



**2020-2021 SAILING SEASON  
COMBINED CLUBS SHORT COURSE SERIES  
NOTICE OF RACE**

To be sailed on the River Derwent

**SATURDAY 17 & SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2020**

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.
- 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. RRS 50.2 (RRS 2017-20) is changed to allow the use of fixed or retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.
- 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 and A5 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 three (3) unless special dispensation sought in writing from the Organising Authority is granted by the Race Committee before the series.

## 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 day a boat shall submit a COVID-19 Crew Declaration via TOPYACHT before its group's 1st race warning signal of the day.
  - 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(s). This changes RRS A5 (RRS 2017-20).
- 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 Wednesday 14 October 2020.
- 4.2. Series entry includes PHS for all boats. Handicap Groups include PHS, IRC and AMS.

- 4.3. Boats wishing to enter IRC or AMS shall provide a valid IRC and/or AMS Rating Certificate(s) before the first race of the series.
- 4.4. 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 on file).
- 4.5. Entry fees for each series
 

Season Entry (incl. PHS)	\$80
Additional IRC Entry	\$40
Additional AMS Entry	\$40

**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 on Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 October will be no earlier than 10:00.
- 6.2. There will be a maximum of eight (8) races in the series with no more than four races to be held on any one (1) day.

**7. GROUP ALLOCATION**

- 7.1. Boats will be allocated to Groups by the Combined Clubs Race Committee based on their PHS TCF.

**8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 8.1. Sailing Instructions will be available from the Organising Clubs by no later than Friday 9 October 2020 and placed on the Organising Clubs' websites.

**9. SCORING**

- 9.1. Races shall be scored based on handicap or rating system.
- 9.2. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.3. Series Score
  - 9.3.1. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - 9.3.2. When six (6) or more races have been completed a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**10. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD**

- 10.1. The Series Official Notice Boards will be located on the Notice Board of the each of the Combined Clubs.

**11. RACING AREA**

- 11.1. The River Derwent between a line from Battery Pt to Rosny Pt and a line from Cartwright Pt to Trywork Pt.

**12. COURSES**

- 12.1. A mix of Windward/Leeward and Triangular courses as described in the Sailing Instructions.

### **13. PRIZES**

- 13.1. Prizes will be awarded up to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each Division and Handicap Group based on the schedule in Section 1 of the Combined Club's Sailing Instructions.
- 13.2. A minimum of five (5) entries is required to constitute a prize group.

### **14. SAFETY**

- 14.1. The attention of all persons taking part in the Combined Clubs Short Course 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 Short Course 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.