



Combined Clubs 2026-27

Communication to Competitors #3

August 2026

Dear Combined Clubs Competitor,

On behalf of the Combined Clubs, I am pleased to announce that entries for the 2026-27 Combined Clubs Sailing Season will open on Wednesday, 26 August 2026 at 17:00.

This year's collaboration has focused on reducing barriers to participation, particularly those within the Clubs' ability to influence, in recognition of changing economic and social priorities across the sailing community.

Among other initiatives, we have reduced the number of Saturday race days, lowered entry fees and reduced scoring options, including the removal of IRC, to reduce the cost of participation. We have also moved the start time for all six Saturday race days to the afternoon, with these days intended to feature longer-format racing.

Saturday Series & Divisions

- **Start Time:** 1:30 PM first start for all six race days.
- **Format:** Longer-style afternoon races; short course windward/leeward races will be avoided.
- **Division 4:** Jib and Main Cruising Division starting 10 minutes after Division 3, utilising permanent marks and a possible virtual finish line.
- **Scoring:** PHS and ORCc.

Midweek & Offshore Highlights

- **Midweek Luncheons:** Skipper eats free; extra tickets cost \$25 each for upgraded meals.
- **Offshore Series:** Includes the BYC Overnight Race, DSS Two Capes Race, RYCT Maria Island Race, and the Bruny Island Race (entered individually via host clubs).
- **Documents and entry:** Available on individual club websites.

<https://ryct.org.au/>

<https://www.byc.org.au/>

<https://dssinc.org.au/>

In addition to the above, each club has been allocated a dedicated race weekend within the 2026-27 schedule. While the dates are identified on the attached one-page calendar, each host clubs will separately provide details of the racing format, event schedules, and social activities planned for their respective weekends.

We are very much looking forward to the coming season and encourage sailors across all clubs to get involved. Skippers looking for crew, and crew looking for opportunities to sail, are encouraged to contact the sailing staff at their home club, who will assist with potential placements wherever possible.

I would like to acknowledge and thank each of the clubs for their contribution to this year's discussions and the collaborative approach taken in developing the season ahead. On behalf of the broader sailing community, I extend our congratulations to the Bellerive Yacht Club as it celebrates its 100th year. This is a significant milestone, and I am sure the coming season will be a particularly memorable year of celebration for the Club and its members.

I look forward to seeing many of you out on the racetrack during the season ahead.

Kind regards

Rob Greenwell

Vice Commodore

The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania

Chair of the 2026-27 Combined Clubs Committee