



2021-2022 SAILING SEASON COMBINED CLUBS HARBOUR SERIES NOTICE OF RACE

To be sailed on the River Derwent

Saturday 16 October 2021

Saturday 20 November 2021

Saturday 15 January 2022

Saturday 05 February 2022

Saturday 26 March 2022

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. Boats shall comply with the Australian Sailing (AS) Prescriptions to the RRS and IRC and AMS Rules.
- 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. General Rules as described in Section 1 of the 2021-22 Organising Clubs' fixture and sailing instruction booklet.
- 2.6. 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; and
 - ii. to allow the use of stored power for sail handling and sail trimming on any boat.
- 2.7. 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."
- 2.8. Appendix T Arbitration of the RSS applies.
- 2.9. Boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 7 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).
- 2.10. The Organising Authority may amend any detail of this notice of race before 17:00 on the 24 September 2021
- 2.11. The minimum number of adult crew to be on board shall be three (3) unless dispensation sought in writing from the Organising Authority is granted by the Race Committee before a race.

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;
 - iii. Australian Sailing Number in accordance with NoR 3.3; and
 - iv. Any other information which may be required to comply with government COVID-19 reporting requirements or regulations.
 - 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. All crew members must comply with the AS Prescription to RRS 46 as amended by AS.
- 3.3.1. To 31 December 2021 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) or a SailPass holder.
- 3.3.2. From 1 January 2022, all participating crew members shall be a member of a club affiliated to Australian Sailing or a Sail Pass holder.
- 3.4. The Combined Club's Race Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entry.
- 3.5. Boats wishing to enter IRC or AMS may be requested to provide a copy of their valid IRC and/or AMS Rating Certificate/s.
- 3.6. Competitors who join a series after one or more races have been run will be awarded a 'Late Entrant' score for each earlier race. The 'Late Entrant' score will be DNC score for the first (non-abandoned) race run after the competitor joins the series. Previously allocated DNC scores for other boats will not be altered. This score will also apply to boats that have entered a series (IRC, AMS) but have not provided the appropriate rating certificate.

4. ENTRY

- 4.1. Entries shall be lodged via one of the organising clubs' website by no later than 17:00 on Friday 1 October 2021. Late entries may be accepted after this time at the absolute discretion of the Combined Clubs Race Committee.
- 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) 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 for the Combined Clubs Harbour series
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| Series Entry | \$80 |
| • Each additional Handicap Group (IRC, AMS) | \$40 each |
| Individual Race Day Entry | \$25 |
| • Each additional Handicap Group (IRC, AMS) | \$15 each |
- 4.4. The Combined Clubs Summer Pennant will be determined on a combined score of the Harbour Series and Long Race Series. To be eligible for the Combined Clubs Summer Pennant boats will be required to enter both the Harbour Series and Long Race Series. A TopYacht block entry option is available.
- 4.5. Entry fees for the Combined Clubs Summer Pennant
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| Block Entry | \$150 |
| • Each additional Handicap Group (IRC, AMS) | \$75 each |
| Individual Race Day Entry | \$25 |
| • Each additional Handicap Group (IRC, AMS) | \$15 each |
| Optional Non-Member RYCT Pennant Entry | \$50 |
| RYCT Pennant Additional Handicap Group | \$30 each additional class (IRC and/or AMS) for RYCT pennant. |

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	Saturday 16 October 2021	RYCT	Midriver	13:25
Day 2	Saturday 20 November 2021	DSS	Midriver	13:25
Day 3	Saturday 15 January 2022	BYC	Midriver	13:25
Day 4	Saturday 05 February 2022	RYCT	Midriver	13:25
Day 5	Saturday 26 March 2022	DSS	Midriver	13:25

7. GROUP ALLOCATION

- 7.1. Boats will be allocated to Groups 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 Combined Clubs Race Committee.
- 7.2. Non-Spinnaker entrants will be allocated to a group best suited to their PHS performance.

8. RACES

- 8.1. All Groups will have up to two (2) races on each race day of the Combined Clubs Harbour Series.
- 8.2. Groups may be combined if there are insufficient entries in any Group.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. Sailing Instructions will be available from the Organising Clubs by no later than Friday 1 October 2021, 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 waters of the River Derwent.

12. COURSES

- 12.1. As described in the Sailing Instructions.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. Races shall be scored based on handicap or rating system.
- 13.2. The Combined Clubs Harbour Series will consist of up to ten (10) races with discards as described in NoR 13.5
- 13.3. Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute the Harbour Series.

13.4. Harbour Series:

- 13.4.1. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.4.2. When six races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.
- 13.4.3. When eight or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race score excluding her two worst scores.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1. Trophies will be awarded to the first boat in each Harbour Series Group.
- 14.2. Additional trophies may be awarded but the organisers reserve the right to vary the number of trophies awarded 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
- 14.3. A minimum of five (5) entries are required to constitute a group.
- 14.4. Individual race day prizes may be awarded by the Club conducting the events.

15. SAFETY

- 15.1. Safety Category requirements for the Combined Clubs Harbour Series are:
 - 15.1.1. Category 7 for Groups 1, 2, 3 & 4 except that, fitted VHF is mandatory [this amends AS SR 3.25.1(b)]
 - 15.1.2. Category 7 for Group 5 plus a VHF radio (this may be a hand-held unit)
- 15.2. The attention of all persons taking part in the Combined Clubs Harbour Series races is drawn to the requirement to be aware of the application of the Marine Safety (Misuse of Alcohol) Act, 2006.
- 15.3. For sports boats and boats without full lifelines, AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 5, 5.01.1 (j) (Lifejackets) shall apply.
- 15.4. It is also recommended that entrants have a Man Overboard procedure that all crew members have practiced.
- 15.5. 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).
- 15.6. Boats will comply with the Combined Clubs "COVID-safe Environment Plan" which is available on all Clubs' websites.
- 15.7. Attention is also drawn to the requirement for boats to keep well clear of vessels under pilotage especially vessels proceeding through the Tasman Bridge.

16. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 16.1. The owner or charterer of a competing boat and all crew members shall grant the Combined Clubs member 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.

17. PRIVACY NOTICE

- 17.1. 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.

18. LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

- 18.1. 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.
- 18.2. The BYC, DSS and RYCT their executives, boards, servants and agents and all other parties involved with the conduct and organisation of the Summer Pennant 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.
- 18.3. 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.
- 18.4. The Combined Clubs reserve the right to refuse or withdraw any entry.