



2025-26 SAILING SEASON
COMBINED CLUBS Stay ChatTY TWILIGHT
NOTICE OF RACE
FRIDAY 9 JANUARY 2026



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HOSTED BY BELLERIVE YACHT CLUB
On behalf of Combined Clubs

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The Combined Clubs consisting of Bellerive Yacht Club Inc., Derwent Sailing Squadron Inc. and The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania.
- 1.2. Bellerive Yacht Club Inc. will be hosting the event.

2. RULES

- 2.1. Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-28.
- 2.2. Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS).
- 2.3. Boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1. Category 7. A fully operational VHF radio is mandatory (This can be a handheld).
- 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. Protest Arbitration-Appendix T of the RRS applies.
- 2.7. 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

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. Entry is open to owners of boats who are members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 3.2. Crew Declaration.
- 16.1 For each race a boat shall prior to their Warning Signal submit a COVID-19 Crew Declaration via TOPYACHT.
- 16.2 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
- 16.3 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 RRS 46 as amended by AS. All participating crew members shall be a member of a club affiliated to Australian Sailing or a Sail Pass holder.
- 3.4. The OA's Race Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entry.

4. ENTRY

- 4.1. Entries should be lodged on the Bellerive Yacht Club website [Click Here](#) by no later than 10:00 on Friday 9 January 2026. Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.
- 4.2. No entry will be deemed to have been accepted until approved by the OA's Race Committee
- 4.3. Boats may enter as **Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker**.
- 4.4. Entry fees. All entry fees shall be donated to SPEAK UP! Stay ChatTY.

Entry (incl. PHS)	\$30
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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 RACE

DAY	DATE	START	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL
Friday	9 January 2026	Victoria Esplanade	17:40

7. GROUP ALLOCATION

- 7.1. The race will be conducted in allocated groups. The Race Committee will allocate boats according to size, known performance and TCF handicaps (where known). The composition of each group will be displayed on the noticeboard and be available no later than 12:00 on Friday 9 January 2026

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. Sailing Instructions will be available from the OA websites.

9. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

- 9.1. The Official Notice Board for the race will be located on the Notice Board of the Bellerive Yacht Club. Copies of notices will be placed on the other Club Notice Boards at Derwent Sailing Squadron and Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania.

10. RACING AREA

- 10.1. The waters of the River Derwent.

11. COURSES

- 11.1. As described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. Races shall be scored based on PHS handicaps.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1. Prizes will be awarded at the Bellerive Yacht Club at the conclusion of racing. The prize giving will be broadcast live at Derwent Sailing Squadron and Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania.

14. SAFETY

- 14.1. The attention of all persons taking part in the Combined Clubs Stay ChatTY Twilight Race is drawn to the requirement to be aware of the application of the Marine Safety (Misuse of Alcohol) Act, 2006.
- 14.2. It is also recommended that entrants have a Man Overboard procedure that crew members have practiced.
- 14.3. 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).

15. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 15.1. 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 this race.

16. PRIVACY NOTICE

- 16.1 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 OA.

17. RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1. 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.

18. LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

- 18.1. The BYC, DSS and RYCT, their executives, boards, servants and agents and all other parties involved with the conduct and organization of the Stat ChatTY Twilight Race disclaim any and every responsibility for the 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 race covered by this NoR and by the Sailing Instructions. 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.