



Banjo's Shoreline Crown Series Bellerive Regatta 2026



Sailing Instructions for Keelboats

The Bellerive Yacht Club Inc (BYC), as the organising authority, issues the following instructions for the Banjo's Shoreline Crown Series Bellerive Regatta to be held on the Derwent River from Friday 20 February to Sunday 22 February 2026.

Divisions – Racing Groups 1 (including ORC and IRC rated boats - Tasmanian Yachting Championship)
Performance Cruising Spinnaker (including ORC & IRC rated boats),
Performance Cruising (Non-Spinnaker)

Race Day 1 – Friday: Twilight race

Race Day 2 – Saturday: back to back races

Race Day 3 – Sunday: back to back races

SECTION 1 – RULES

1.1 Rules:

Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Australian Sailing (AS) Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025 – 2028 (RRS), the prescriptions and special regulations of AS, Class or Association rules, the IMS measurement rule and ORC rating system rules, the IRC rules (parts A, B and C), Notice of Race conditions of entry and by these Sailing Instructions.

Changes to Rules and RRS

- Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles not attached to the foremost mast shall be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers. This changes RRS 55.2.
- RRS 52 is changed by adding "Stored power may be used for the operation of sails and movable ballast systems."
- Appendix T Arbitration of the RRS applies.
- IRC Rules 21.1.5(d) and 22.4 shall not apply.
- The minimum number of adult crew to be on board shall be three (3) unless dispensation sought in writing from the Race Committee is approved before the series.
- RRS 44.1 is changed so that The Two-Turns Penalty applies for infringements inside a Zone and the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for infringements outside a Zone.

In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

1.2 Prizes:

Daily prizes will be awarded to the winner of each race on Performance Handicap System. Series prizes will be awarded to placegetters on PHS, ORC and IRC rating systems at the end of the Regatta. Classes with 5 (or less) entrants will be awarded a series 1st place only. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

1.3 Series and Scoring Systems:

Appendix A - Scoring will be used. All races count in the Banjo's Shoreline Crown Series Bellerive Regatta with no discards allowed. Races are scheduled as per the table below, of which two must be completed to constitute a series. Placings on corrected time, calculated to the nearest second, based on PHS, ORC or IRC handicaps, will be used to score points and award prizes for all Divisions. For ORC results the Single Number Scoring Option, All Purpose (AP) Time on Time will be used. For Racing Group the Single Number Scoring Option, Windward / Leeward (WL) Time on Time or Triple Number Windward/Leeward (Low, Medium or High) may be used if appropriate. This changes Appendix A2 and A3.

1.4 Finishing Outside the Time Limit:

A boat that is scored "Did Not Finish" because it failed to finish within the time limit specified in shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the number of boats that finished within the time limit but no more points than the number of starters. Such boats will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) which is shown as "T" in the Series Scores. This changes A5.2.

1.5 Schedule of Races

Class	Backstay Flag	Friday 20	First Warning Signal	Saturday 21	First Warning Signal	Sunday 22	First Warning Signal	Scheduled races in series
Racing Group 1	N/A	MR-S	17:35	Up to 4 Short Course	11:00	Up to 4 Short Course	11:00	7
Performance Cruising Div 1	Dark Blue	MR-S	17:40	2 x HC	11:10	2 x HC	11:10	5
Performance Cruising Div 2	Green	MR-S	17:45	2 x HC	11:05	2 x HC	11:05	5
Performance Cruising (Non Spinnaker) Div 4	Yellow	MR-NS	17:50	2 x HC	11:00	2 x HC	11:00	5

Legend

MR-S	Twilight Race, Mid River start and finish with spinnakers allowed.
MR-NS	Twilight Race, Mid River start and finish with no spinnakers allowed.
Short Course	Windward leeward course which may include a triangular component or a course around laid or fixed marks.
HC	Harbour course starting from B1 or B2 or in the vicinity of B1 or B2.

If it is not possible to complete the scheduled races on Saturday 21 February then additional races to the scheduled races may be conducted on Sunday 22 February. Similarly, if forecast weather conditions dictate, an additional race maybe conducted on the Saturday 21 February.

SECTION 2 – GENERAL

2.1 OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD AND AMENDMENTS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be online at the regatta website [[HERE](#)].

Amendments will be published on the ONB. A notice of an amendment will be sent via SMS to boats that have commenced the entry process. Notices may be posted on the notice board located opposite the BYC Sailing Office.

2.2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AFLOAT

Changes to the Sailing Instructions made afloat will be indicated by the display of Code Flag 3rd Substitute accompanied by two sound signals. The change will be communicated on the designated course VHF channel.

2.3 CREW DECLARATION

2.2.1 For the first race of the Regatta a boat shall submit a Crew Declaration via TOPYACHT before its class race warning signal. If the Crew is unchanged for the rest of the series a boat need not submit a new list for the following races. However, if crew members are to change race to race then a boat shall update the Crew Declaration as required.

2.2.2 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

2.2.3 Boats that do not comply with SI 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 may be scored, without a hearing, a 20% scoring penalty in accordance with RRS 44.3.

2.2.4 A breach of this rule is not subject to protest by a competitor.

2.4 Backstay Flags

Backstay Flags where required shall be flown from the backstay at all times whilst racing. Backstay flags will be supplied in competitor's bags, available from the BYC Marina Bar after noon Friday 20 February 2026. A breach of this rule is not subject to protest by a competitor. Boats may be scored without a hearing, a 20% scoring penalty in accordance with RRS 44.3.

2.5 Radio Communications

All competitors shall maintain a listening watch on the designated course VHF Channel as shown below. The Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of OCS boats and/or other information of interest to competitors. Any failure of/or defect in such a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.

VHF Frequencies:		
Friday	Performance Cruising Divisions - Twilight Race	VHF Channel 14
	Racing Groups 1 Twilight Race	VHF Channel 14
Saturday/Sunday	Performance Cruising Divisions - Harbour Courses	VHF Channel 77
	Racing Groups 1 Short Courses	VHF Channel 14

Note: Boats should not transmit on the above channels whilst a starting sequence is in progress.

2.6 Timing at the end of the first lap. This Changes RRS32

The Race Committee may record the times of boats at the finish of the first lap. If it appears that boats may not finish within the time limit the Race Committee may display the Code Flag 2nd Substitute accompanied by two sound signals which will indicate that the race has been finished at the end of the first lap. An announcement will also be made on the course VHF Channel.

2.7 Retirements

A boat retiring for any reason **must** report the circumstances as soon as possible after retirement to the Race Committee Boat on VHF frequency as per SI 2.5.

2.8 Race Signals

RRS 34(b), relating to missing mark signals, is changed by deleting the sound signal requirement for Visual Signal M.

2.9 Protests

(a) Lodgement of Protests:

All protests and requests for redress shall be lodged at the Sailing Office located at car park level in the walkway between the car park and the slip area. For boats not based at BYC this may be by email to sailing@byc.org.au with a Subject Heading of Protest Lodgement or Request for Redress and must comply with RRS 60.3(a) or 61.2. For the Twilight races the protest time limit is 21:00 hours on 20 February 2026. For other races, the protest time limit for each division is 60 minutes after the last boat in each division has finished the last race of the day. This changes RRS 61.2(b). A request for review of results should be made within 30 minutes of the posting of the results. Forms will be available from the Sailing Office.

(b) Protest Notices:

Notices will be posted online on the Official Notice Board, within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. This shall constitute official notice to all posted parties.

(c) Protest Hearings:

All protests will be heard at the BYC on the day the protest is lodged unless otherwise advised. RRS 66 is changed by adding: "On her last day of racing, a party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than half an hour after being informed of the decision."

(d) Arbitration

Appendix T of the RRS shall apply. The arbitrator may be a member of any subsequent Protest Committee.

2.10 Keeping clear of shipping

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.

2.11 Crisis Safety Plan:

If the Principal Race Officer, (PRO), decides that a situation warrants assistance he will direct a previously designated boat, or boats, to the rescue work. Boats acting under PRO instructions will fly Code Flag 'D' and must be given complete clearance by all other vessels.

Emergency Drop Off Point

If a boat require emergency medical assistance the nominated meeting point for emergency services is BYC Fuel Jetty in front of the BYC slipyard, or as directed by the PRO. There will be a minimum depth of 2.2m at the north eastern outer end of the jetty during the regatta.

SECTION 3 – TWILIGHT RACE - Friday 20 February 2026

Racing Groups 1 and Performance Cruising Divisions

3.1 Schedule of Races:

Class	Warning Signal	Starting Signal	Class Flag
Racing Group 1	17:35	17:40	8
Performance Cruising Div 1	17:40	17:45	1
Performance Cruising Div 2	17:45	17:50	2
Performance Cruising Div 4 (Non-Spinnaker)	17:50	17:55	4

3.2 Sails:

For Performance Cruising (Non-Spinnaker) Division 4 off the wind sails (e.g. spinnakers, bloopers, code zero, jib top etc.) are not permitted. Only one sail may be carried forward of the mainmast, unless the yacht is obviously a cutter rig. The sail must be tacked down on its normal deck fitting and be fully attached to the stay on which it is normally set.

3.3 Starting Line:

The Committee Boat (*Alaska*) will be stationed in an area bounded by an imaginary line between Rosny Point and Princes Wharf to the north and an imaginary line between Sandy Bay Point and Tranmere Point to the south. The start line will be between an orange staff or ball on the Committee Boat and a yellow inflatable buoy. A distance starting mark displaying a green flag may be laid approximately on the start line. Boats shall leave this mark on the same hand as the Committee Boat while starting.

3.4 Twilight Courses – will be indicated by number boards displayed on the stern of the committee boat. After each start there may be a 30 second time lag in the displaying of the course board. All marks to be rounded to Port. The instruction “→ finish” requires boats to pass between the outer end of the finishing line (black and white chequered inflatable mark) and the Committee Boat, from the course side.

Boats shall only pass through the starting or finishing line when required to do so by the course description.

1	Start → W → A → X → Finish.	Marks to PORT
2	Start → W → A → B1 → Finish.	Marks to PORT
3	Start → B2 → A → B1 → Finish.	Marks to PORT
4	Start → B2 → SB → Finish.	Marks to PORT
5	Start → N → Z → A → N → Z → Finish.	Marks to PORT
6	Start → N → Z → A → N → Finish.	Marks to PORT
7	Start → N → B2 → B1 → Finish.	Marks to PORT
8	Spare	
9	Start → D → Y → SB → finish → Z → SB → Finish.	Marks to PORT
10	Start → Z → Y → SB → finish → Z → SB → Finish.	Marks to PORT
11	Start → Z → SB → finish → Z → SB → Finish.	Marks to PORT
12	Start → D → P → SB → Finish.	Marks to PORT
13	Start → J → B2 → finish → S → B1 → Finish.	Marks to PORT
14	Start → S → B2 → finish → S → B1 → Finish.	Marks to PORT
15	Start → J → B1 → finish → J → B1 → Finish.	Marks to PORT
16	Start → J → B1 → finish → S → B1 → Finish.	Marks to PORT

3.5 Twilight Course Marks

All bearings and distances below are approximate only.

- A** Yellow inflatable buoy laid approximately 75 m to windward of the committee boat.
- B1** Yellow permanent mark 0.5 n mile SE of Kangaroo Bluff.
- B2** Yellow permanent mark 1.1 n mile SE of Kangaroo Bluff.
- D** White permanent mark 0.5 nm ENE of Wrest Point.
- H** Orange permanent mark 0.25 n mile SW of Howrah Point.
- J** Yellow permanent buoy 0.2 nm NE of the Powder Jetty.
- N** Yellow permanent mark 0.1 n mile N of Nutgrove Beach.
- P** Yellow permanent mark 0.5 n mile SW of Punchs Reef.
- S** Orange inflatable buoy 0.3 n mile E of the Domain Slipyard.
- SB** Yellow inflatable buoy 0.1 n mile SW of Second Bluff.
- X** Orange inflatable buoy on a line between Sandy Bay Point and B2. The compass bearing from the start may be advised on the VHF race channel.
- W** Orange inflatable buoy to windward of the start line. The compass bearing from the start line may be advised on the VHF race channel.
- Y** Orange inflatable buoy 0.3 n mile S of B2.
- Z** Orange inflatable buoy 1.0 n mile E of Wrest Point.

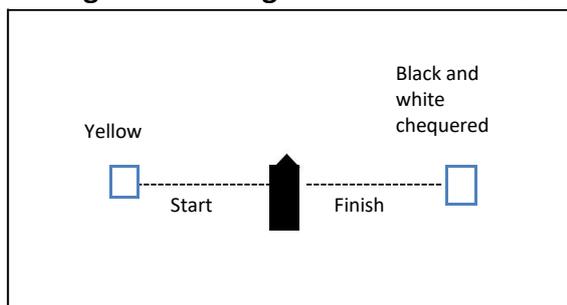
3,6 Shortened Course

In the event of a shortened course being signalled, boats shall finish across the finishing line described in 3.7 below and Mark A will not have a required side. This changes RRS 32.2.

3.7 Finishing Line:

The finishing line will be between an orange staff on the Mid River Committee Boat (*Alaska*) and a black and white chequered inflatable buoy. Boats shall finish between black and white chequered inflatable buoy and the committee boat. A distance mark displaying a green flag may be laid approximately on the finishing line. Boats shall leave this mark on the same hand as the Committee Boat while finishing.

Starting and finishing lines – not to scale



3.8 Time Limit:

This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 & A5.

The time limit is 20:00 hours. Boats which have not then finished will be scored "Time Limit Expired (TLE)" without a hearing. Sailing Instruction 1.4 relating to scores for TLE will apply.

SECTION 4 – HARBOUR COURSE RACES – Saturday 21 Feb and Sunday 22 Feb
PERFORMANCE CRUISING SPINNAKER and CRUISING NON-SPINNAKER

4.1 Schedule of Races

a) First Race – Saturday 21 February 2026

The scheduled Warning Signal times are:

Class	Warning Signal	Starting Signal	Class Flag
Performance Cruising Div 4 (NS)	11:00	11:05	4
Performance Cruising Div 2	11:05	11:10	2
Performance Cruising Div 1	11:10	11:15	1

b) First Race – Sunday 22 February 2026

The scheduled Warning Signal times are:

Class	Warning Signal	Starting Signal	Class Flag
Performance Cruising Div 4 (NS)	11:00	11:05	4
Performance Cruising Div 2	11:05	11:10	2
Performance Cruising Div 1	11:10	11:15	1

c) Subsequent Races – Races will be started as soon as practicable. Starting sequences may vary from the first race of the day.

No warning signal will be made after 15:00 on Sunday 22 February.

4.2 Sails:

For Performance Cruising (Non-Spinnaker) Division 4 off the wind sails (e.g. spinnakers, bloopers, code zero, jib top etc.) are not permitted. Only one sail may be carried forward of the mainmast, unless the yacht is obviously a cutter rig. The sail must be tacked down on its normal deck fitting and be fully attached to the stay on which it is normally set.

4.3 Starting Line at B1 or B2 (or in the vicinity of B1 or B2)

The Committee Boat (*Alaska*) will be on station at B1 (0.5 n mile SE of Kangaroo Bluff) or B2 (1.1 n mile SE of Kangaroo Bluff) or in the vicinity of B1 or B2. The starting line will be between an orange staff on the Committee Boat and a yellow buoy. A green flag mark may be laid approximately on the start line shall be left on the same hand as the Committee Boat while starting.

4.4 Courses- will be indicated by number boards displayed on the stern of the committee boat. After each start there may be a 30 second time lag in the displaying of the course board. All marks to be rounded to Port unless otherwise indicated in the course description. The instruction “→ finish” requires boats to pass between the outer end of the finishing line (black and white chequered inflatable mark) and the Committee Boat, from the course side.

All marks to be rounded to Port unless otherwise indicated in the course description. Boats shall only pass through the starting or finishing line when required to do so by the course description.

Courses and approximate lengths in nautical miles

1	Start → T → P → B → finish → T → B → Finish	11.0
2	Start → T → P → B → finish → X → B → Finish	9.3
3	Start → X → H → B → finish → X → B1 → Finish	7.5
4	Start → X → P → B1 → finish → X → B1 → Finish	6.7
5	Start → C → P → K → finish → C → K → Finish	11.4
6	Start → C → P → K → finish → G → K → Finish	9.5
7	Start → G → H → K → finish → G → B1 to Starboard → Finish	7.5
8	Start → G → B1 to Starboard → finish → G → B1 to Starboard → Finish	6.0
9	Start → C → P → H → finish → C → H → Finish	11.7
10	Start → C → P → H → finish → G → H → Finish	9.6
11	Start → G → P → H → finish → G → H → Finish	7.7
12	Start → G → X → A → G → H → Finish	6.1
13	Start → D → X → H → finish → D → H → Finish	10.7
14	Start → D → X → H → A → H → A → H → Finish	9.0
15	Start → D → X → H → A → H → Finish	7.4
16	Start → D → X → P → H → Finish	6.0
17	Start → B → G → T → finish → B → T → Finish	11.8
18	Start → B → G → T → finish → B → X → Finish	9.6
19	Start → B → G → T → Finish → B1 → X → Finish	8.8
20	Start → B1 → G → X → finish → B1 → X → Finish	6.2
21	Start → H → B → N → A → N → finish → H → N → Finish	12.2
22	Start → H → B → N → finish → H → B → N → Finish	10.0
23	Start → H → B → N → A → N → Finish	7.8
24	Start → H → B → N → Finish	5.7
25	Start → K → G → T → finish → K → T → Finish	11.8
26	Start → K → G → T → finish → K → X → Finish	9.6
27	Start → K → G → X → finish → B1 → X → Finish	6.8

4.4 Marks

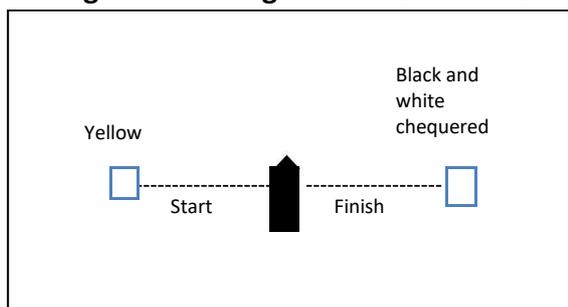
All marks to be rounded to Port unless otherwise indicated in the course description. All bearings and distances below are approximate only.

- A** Yellow inflatable buoy at the outer end of the start line.
- B** Yellow inflatable buoy 0.2 n mile S of Kangaroo Bluff. The mark may be moved within a 0.3 n mile circle of that point.
- B1** Yellow permanent mark 0.5 n mile SE of Kangaroo Bluff.
- C** Yellow inflatable buoy 0.5 n mile NE of Cartwrights Point. The mark may be moved within a 0.4 n mile circle of that point
- D** White permanent mark 0.5 n mile ENE of Wrest Point.
- G** Yellow inflatable buoy 0.3 n mile ENE of the John Garrow Light. The mark may be moved within a 0.3 n mile circle of that point.
- H** Orange permanent mark 0.25 n mile SW of Howrah Point
- K** Yellow inflatable buoy 0.2 n mile SW of Second Bluff. The mark may be moved within a 0.3 n mile circle of that point.
- N** Yellow permanent mark 0.1n mile N of Nutgrove Beach.
- P** Yellow permanent mark 0.5 n mile SW of Punched Reef.
- T** Orange permanent mark 0.4 n mile SW of Tranmere Point.
- X** Yellow inflatable buoy 0.7 n mile SE of B2. The mark may be moved within a 0.3 n mile circle of that point.

4.5 Finishing Line

The finishing line will be between an orange staff on the Committee Boat (*Alaska*) and a black and white chequered inflatable buoy. Boats shall finish between the black and white chequered inflatable buoy and the committee boat. A distance mark displaying a green flag may be laid approximately on the finishing line. Boats shall leave this mark on the same hand as the Committee Boat while finishing.

Starting and finishing lines – not to scale



4.6 Time Limit This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 & A5.

The time limit for a race shall be 180 minutes. Boats failing to finish by the time limit will be scored "Time Limit Expired (TLE)" without a hearing. Sailing Instructions 1.4, relating to scores for TLE will apply.

If the first boat in a race does not finish before 17:30 hours on Saturday 21 February or before 16:00 hours on Sunday 22 February, the race will be abandoned.

**SECTION 5 – SHORT COURSE RACES (including Windward/Leeward)
Saturday 21 February and Sunday 22 February for RACING GROUPS 1**

5.1 Schedule of Races

a) First Race – Saturday 21 February 2026

The scheduled Warning Signal time is:

Class	Warning Signal	Starting Signal	Class Flag
Racing Group 1	11:00	11:05	1

b) First Race – Sunday 22 February 2026

The scheduled Warning Signal times are:

Class	Warning Signal	Starting Signal	Class Flag
Racing Group 1	11:00	11:05	1

c) Subsequent Races – Races will be started as soon as practicable. Starting sequence may vary from the first race of the day.

No warning signal will be made after 15:00 on Sunday 22 February.

5.2 Start Line Mid River from Sole Mio

The Committee Boat (*Sole Mio*) will be stationed in an area bounded by an imaginary line between Bellerive Bluff and Princes Wharf to the north and an imaginary line between Crayfish Point and Gellibrand Point to the south. The start line will be between an orange staff, flag or ball on the Committee Boat and **Mark SF**, a black and white chequered inflatable buoy. A distance mark displaying a green flag may be laid approximately on the finishing line. Boats shall leave this mark on the same hand as the Committee Boat.

5.3 Courses – will be indicated by flags flown from the committee boat.

Marks to be rounded to Port, except Mark 2s which is to be rounded to starboard.

A Start → 1 → 2s/2p → 1 → 2s/2p → 1 → Finish.

B Start → 1 → 2s/2p → 1 → Finish.

Passage courses

E Start → 2 → BP → Finish.

F Start → 2 → WR → Finish.

G Start → BP → 2 → Finish.

H Start → WR → 2 → Finish.

5.5 Shortening Course

If the course is shortened, marks 2s and 2p will not have a required side and boats shall finish through the Start/Finish line. This changes RRS 32.2.

5.6 Finishing Line

The finishing line will be between an orange staff or ball on the Mid River Committee Boat (*Sole Mio*) and Mark SF (Black and white chequered inflatable buoy).

5.7 Time Limit - This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 & A5.

The race time limit for a race shall be 90 minutes and the finishing window is 20 minutes. Boats failing to finish by the race time limit or finishing window will be scored " Time Limit Expired (TLE)" without a hearing. Sailing Instructions 1.4, relating to scores for TLE will apply.

If the first boat in a race does not finish before 17:30 hours on Saturday 21 February or before 16:00 hours on Sunday 22 February, the race will be abandoned.