

# **TASMANIAN WOMEN'S KEELBOAT REGATTA**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

**14 March 2026**

**Organising Authority:**



# 1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Bellerive Yacht Club as the Organising Authority (OA), invites female sailors of eligible boats to enter the 2026 Tasmanian Women's Keelboat Regatta, to be conducted on the inshore waters of South East Tasmania on Saturday 14 March 2026.

## 2. RULES

2.1. The race will be governed by the rules, as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RSS) of World Sailing. Except as amended by this Notice of Race (NoR) and/or the Sailing Instructions (SI).

2.2. The race will be governed by the current versions of:

- a. the IRC Rules 2024 Parts A, B and C;
- b. the IMS Rule and ORC Rating System Rules 2024; and
- c. the prescriptions and special regulations, of Australian Sailing (AS Special Regulations) a copy of which is found at

<https://www.sailingresources.org.au/safety/specialregs/>

Where Australian Standards are specified in the AS Special Regulations, equipment marked as satisfying a recognised equivalent international standard may be accepted.

2.3. The OA may amend any detail of this NoR before 17:00 on 9 March 2026.

### 2.4. CHANGES TO CLASS RULES AND RRS

a. RRS 52 is changed:

to allow adjustment of movable ballast or canting keels on any boat and the use of stored power to do so and/or

to allow the use of stored power for sail handling and sail trimming on any boat.

b. RRS 55.2 is changed to allow the use of fixed or retractable spinnaker poles, and bowsprits for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.

c. 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 (SI) relating to keeping clear of start and finish lines. Penalties shall be as specified in the SI.

d. Appendix T Arbitration of the RSS applies.

## 3. AMENDMENTS

The OA reserves the right to amend this NoR. Amendments will be published on the Bellerive Yacht Club Website and may be attached to the novice board opposite the sailing office. A notice of an amendment will also be sent to boats that have commenced the entry process.

## **4. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD**

The Official Notice Board is on the Bellerive Yacht Club website, and updates may be posted on notice board opposite the sailing office.

## **5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The SI will be available on the Bellerive Yacht Club Website

## **6. PROTEST COMMITTEE**

The OA shall appoint a Protest Committee.

## **7. ELIGIBILITY**

7.1. Entry is open to boats owned by members of clubs affiliated with Australian Sailing.

Entries are accepted at the discretion of the OA.

7.2. Boats are to be crewed exclusively by women. The owner of the boat or their representative may be on board. If the owner or their representative is male, they shall not take an active role in racing, this includes coaching and tactical advice.

7.3. The minimum number of female crew to be on board shall be four (3), unless dispensation has been applied for in writing and granted before close of entries.

7.4. All crew members must comply with the AS Prescription to RRS 46. All participating crew members shall be a member of a club affiliated to AS or hold a valid Sail Pass

Available at [SailPass – Bellerive Yacht Club](#).

7.5. The OA reserves the right to accept or reject any entry.

7.6. Boats entering IRC must have a current valid endorsed IRC certificate.

7.7. Boats entering ORCc must have a current, valid audited ORCc certificate or a current, valid ORCi certificate. For the avoidance of doubt, audited certificates are those where measurements have been supplied by an approved measurer, meaning that certificates

incorporating "owner" measurements are not used.

## **8. SAFETY**

8.1. Boats shall comply with the AS Special Regulations Category 7 for the Regatta. A handheld VHF Radio shall be carried in the cockpit. This changes AS SR 3.25.1(b).

8.2. For sports boats and boats without full lifelines, AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section

5, 5.01.1 (j) (Lifejackets) shall apply.

8.3. It is also recommended that entrants have a Man Overboard procedure that crew members have practiced.

## **9. INSURANCE**

The owner of a boat shall hold a current marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat when racing, with a sum insured of not less than A\$10 million (or such higher amount as the owner/charterer considers appropriate having regard to the size and type of boat, the number of crew and the conditions it may encounter during the race, or its equivalent in another currency).

## **10. HANDICAP CLASSES**

10.1. A boat will be automatically entered into the Performance Handicap System (PHS) class;

10.2. In addition, a boat may enter one or more of the following handicap classes:

i. Boats entering IRC shall have a current valid endorsed IRC certificate.

ii. Boats entering ORC shall have a current, valid audited (AS ORCc Measurer audited) ORCc certificate or a current, valid ORCi certificate.

10.3. The OA may create divisions within rating classes and allocate boats to those divisions within a rating class at its sole discretion. The composition and allocation of boats into divisions shall not be subject to protest or grounds for redress. This amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a). RRS 63.1 shall not apply.

## **11. ENTRY, DOCUMENTATION AND FEES**

11.1. Sailors seeking a crew spot or assistance in arranging a boat to enter can email the sailing coordinator at: [sailing@byc.org.au](mailto:sailing@byc.org.au)

11.2 Enter a boat via Top yacht

[https://www.topyacht.com.au/db/kb2/series\\_select.php?EventID=1944](https://www.topyacht.com.au/db/kb2/series_select.php?EventID=1944)

11.3 All individuals to enter via on rev Sport at

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/belleriveyc/events/341776>

11.3. Entries after this date will only be accepted at the absolute discretion of the OA.

## **12. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

12.1. The Regatta will comprise of up to three (3) races.

12.2. No warning signal shall be made after 16:30 on Saturday 14 March 2026

#### DAY DATE FIRST WARNING SIGNAL

Sat 14 March 2026 09:25 hrs

### **13. COURSES**

13.1. The courses to be sailed will be a mixture of short course (windward-leeward and/or triangle course) and around the river race format.

13.2. The course descriptions and course diagrams will be provided in the SI.

### **14. CHANGES TO SUPPLIED DOCUMENTATION**

The OA will not accept a change to a boat's IRC or ORC certificate after 17:00 on Wednesday 11 March 2026 except as a result of a rating protest or to correct a office rating error.

### **15. DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY**

A decision of the OA as to any matter under NoR 7, including as to whether a boat and her

crew meet the eligibility criteria for entry in the race, is final and binding and will not be grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a) and RRS 63.1 shall not apply).

### **16. SCORING**

16.1. For PHS this will be calculated by the application of a boats Time Correction Factor

(TCF's) as a multiplier of elapsed time. A boat's TCF will be determined by the OA. The determination of the TCF will not be subject to protest or redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a) and RRS 63.1 shall not apply);

16.2. For IRC this will be the IRC Time Corrector (TCC) as printed on the certificate. For ORC this will be the Single Number Scoring Option, All Purpose (AP) Time on Time, as printed on the boat's rating certificate.

16.3. The Regatta will consist of a maximum of three (3) races with no discards.

### **17. PRIZES**

17.1. The overall divisional winners of the 2026 BYC Tasmanian Women's Keelboat Regatta will be calculated using the relevant Handicap System.

17.2. Additional prizes may be awarded but the OA reserves the right to vary the number of prizes based on the number of entries as follows:

## **18. MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS**

The owner or charterer of a competing boat and all crew members shall grant the Bellerive Yacht Club 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 the BYC Combined Clubs Women's Regatta.

## **19. DISCLAIMER**

19.1. All those taking part in the race do so at their own risk and responsibility. By entering, crew members acknowledge that by doing so they release the OA, the race sponsor and any other sponsor of the Regatta and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members from all liability and grant the rights referred to in NoR 18.

19.2. Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3 (Decision to race), which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is it's alone".

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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