



2020-2021 SAILING SEASON
COMBINED CLUBS TWO-HANDED LONG RACE
SERIES
NOTICE OF RACE

To be sailed on the River Derwent

Sunday 31 January 2021

Sunday 28 February 2021

Sunday 28 March 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) 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. RRS 55.2 is changed to allow the use of fixed or retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.
- 2.5. RRS 52 is modified:
 - i. to allow adjustment of movable ballast or canting keels on any boat and the use of stored power to do so;
 - ii. to allow the use of stored power for sail handling and sail trimming on any boat; and
 - iii. to allow self-steering equipment to be used by boats.
- 2.6. RRS 63.1 and A5.1 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."
- 2.7. Protest Arbitration-Appendix T of the RRS applies.
- 2.8. Boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 5 for Groups 1, 2, 3 & 4 except that a fitted VHF radio is mandatory (This amends Special Regulation 3.25.1(b)). Group 5 shall comply with Category 7 together with a VHF radio (this may be a hand held unit).
- 2.9. General Rules as described in Section 1 of the Organising Clubs' fixtures and Sailing Instructions booklets.
- 2.10. The Organising Authority may amend any detail of this notice of race prior 17:00 to the 17 January 2021
- 2.11. There will be two (2) adult crew on board 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 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:
 - iv. Name;
 - v. Contact phone number; and
 - vi. Australian Sailing Number in accordance with NOR 3.5.
 - 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 A5.1 RRS (2021-24).
- 3.3. The Combined Club's Race Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entry.
- 3.4. Boats wishing to enter IRC or AMS for the series shall provide a valid IRC and/or AMS Rating Certificate(s) before the first race of the series.

- 3.5. 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 should be lodged via one of the organising club’s website by no later than 17:00 on Wednesday 17 January 2021.
- 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.
- 4.3. Entry fees
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| Series Entry (incl. PHS) | \$50 |
| Each additional Handicap Group (IRC, AMS) | \$25 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

DAY	DATE	HOST CLUB	START	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL
Day 1	Sunday 31 January 2021	DSS	Midriver	13:25
Day 2	Sunday 28 February 2021	BYC	Midriver	13:25
Day 3	Sunday 28 March 2021	RYCT	Midriver	13:25

7. GROUP ALLOCATION

- 7.1. 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
- 7.2. Non-Spinnaker entrants will be allocated to a group best suited to their PHS performance.
- 7.3. Groups may be combined if there are insufficient entries in any Group.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. Sailing Instructions will be available from the Combined Clubs by no later than Monday 18 January 2021 and placed on the Organising Clubs’ websites.

9. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

- 9.1. 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.

10. RACING AREA

- 10.1. The waters of the River Derwent and D’Entrecasteaux Channel.

11. COURSES

- 11.1. As described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. Races shall be scored based on handicap or rating system. A boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1. Trophies maybe be awarded in PHS, IRC and AMS handicap divisions based on the number of entries.

Five entries	1st prize
Six to nine entries	1st and 2nd prizes
Ten or more entries	1st. 2nd and 3rd prizes

- 13.2. A minimum of five (5) entries are required to constitute a prize group.

14. SAFETY

- 14.1. The attention of all persons taking part in the Two-Handed Long Race Series is drawn to the requirement to be aware of the application of the Marine Safety (Misuse of Alcohol) Act, 2006.
- 14.2. For all boats a fully operational permanently installed VHF radio is mandatory. A handheld VHF shall be carried in the cockpit.
- 14.3. All competitors shall wear a suitable PFD (lifejacket) whilst racing.
- 14.4. It is also recommended that entrants have a Man Overboard procedure that crew members have practiced.
- 14.5. 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).
- 14.6. Boats will comply with the Combined Clubs "Return to Sailing in a COVID-safe Environment Plan" available on all Clubs' websites.
- 14.7. 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 this series, 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 Two Handed Long Race 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 Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 16.4. The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse or withdraw any entry.