



2020-2021 SAILING SEASON COMBINED CLUBS MIDWEEK SERIES NOTICE OF RACE

To be sailed on the River Derwent

MIDWEEK SERIES ONE

7 October 2020 to 9 December 2020

MIDWEEK SERIES TWO

6 January 2021 to 10 March 2021

MIDWEEK SERIES THREE

24 March 2021 to 26 May 2021

Conducted by The Combined Clubs:

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

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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

2. RULES

- 2.1. Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-20. Races conducted on or after 1 January 2021 will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-24.
- 2.2. Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS).
- 2.3. Racing will be subject to Government imposed COVID-19 restrictions in place on any given race day.
- 2.4. Boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 7 plus a fully operational VHF radio is mandatory (this can be a handheld unit).
- 2.5. General Rules as described in Section 1 of the Organising Club's fixtures and sailing instruction booklets.
- 2.6. Spinnakers and other off the wind sails are not permitted whilst racing.
- 2.7. RRS 52 is changed by adding "The use of stored power may be used for the operation of sails and moveable ballast systems."
- 2.8. RRS 63.1, A5 (RRS 2017-20) and A5.1 (RRS 2021-24) are changed by adding the following to each "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 sailing instructions.
- 2.9. Protest Arbitration-Appendix T of the RRS applies.
- 2.10. The minimum number of adult crew to be on board is two (2).

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. Entry is open to owners of boats on the register of the BYC, DSS or RYCT. Other entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority from members of other clubs affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 3.2. Crew Declaration.
 - 3.2.1. For each race a boat shall submit a COVID-19 Crew Declaration via TOPYACHT before its group race warning signal.
 - 3.2.2. 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 3.4.
 - 3.2.3. Boats that do not comply with NOR 3.2.1 and NOR 3.2.2 will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the relevant race. This changes RRS A5 (RRS 2017-20) and A5.1 RRS (2021-24).
- 3.3. The Combined Club's Race Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entry.
- 3.4. All crew members must comply with the AS Prescription to RRS 46 which states – "any crew member who sails in more than three (3) races in a season shall be a member of a Club affiliated to Australian Sailing and an Australian Sailing card holder (SIN)".

4. ENTRY

- 4.1. Entries may be lodged via one of the organising club's website by no later than 17:00 on the Tuesday before the first race of each series.

4.2. No entry will be deemed to have been accepted until approved by the Combined Clubs Race Committee and until a self-assessed Australian Sailing (AS) 2017-2021 Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form for the appropriate safety category has been lodged with the Race Office of one of the Combined Clubs (if not already held).

4.3. Entry fees for each series

Season Entry	\$200
Series One	\$80
Series Two	\$80
Series Three	\$80
Individual Race Entry	\$15

4.4. Luncheon Tickets – two tickets free per boat. Additional tickets \$10 each.

5. INSURANCE

5.1. 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 incident.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

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

6.2. Midweek Series One

DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START
Day 1	Wednesday 7 October 2020	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 2	Wednesday 14 October 2020	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 3	Wednesday 21 October 2020	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 4	Wednesday 28 October 2020	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 5	Wednesday 4 November 2020	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 6	Wednesday 11 November 2020	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 7	Wednesday 18 November 2020	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 8	Wednesday 25 November 2020	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 9	Wednesday 2 December 2020	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 10	Wednesday 9 December 2020	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
	Wednesday 16 December 2020	DSS	Luncheon at DSS

6.3. Midweek Series Two

DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START
Day 1	Wednesday 6 January 2021	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 2	Wednesday 13 January 2021	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 3	Wednesday 20 January 2021	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 4	Wednesday 27 January 2021	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 5	Wednesday 3 February 2021	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 6	Wednesday 10 February 2021	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 7	Wednesday 17 February 2021	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 8	Wednesday 24 February 2021	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 9	Wednesday 3 March 2021	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 10	Wednesday 10 March 2021	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
	Wednesday 17 March 2021	BYC	Luncheon at BYC

6.4. Midweek Series Three

DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START
Day 1	Wednesday 24 March 2021	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 2	Wednesday 31 March 2021	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 3	Wednesday 7 April 2021	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 4	Wednesday 14 April 2021	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 5	Wednesday 21 April 2021	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 6	Wednesday 28 April 2021	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 7	Wednesday 5 May 2021	DSS	Castray Esplanade
Day 8	Wednesday 12 May 2021	BYC	Victoria Esplanade
Day 9	Wednesday 19 May 2021	RYCT	Castray Esplanade
Day 10	Wednesday 26 May 2021	DSS	Castray Esplanade
	Wednesday 2 June 2021	RYCT	Luncheon at RYCT

7. GROUP ALLOCATION

- 7.1. Boats will be allocated to Groups by the Combined Clubs Race Committee based on the speed of the boat. Times of group starts will be posted on the official notice boards at DSS/RYCT/BYC by 12:00 on the day of the race.

8. RACES

- 8.1. All Midweek races will be staggered starts with the slowest group of boats commencing 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

- 9.1. Sailing Instructions will be available from the Organising Clubs by no later than Thursday 1 October 2020, and placed on the Organising Clubs' websites.

10. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

- 10.1. The Series Official Notice Board for each race will be located on the Notice Board of the Club assigned to conduct the race. Copies of notices will be placed on the other Club Notice Boards as soon as practical before and following a race.

11. RACING AREA

- 11.1. The River Derwent between a line from Dowsing Pt to Church Pt and a line from Cartwright Pt to Trywork Pt.

12. COURSES

- 12.1. As described in the Sailing Instructions.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1. The Birngana Trophy will be awarded to the best performing boat on PHS across all three series.

14. SAFETY

- 14.1. The attention of all persons taking part in the Combined Clubs Midweek Series 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 also 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 Race Officer/Race Committee as soon as practical (for example man overboard, collision, grounding or crew injury)
- 14.5. Boats will comply with the Combined Clubs "Return to Sailing in a COVID-safe Environment Plan" which is available on all Clubs' websites.
- 14.6. Attention is also drawn to the requirement for boats to keep well clear of vessels under pilotage especially vessels proceeding through the Tasman Bridge.

15. PRIVACY NOTICE

- 15.1. Personal information about crew members is obtained in the crew lists for use in case of emergency or COVID-19 contact tracing situations. If necessary, the information will be provided to Public Health Authorities, Emergency Organisations or the Water Police 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.

16. LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

- 16.1. All persons taking part in all races, whether as entrants or otherwise, do so at their own risk and responsibility. Particular attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4 Decision to Race.
- 16.2. The BYC, DSS and RYCT their executives, boards, servants and agents and all other parties involved with the conduct and organisation of the Midweek 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 notice of race and by the sailing instructions.
- 16.3. 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.
- 16.4. The Combined Clubs reserve the right to refuse or withdraw any entry.