



2026-2027 COMBINED CLUBS SERIES NOTICE OF RACE

Saturday 10 October 2026

Saturday 31 October 2026

Saturday 28 November 2026

Saturday 13 February 2027

Saturday 27 February 2027

Saturday 20 March 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. The races will be governed by the current version of the rules, as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing found [HERE](#): Except as amended by this NoR and/or the Sailing Instructions (SI), the race will be governed by the current versions of:

- a. the 2026 IMS Rules and the 2026 ORC Rating System Rules; and
- b. the prescriptions and special regulation of Australian Sailing (AS SR) (a copy of which may be found at <https://www.sailingresources.org.au/safety/specialregs/>). Where Australian Standards are specified in the AS SR, equipment marked as satisfying a recognised equivalent international standard may be accepted.

1.2. Safety Category, Division 1 and 2 will be Category 5 except that a permanently installed VHF Radio is mandatory. This changes AS SR Part 1 3.25.1 (b)(iii), Division 3 and 4 will be Category 7. In all cases AS SR Section 5, 5.01.1 (j) (on a boat without lifelines complying with 3.12, a lifejacket complying with 5.01.1(i), shall be worn by each member of the crew while on deck) shall apply.

1.3. The Organising Authority (OA) may amend any detail of this Notice of Race (NoR) before 17:00 on 29 September 2026.

1.4. [NP] The minimum number of adult crew to be on board shall be three (3). Requests for dispensation must be submitted to the OA at least 48 hours prior to the first Warning Signal of the series or, for casual entries, 48 hours before the first Warning Signal of each race day. Boats failing to comply will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the series or the respective race in the case of casual entries. This modifies RRS A5.1.

1.5. RRS A5.3. shall apply.

1.6. For boats entering ORC rating rules the following is brought to your attention:

- Boats racing under ORC shall ensure that the combined weight of all crew members on board does not exceed the maximum crew weight printed on the ORC certificate.

2. CHANGES TO CLASS RULES AND RRS

2.1. 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.
- iii. to allow self-steering equipment that limits the output of the autopilot to the rotation of the boats stern rudder(s) only to be used by boats who have been granted dispensation to race two handed.

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 Sailing Instructions relating to keeping clear of start and finish lines. Penalties shall be as specified in the SIs."

2.3. RRS A2.2 does not apply.

2.4. Appendix T Arbitration of the RSS applies.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available from the Combined Clubs by no later than Tuesday 29 September 2026 and placed on the OA's' websites.

4. COMMUNICATION

- 4.1. The official notice board for each race will be the online [Official Notice Board](#). Copies of notices may be placed on the notice board 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. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Organising Authority may appoint a Technical Committee for all Combined Clubs Series races to oversee compliance with ORC rating rules. Boats shall permit the Technical Committee to review certificates and undertake measurement checks if requested.

6. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 6.1. 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.
- 6.2. Crew Declaration.
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 6.4.
- 6.3. [NP] Boats that do not comply with NoR 6.2. will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the relevant race. This changes RRS A5.1.
- 6.4. 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.
- 6.5. The Combined Club's Race Committee reserves the right to accept, reject or cancel any entry.
- 6.6. Boats entering ORCc must have a current, valid audited ORCc certificate or a current, valid ORCi certificate. For the avoidance of doubt, audited certificates are those where measurements have been supplied by an approved measurer meaning that certificates incorporating "owner" measurements are not used. Subject to NoR 6.7.
- 6.7. Competitors who join a series after one race has been run will be awarded a 'Late Entrant' score for the first race. The 'Late Entrant' score will be Did Not Compete (DNC) score for the first (non-abandoned) race run after the competitor joins the series. Previously allocated DNC for other boats will not be altered. This score will also apply to boats that have entered a series (ORCc) but have not provided the appropriate rating certificate. This changes RRS A5.

7. ENTRY

- 7.1. Entries shall be lodged via one of the organising club's websites no later than 17:00 on Friday 18 September 2026. Late entries may be accepted after this time at the absolute discretion of the Combined Clubs Race Committee.
- 7.2. No entry will be deemed to have been accepted until approved by the Combined Clubs Race Committee and until a self-assessed AS Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form for the appropriate safety category has been lodged with the Race Office of one of the Combined Clubs.
- 7.3. Entry fees

Series Entry (incl. PHS)	\$60
• Additional Handicap Group (ORCc)	\$60
Individual Race Day Entry (incl. PHS)	\$25
• Additional Handicap Group (ORCc)	\$15

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

RACE	DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL
Day 1	Saturday	10 Oct 2026	BYC	Midriver	13:25
Day 2	Saturday	31 Oct 2026	RYCT	Midriver	13:25
Day 3	Saturday	28 Nov 2026	DSS	Midriver	13:25
Day 4	Saturday	13 Feb 2027	BYC	Midriver	13:25
Day 5	Saturday	27 Feb 2027	RYCT	Midriver	13:25
Day 6	Saturday	20 Mar 2027	DSS	Midriver	13:25

If a race day is unable to proceed due to poor weather conditions, the Combined Clubs Committee will endeavour to schedule a resail on a suitable day.

9. GROUP ALLOCATION

Boats will be allocated to Groups according to those published by the Combined Clubs 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.

10. RACES

- 10.1. Groups 1 and 2 may have up to two (2) races on any day of the Combined Clubs Series.
- 10.2. Groups 3 and 4 will have one (1) race on each race day of the Combined Clubs Series.

11. RACING AREA

The Combined Clubs Series will be sailed on the River Derwent, Storm Bay and D'Entrecasteaux Channel.

12. COURSES

Courses will be a mixture of fixed and laid marks as described in the SIs.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. Races shall be scored based on handicap or rating system. For ORC this will be the Single Number Scoring Option, All Purpose (AP) Time on Time as printed on the certificate.
- 13.2. A minimum of two (2) races are required to be scored to constitute the Combined Clubs Series.
- 13.3. When fewer than six (6) races have been scored, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores
- 13.4. When six (6) or more races have been scored, a boat's series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.

14. SAFETY

- 14.1. The attention of all persons taking part in the Combined Clubs Series races is drawn to the requirement to comply with 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 crew members have practiced.
- 14.4. 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).
- 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 Combined Clubs 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.

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 Organising Authority.

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. INSURANCE

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

19. PRIZES

19.1. A Series prize will be awarded to the first boat in each Combined Clubs Series Group.

19.2. 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

19.3. A minimum of three (3) entries are required to constitute a Group.

19.4. Individual race day prizes may be awarded by the Host Club after the race.

20. 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 Combined Clubs 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.

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.