



2024-2025

## COMBINED CLUBS MIDWEEK RACING

# NOTICE OF RACE

### MIDWEEK ONE

9 October 2024 to 11 December 2024

*Midweek Luncheon at DSS – 18 December 2024*

### MIDWEEK TWO

8 January 2025 to 12 March 2025

*Midweek Luncheon at BYC – 19 March 2025*

### MIDWEEK THREE

26 March 2025 to 28 May 2025

*Midweek Luncheon at RYCT – 4 June 2025*

Conducted by the Combined Clubs:

DERWENT SAILING SQUADRON, THE ROYAL YACHT CLUB OF TASMANIA  
AND BELLERIVE YACHT CLUB

## 1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

The Combined Clubs (CC) consisting of Derwent Sailing Squadron Inc. (DSS), The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania (RYCT) and Bellerive Yacht Club Inc. (BYC).

## 2. RULES

2.1. Midweek Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing.

2.1.1. Midweek One will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS 2021-24.

2.1.2. Midweek Two and Three will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS 2025-28.

2.2. Boats shall comply with the Australian Sailing (AS) Prescriptions and Special Regulations.

2.3. Under World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01, change the definition *Start* as follows:

2.3.1. **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.

2.3.2. 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.

2.4. Boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 7 plus an operational VHF radio is mandatory.

2.5. General Rules as described in Section 1 of the 2024-25 Organising Clubs' Fixture and Sailing Instruction booklet.

2.6. Spinnakers and other off the wind sails are not permitted whilst racing.

2.7. Appendix T Arbitration of the RRS applies.

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

2.9. RRS A5.3 shall apply.

2.10. [NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

2.11. CHANGES TO RRS

2.11.1. RRS 52 is changed by adding "The use of stored power may be used for the operation of sails and moveable ballast systems."

2.11.2. 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.”

2.11.3. RRS 90.3 and RRS A2.1 are changed by adding that no score will be excluded.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1. Entry is open to owners of boats from members of clubs affiliated with AS. Entries are accepted at the discretion of the OA.

3.2. Crew Declaration.

3.2.1. 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 3.4

3.3. Boats that do not comply with NoR 3.2.1 will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the relevant race. This changes RRS A5.1. [NP]

3.4. 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.

3.5. The OA reserves the right to accept, reject or cancel any entry.

### 4. ENTRY

4.1. 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.

4.2. 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 – Category 7 has been lodged with the Race Office of one of the organising clubs.

4.3. Entry fees for Midweek Racing

Block Entry (all Races)	\$200
Midweek One	\$80
Midweek Two	\$80
Midweek Three	\$80
Individual Race Entry	\$15

4.4. Luncheon Tickets – two tickets free per boat. Additional tickets \$15 each.

## 5. 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.

## 6. 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	9 Oct 2024	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 2	Wednesday	16 Oct 2024	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 3	Wednesday	23 Oct 2024	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 4	Wednesday	30 Oct 2024	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 5	Wednesday	06 Nov 2024	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 6	Wednesday	13 Nov 2024	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 7	Wednesday	20 Nov 2024	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 8	Wednesday	27 Nov 2024	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 9	Wednesday	04 Dec 2024	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 10	Wednesday	11 Dec 2024	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
		18 Dec 2024	DSS	Luncheon

### Midweek Racing Two

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

### Midweek Racing Three

RACE	DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START
Day 1	Wednesday	26 Mar 2025	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 2	Wednesday	02 Apr 2025	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 3	Wednesday	09 Apr 2025	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 4	Wednesday	16 Apr 2025	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 5	Wednesday	23 Apr 2025	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 6	Wednesday	30 Apr 2025	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 7	Wednesday	07 May 2025	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 8	Wednesday	14 May 2025	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 9	Wednesday	21 May 2025	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 10	Wednesday	28 May 2025	DSS	Castray Esplanade
		04 Jun 2025	RYCT	Luncheon

## 7. 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 DSS, RYCT and BYC by 12:00 on the day of the race.

## 8. 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.

## 9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available from the Organising Clubs by no later than Thursday 26 September 2024 and placed on the organising club's websites.

## 10. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The Official Notice Board for each race will be located on the Notice Board of the club assigned to conduct the race. Notice to Competitors will be posted on the online [Official Notice Board](#). Copies of notices will be placed on the other clubs' Notice Boards as soon as practical before and after a race.

## 11. RACING AREA

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

## 12. COURSES

As described in the SI.

## 13. PRIZES

The Birngana Trophy will be awarded to the best performing boat on PHS across all Midweek races in the 2024-25 Season.

## 14. SAFETY

- 14.1. The attention of all persons taking part in the CC Midweek Racing is drawn to the requirement to be aware of the application of the Marine Safety (Misuse of Alcohol) Act 2006.
- 14.2. For sports boats and boats without full lifelines, AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 5, 5.01.1 (j) (Lifejackets) shall apply.
- 14.3. It is recommended that entrants have a Man Overboard procedure that all crew members have practiced.
- 14.4. 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).
- 14.5. 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.

## 15. 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 CC race.

## 16. 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.

## 17. 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.**

## 18. LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

The DSS, RYCT 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 CC are not individually or collectively responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.