



# 2018 J.J.Richards 91<sup>st</sup> Bruny Island Race

for monohulls and, by application, multihulls

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## Notice of Race

The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania



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### 1. Organising Authority

The Organising Authority is The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania (RYCT).

### 2. Rules and Regulations

- 2.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), the 2017 IRC Rules Parts 1, 2 and 3, all as modified by the sailing instructions.
- 2.2 Boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 3 with Life Raft.
- 2.3 The following alterations have been made to the rules:
  - 2.3.1 IRC Rule 26.1.5(e): A spare mainsail may be carried in the race as a bona fide replacement for a mainsail damaged during the race.
  - 2.3.2 RRS 50.2 & RRS 50.3: Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles not attached to the foremost mast shall be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.
  - 2.3.3 RRS 51: A boat with moveable ballast or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the special regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.
  - 2.3.4 RRS 52: Amended to permit stored power for the purposes of hoisting, reefing or furling of sails.
- 2.4 The Sailing Instructions will be issued at, and may be available prior to, the race briefing. They may also be published on the event website.

### 3. Eligibility of Boats

- 3.1 All boats must:
  - 3.1.1 Be single hulled and self-righting. Multihull boats' owners seeking to race shall apply to the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania to enter.
  - 3.1.2 Have an overall length not less than 8.5 metres
  - 3.1.3 Comply with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations for Category 3 events as amended.
  - 3.1.4 Be on the register of a yacht club affiliated with its National Authority
  - 3.1.5 Be equipped with a storm trysail, or a mainsail reefing to reduce the luff by at least 50%, and storm jib as for Category 2. Both must be rigged prior to start until acknowledged by the Race Committee.
  - 3.1.6 Have an inboard engine in operating order with sufficient fuel for a minimum of 24 hours use and not less than the minimum requirements for Category 2
  - 3.1.7 Carry life rafts with sufficient capacity to carry all crew. See notes following this Notice of Race.
  - 3.1.8 Shall carry radios capable of transmitting and receiving VHF 16, 67, 21, 72, 73, 81 and 82 and/or MF/HF frequencies 2524 and 4483.

#### 3.2 Insurance

The owner or charterer of a boat entered in the race shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with the respect to the boat, current when racing and not racing, with an

adequate sum insured of not less than AU \$10 million (or its equivalent in another currency). The policy shall state that the boat is covered for the race in which it is participating or that it is covered for races of a length greater than the length of the race in which it is participating. The policy shall be in effect throughout the period of 2018 J.J.Richards Bruny Island Race.

### 3.3 IRC Boats

A boat may only enter the IRC Category if the boat has a current, valid IRC certificate.

### 3.4 PHS Boats

PHS boats will be less than 30.0m LOA and will be handicapped by the RYCT Handicap Committee.

### 3.5 AMS Boats

A boat may only enter the AMS Category if the boat has a current, valid AMS certificate.

## 4. Eligibility of Crew

For the 2018 J.J.Richards Bruny Island Race:

4.1 The minimum number of crew on any yacht shall be four.

4.2 **It is recommended** that at least two crew members on the boat have a Senior First Aid certificate or equivalent or higher qualification.

4.3 **It is recommended** that at least two members of the crew on the boat have a Restricted Operators Certificate of Proficiency in Radio Telephony issued by a relevant authority, or equivalent or higher qualification.

4.4 **It is recommended** that at least 50% of the total crew (rounded down) of each boat have a valid AS Safety and Sea Survival Certificate (SSSC) as per Special Regulations Part 1, Section 6 with a minimum of two SSSC per boat.

4.5 Boats shall provide the Race Committee with a Crew List declaration by 18:00 on Friday 9 February. Any request for changes to the Crew List after 18:00 on Friday 9 February must be made in writing to the Race Committee and approval must be received in writing.

4.6 A boat's crew list may be changed to correct errors, to amend for late crew changes or after protest, but shall not be changed later than two hours prior to the starting signal. After any change to a crew list, the boat shall still satisfy the general requirements of NoR clause 4.

## 5. Entries

5.1 Entries shall be received on the online forms supplied by the Organising Authority:  
[www.topyacht.com.au/db/aus/series\\_select.php?EventID=795](http://www.topyacht.com.au/db/aus/series_select.php?EventID=795)

(Go to the RYCT website [www.ryct.org.au/sailing/](http://www.ryct.org.au/sailing/) and select the "Enter Online" button. This will take you to the Club's entry page on TopYacht.

5.2 As required by this Notice of Race (NoR) or the AS Special Regulations, boats entering shall attach valid:

5.2.1 Life Raft information as part of the online entry

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- 5.2.2 406 MHz EPIRB registration certificate in the boats name (to satisfy compliance with AS Special Regulations 4.18.4 iv) as part of the online entry
  - 5.2.3 Measurement and Rating Certificates, as required (NoR 3.3, 3.5) emailed or submitted to the RYCT Office
  - 5.2.4 Colour photograph of the boat under sail, suitable for search and rescue purposes – this may be a digital photograph of a size not less than 60 mm by 60 mm with a resolution not less than 300 dpi, emailed or submitted to the RYCT Office
  - 5.2.5 A brief history of the boat for publicity purposes in the online entry
  - 5.2.6 Crew list in the Skipper/Crew details on the online entry – crew members with a registered Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) are required to provide the Hex number on the online crew list form. Please ensure the PLB is registered with AMSA to the boat entered in this race.
  - 5.2.7 For those crew that have them Australian Sailing Safety at Sea Survival Course Certificates (NoR 4.4) as part of the online crew registration
  - 5.2.8 For those crew that have them Senior First Aid Certificates (NoR 4.2) as part of the online crew registration
  - 5.2.9 For those crew that have them Marine Radio Operator's Certificate of Proficiency in Radio Telephony or higher qualification (NoR 4.3) as part of the online crew registration
- 5.3 A completed online Entry Form and Declaration and Indemnity, plus the additional items specified above shall be received by the Organising Authority by 1200 hours on Wednesday 7 February 2018 (Close of Entries).
- 5.4 Entries may be received after the Close of Entries at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 5.5 Corrections to the items specified in NoR 5.2 (except 5.2.6 which will be 1800 that day) shall be received by the Organising Authority by 0900 hours on Friday 9 February, 2018.
- 5.6 **Privacy Note:** Personal information about crew members is obtained in the crew lists. That information is obtained for use in search and rescue situations. The information will be given to search and rescue authorities and organisations, the water police, volunteer coastal stations and media representatives, and may be passed on by them to other organisations. 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.
- 5.7 The Race Committee reserves the right to reject or cancel any entry at its discretion (RRS 76.1).
- 5.8 The Race Committee will publish a final list of entries for the 2018 J.J.Richards Bruny Island Race by 1000 hours Friday 9 February 2018. Protests concerning eligibility shall be received no later than 1400 hours on Friday 9 February 2018.

## 6. Fees

- 6.1 Entries received shall be AUD80.00 (paid on line or charged to RYCT member account).

6.2 Additional category entry fees shall be AUD25.00 (paid online or charged to RYCT member account).

6.3 Late entry fee shall be AUD30.00

## 7. Categories

7.1 There are three categories:

7.1.1 PHS (Performance Handicap System)

7.1.2 IRC

7.1.3 AMS (Australian Measurement System)

7.2 All boats shall enter for PHS and may enter any other category for which they qualify.

7.3 A boat electing to race in more than one handicap category shall pay the additional category entry fee.

7.4 Divisions may be formed in each of the above categories, subject to the number of entries.

7.5 The organising authority may alter, amalgamate or divide any category and may add categories as required. The organising authority may cancel any category if fewer than five entries have been received by the closing date. In this event, boats that have entered will have the option of transferring to another category (if eligible) or having their entry fee refunded.

## 8. Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Wed 7 Feb 2018	12:00	Close of Entries	RYCT online entering
Fri 9 Feb 2018	18:00	Mandatory Briefing	RYCT
Fri 9 Feb 2018	18:00	Crew List Declaration	RYCT by email, fax or in person
Sat 10 Feb 2018	<b>09:25</b>	Warning Signal	River Derwent off RHRA Grounds

## 9. The Course and Charts

9.1 The course to be sailed will be from the starting line around Bruny Island then to the finishing line – details will be in the Sailing Instructions.

9.2 The following paper charts shall be carried on board:

AUS 173            D'Entrecasteaux Channel

AUS 171            Hobart to Norfolk Bay

## 10. Scoring and Handicaps

10.1 IRC Category: Results will be decided by the application of the Time Correction (TCC) as shown on the IRC Certificate.

10.2 PHS Category: Results will be decided by the application of the Time Correction Factor (TCF) as a multiplier of elapsed times. The TCF shall be determined by the Race Committee and shall not be subject to protest or request for redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 62)

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10.3 AMS Category: Results will be decided by the application of the TCF as shown on the AMS certificate.

### **11. Penalties**

A boat that fails to return and start when signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1 shall receive a 30 minute elapsed time penalty. This alters RRS Appendix A.4.2

### **12. Advertising**

Boats may be required to display the event sponsors name or logo in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.3(d) as directed by the Race Committee.

### **13. Race Briefing**

A mandatory Race and Weather Briefing shall be held at RYCT at 1800 hours on Friday 9 February 2018. At least two members of the crew of each boat are required to attend this briefing including the nominated person in charge. Failure to attend may result in a protest by the Race Committee.

### **14. Prizes and Trophies**

14.1 Prizes shall be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each Category for the race, subject to a minimum of five (5) entries received.

14.2 A Line Honours prize will be awarded.

14.3 Other prizes and trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

### **15. Safety**

15.1 The attention of all persons taking part in the 2018 J.J.Richards Bruny Island Race is drawn to the requirement to be aware of the application of the *Marine Safety (Misuse of Alcohol) Act, 2006*.

15.2 It is also recommended that entrants have a Man Overboard procedure that all crew members have practised.

### **16. Disclaimer**

The Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the Race Sponsors and their respective representatives, officers, members and volunteers accept no liability whatsoever for any loss of life, property, personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the 2018 J.J.Richards Bruny Island Race. Participants compete entirely at their own risk.

### **17. Conditions of Entry**

17.1 By submitting an entry, the owner/charterer agrees to be bound by all the rules and conditions of the races. By submitting an entry, the owner/charterer acknowledges and accepts:

17.1.1 He/she and the crew have an understanding of the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Australian Sailing Special Regulations;

17.1.2 He/she and the crew are familiar with and understand RRS 4 "Decision to Race", Addendum A (Safety Equipment) and Rule 1.02 "Owners Responsibility" of the Special Regulations;

- 17.1.3 Attention has been drawn to the ISAF Fundamental Rule 4 "Decision to Race" which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone";
- 17.1.4 The entry of the boat and crew is agreed and accepted by the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania on the basis that the owner/charterer, his/her skipper and crew are individually aware of and conversant with the risks involved in the sport of ocean racing and that the participation in this event is entirely at the risk of the owner/competitor and his/her skipper and crew;
- 17.1.5 The owner/charterer warrants the suitability of his/her boat for the races;
- 17.1.6 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/charterer who must ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, and managed by a crew of sufficient number and experience who are physically fit. The owner/charterer must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging sails and all gear. He/she must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used;
- 17.1.7 Neither the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania nor its officers, employees nor agents shall be responsible or liable for any loss, damage death or personal injury however caused to the owner/charterer, his/her skipper or crew of their property as a result of their taking part in the 2018 J.J.Richards Bruny Island Race and its related activities, including pre-start and post finish operations and shore activities;
- 17.1.8 Neither the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania nor its officers, employees or agents shall be liable for any costs or expenses that may be incurred as a result of special assistance at sea being arranged for any reason whatsoever;
- 17.1.9 Neither the existence of these conditions, and their use by the race organisers, or the inspection of the boat pursuant to these conditions in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the owner/charterer and crew;
- 17.1.10 The crew has been advised by the owner/charterer to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of the boat, all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.

**Pre Entry Check List**

<b>NoR Clause</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Time &amp; Date required</b>	<b>Submitted</b>
5.1	Entry form on supplied form online	1200 Wed 7 Feb 2018	
5.1	Entry Fee paid	1200 Wed 7 Feb 2018	
3.1.4	Safety Compliance Declaration emailed or handed in to office	1200 Wed 7 Feb 2018	
3.1.9	Life raft information online	1200 Wed 7 Feb 2018	
5.2.2	406 MHz EPIRB registration certificate online	1200 Wed 7 Feb 2018	
3.3, 3.5	Measurement and Rating Certificates emailed or handed in to office	1200 Wed 7 Feb 2018	
5.2.4	Colour photo of the boat emailed or handed in to office	1200 Wed 7 Feb 2018	
5.2.5	Brief history of the boat online	1200 Wed 7 Feb 2018	
5.2.6	Crew List Declaration lodged with Race Committee	1800 Fri 9 Feb 2018	
4.4	<b>At least 2</b> AS Safety and Sea Survival Certificates online	1200 Wed 8 Feb 2018	
4.2	<b>Any</b> Senior First Aid Certificates emailed or handed in to office	1200 Wed 8 Feb 2018	
4.3	<b>Any</b> Radio Operators Certificates emailed or handed in to office	1200 Wed 8 Feb 2018	
13	Skipper & crew member attending the Safety briefing	1800 Fri 9 Feb 2018	

**Information not forming part of the Notice of Race**

Great Circle life rafts provide a short-term hire service at reasonable prices. They will need a minimum of two weeks' notice to have a life raft delivered in time for the race as life rafts need to travel by surface freight. Orders therefore need to be in by 27 January. Great Circle's web address is [buyonline.greatcircleliferafts.com.au/](http://buyonline.greatcircleliferafts.com.au/)

There are also some owners of life rafts not intending to compete in the race who may wish to make their rafts available to other boats. RYCT sailing office will endeavour to put competitors in touch with owners of life rafts however a hire arrangement, either with Great Circle or any other provider, is a more reliable way of securing an in-service life raft of the appropriate standard.