



BELLERIVE YACHT CLUB

BYC PURSUIT RACE 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

6 December 2025

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY – Bellerive Yacht Club (Inc.) (BYC)
2. RULES
 - 2.1. The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-28 of World Sailing, the Special Regulations and the prescriptions of Australian Sailing (AS).
 - 2.2. General Rules as described in Section 1 of the 2025-26 BYC Fixture and Sailing Instruction booklet.
 - 2.3. Boats shall comply with AS special Regulations Part 1, Category 7.
 - 2.4. The minimum number of adult crew to be on board shall be three (3) unless dispensation sought in writing from the OA is granted by the Race Committee before a race.
 - 2.5. Appendix T Arbitration of the RSS applies.
3. CHANGES TO CLASS RULES AND RRS
 - 3.1. RRS 52 is changed:
 - 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.
 - 3.2. In addition to the requirements described in NoR 2.4 a boat shall carry an operational VHF radio (this can be a Handheld unit). This changes AS SR 3.25.1(b)
 - 3.3. Boats without lifelines complying with AS Special Regulation 3.12, AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 5, 5.01.1 (j) (Lifejackets) shall apply.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1. Entry is open to owner/s of a boat, who is/are a member/s of a club affiliated with AS.

4.2. Crew Declaration.

4.2.1. A boat shall submit a Crew Declaration before their Warning Signal. 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 4.3.

4.2.2. Boats that do not comply with NoR 4.2.1 will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the relevant race. This changes RRS A5.1.

4.3. All crew members must comply with the AS Prescription to RRS 46. From 1 January 2022, all participating crew members shall be a member of a club affiliated to AS or hold a valid Sail Pass.

4.4. The BYC Committee reserves the right to accept, reject or cancel any entry.

5. ENTRY

5.1. Entries shall be lodged via the BYC websites no later than 14:00 on Friday 5 December 2025. Late entries may be accepted after this time at the absolute discretion of the Race Committee.

5.2. Entry fee: \$20

6. INSURANCE

6.1. All competing boats are required to have a current Certificate of Insurance for the period of the pennant including Third Party Liability and Public Liability Insurance of not less than AUS \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars) for any one (1) incident.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1. There will be one race with the Warning Signal at 12:55 for the first boat to start at 13:00.
- 7.2. The starting time for each yacht will be the display of its indicated minute after the starting signal by a numeral on the Victoria Esplanade Box. For example, a yacht shown as due to start at 15 minutes may start at the instant when the numerals 14 are replaced with the numerals 15. One hour after the starting signal. Code Flag H will be hoisted and boards indicating starting times will recommence at 00.
- 7.3. There may be a non-spinnaker Group or Groups depending on number of entries.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. Sailing Instructions will be available from BYC no later than Friday 5 December 2025 and placed on the BYC website.

9. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

- 9.1. The official notice board for the race is located opposite the Sailing Office. There will also be an online Notice Board.

10. RACING AREA

- 10.1. The waters of the River Derwent.

11. COURSE

- 11.1. As described in the Sailing Instructions but will be a simple harbour course starting and finishing at the Victoria Esplanade Box.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1. A prize will be awarded to the first three boats across the line.

Additional prizes may be awarded for divisional placegetters subject to the discretion of the OA. Overall placegetters are not eligible for division prizes.

13. SAFETY

- 13.1. The attention of all persons taking part in the BYC Pursuit Race is drawn to the requirement to comply with the Marine Safety (Misuse of Alcohol) Act, 2006.
- 13.2. It is recommended that entrants have a Man Overboard procedure that crew members have practiced.
- 13.3. 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).

13.4. Attention is also drawn to the MAST requirements “every vessel, commercial and recreational, motor or sail, must give way to ocean going ships under command of a pilot (displaying Code flag H) or be under command of a Pilot Exempt master (flying a plain White flag)” as per regulation 29 of the Marine and Safety (Pilotage and Navigation) Regulations 2017.

14. MEDIA RIGHTS

14.1. The owner or charterer of a competing boat and all crew members shall grant the organising body 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 BYC Pursuit Race.

15. PRIVACY NOTICE

15.1. Personal information about crew members is obtained in the crew lists for use in case of emergency. If necessary, the information will be provided to Emergency Service Organisations 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. RISK STATEMENT

16.1. RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes..

17. LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

17.1. All persons taking part in this race, whether as entrants or otherwise, do so at their own risk and responsibility. Particular attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3 Decision to Race. Bellerive Yacht Club, its executives, boards, servants and agents and all other parties involved with the conduct and organisation of the BYC Pursuit Race 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 NoR and by the Sailing Instructions.