 7  | Wednesday | 18 Nov 2026 | DSS       | Castray Esplanade  |
| Day 8  | Wednesday | 25 Nov 2026 | BYC       | Victoria Esplanade |
| Day 9  | Wednesday | 02 Dec 2026 | RYCT      | Castray Esplanade  |
| Day 10 | Wednesday | 09 Dec 2026 | DSS       | Castray Esplanade  |
|        |           | 16 Dec 2026 | DSS       | Luncheon           |

### Midweek Racing Two

| RACE   | DAY       | DATE        | HOST CLUB | START              |
|--------|-----------|-------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Day 1  | Wednesday | 06 Jan 2027 | BYC       | Victoria Esplanade |
| Day 2  | Wednesday | 13 Jan 2027 | RYCT      | Castray Esplanade  |
| Day 3  | Wednesday | 20 Jan 2027 | DSS       | Castray Esplanade  |
| Day 4  | Wednesday | 27 Jan 2027 | BYC       | Victoria Esplanade |
| Day 5  | Wednesday | 03 Feb 2027 | RYCT      | Castray Esplanade  |
| Day 6  | Wednesday | 10 Feb 2027 | DSS       | Castray Esplanade  |
| Day 7  | Wednesday | 17 Feb 2027 | BYC       | Victoria Esplanade |
| Day 8  | Wednesday | 24 Feb 2027 | RYCT      | Castray Esplanade  |
| Day 9  | Wednesday | 03 Mar 2027 | DSS       | Castray Esplanade  |
| Day 10 | Wednesday | 10 Mar 2027 | BYC       | Victoria Esplanade |
|        |           | 17 Mar 2027 | BYC       | Luncheon           |

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| RACE   | DAY       | DATE        | HOST CLUB | START              |
|--------|-----------|-------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Day 1  | Wednesday | 24 Mar 2027 | RYCT      | Castray Esplanade  |
| Day 2  | Wednesday | 31 Mar 2027 | DSS       | Castray Esplanade  |
| Day 3  | Wednesday | 07 Apr 2027 | BYC       | Victoria Esplanade |
| Day 4  | Wednesday | 14 Apr 2027 | RYCT      | Castray Esplanade  |
| Day 5  | Wednesday | 21 Apr 2027 | DSS       | Castray Esplanade  |
| Day 6  | Wednesday | 28 Apr 2027 | BYC       | Victoria Esplanade |
| Day 7  | Wednesday | 05 May 2027 | RYCT      | Castray Esplanade  |
| Day 8  | Wednesday | 12 May 2027 | DSS       | Castray Esplanade  |
| Day 9  | Wednesday | 19 May 2027 | BYC       | Victoria Esplanade |
| Day 10 | Wednesday | 26 May 2027 | RYCT      | Castray Esplanade  |
|        |           | 02 Jun 2027 | RYCT      | Luncheon           |

## 8. GROUP ALLOCATION

Boats will be allocated to Groups by the OA based on the speed of the boat. Times of group starts will be posted on the official notice boards at RYCT, DSS and BYC by 12:00 on the day of the race.

## 9. RACES

All Midweek races will be a staggered start with the slowest group of boats starting 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.

## 10. RACING AREA

The River Derwent between a line from Woodman Point to Shag Bay Point and a line from Cartwright Point to Trywork Point.

## 11. COURSES

As described in the SI.

## 12. SAFETY

- 12.1. The attention of all persons taking part in the Combined Clubs Midweek Racing is drawn to the requirement to be aware of the application of the Marine Safety (Misuse of Alcohol) Act 2006.
- 12.2. For sports boats and boats without full lifelines, AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 5, 5.01.1 (j) (Lifejackets) shall apply.
- 12.3. It is recommended that entrants have a Man Overboard procedure that all crew members have practiced.
- 12.4. Boats must report any serious on water incidents to the organising clubs Race Officer/OA as soon as practical (for example man overboard, collision, grounding or crew injury).
- 12.5. Attention is also drawn to the MAST requirements "every vessel, commercial and recreational, motor or sail, must give way to ocean going ships under command of a pilot (displaying Code flag H) or be under command of a Pilot Exempt master (flying a plain White flag)" as per regulation 29 of the Marine and Safety (Pilotage and Navigation) Regulations 2017.

## 13. MEDIA RIGHTS

The owner or charterer of a competing boat and all crew members shall grant the OA 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 Combined Clubs race.

## 14. 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.

## 15. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

## 16. INSURANCE

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

## 17. PRIZES

The Birngana Trophy will be awarded to the best performing boat on PHS across all Midweek races in the 2026 – 2027 Season. A boat's combined series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score from each series. This changes RRS A2.1.

## 18. LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

The RYCT, DSS and BYC their executives, boards, servants and agents and all other parties involved with the conduct and organisation of the Midweek Racing 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 SI.

The Combined Clubs are not individually or collectively responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.