



COMBINED CLUBS 2020-2021 SAILING COMMUNICATION TO CLUB MEMBERS August 2020

The current format of the Combined Clubs arrangement has been in place since the 2011-2012 sailing season and has generally met the intended goals, with most series well supported both in terms of entries and starters.

The Combined Clubs Committee (CCC) and Working Group (WG), chaired by each of the clubs on a yearly rotating basis, consists of each club's Commodore, Vice Commodore, Sailing Manager equivalent and a key sailing volunteer and takes guidance from each of the clubs' Sailing Committee. This arrangement has been formalised with a new Memorandum of Understanding and is current for the next three years.

This year, the Combined Clubs Committee is chaired by Vice Commodore Richard Bevan from the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania.

In the middle of 2020, each club surveyed their boat owners with a standard set of questions to inform and guide the Combined Clubs thinking when developing events for 2020-2021. The series described below have been designed with that survey feedback in mind. And while not everyone will have their every suggestion adopted, the outcomes reflect the majority view wherever possible.

The Combined Clubs have agreed that season 2019-2020, while it was cut short because of COVID-19, provided some excellent racing and large fleet sizes and in doing so met goals set at the beginning of the season. It is the intention of the Combined Clubs to build on the successes of last season whilst reviewing and where necessary improving our offer.

In accordance with wishes expressed in the club surveys, the Summer Pennant will consist of five harbour races (afternoon starts) and five long races (morning starts). The ten races, with two discards, will count towards the Summer Pennant while the five morning and five afternoon races will be scored separately, without discards, as a Long Race Series and a Harbour Series respectively.

There has been a strong call for more 2-handed racing and so the 2-Handed Long Race Series has been reinstated for those keen on short-handed sailing. We hope it is well-supported by the sailing community.

The following Combined Clubs Series will be conducted in 2020-2021:

COMBINED CLUBS SUMMER PENNANT

The Combined Clubs Summer Pennant has been lengthened to a 10-race day series with five Long race days, starting at 10:00 and five Harbour race days, starting at 13:30.

Consistent with owner feedback received from the RYCT and DSS surveys, races when hosted by either of those clubs will this year be started mid-river from a committee boat, with them being finished at Castray Esplanade finishing box.

Also, in response to views expressed through all of the Combined Clubs surveys the recommencement of racing in the Combined Clubs Summer Pennant after the New Year break has been moved ahead by three weeks. The Combined Clubs Committee will be considering division splits based on past performance and in line with survey feedback.

REGATTAS

The Combined Clubs encourages owners from all Clubs to support the following regattas:

- Combined Clubs Short Course Series – 17 & 18 October 2020.
- Tasmanian Yachting Championship (DSS) – 28 & 29 November 2020 (IRC/PHS Divisions)
- Crown Series Regatta (BYC) – 12, 13 & 14 February 2021.
- Tasmanian Women's Keelboat Regatta (Combined Clubs) – 24 April 2021

COMBINED CLUBS MIDWEEK SERIES – THREE SERIES

The Combined Clubs Midweek Series has proved very popular and the racing format will remain unchanged for the 2020-2021 season.

The end of each series function, conducted by each club on a rotating basis, will however undergo some changes. The Combined Clubs Committee have determined that it is no longer sustainable that free luncheons are offered to participants and crews at the end of each series. It was also agreed that offering free lunches to participants and crew in the Midweek Series has been particularly inequitable when considering other series and events conducted by the Combined Clubs.

However, understanding that the luncheon provides an excellent collegial environment that has become somewhat of a tradition the Combined Clubs have agreed to continue to conduct end of series luncheons and will offer each boat entered in a series two (2) free meal tickets and will charge \$10 per meal ticket for additional attendees. Bookings will be required to be made before the end of series luncheon to allow the host club to cater for the luncheon.

IRC and AMS RATINGS

The Combined Clubs continue to support both IRC and AMS measurement systems.

This coming season, in addition to the Combined Clubs Pennant Series and Offshore Series where IRC and AMS results will be offered to qualifying boats, there will be a number of other standalone regattas also offering rating entry and results. These include:

- The Combined Clubs will be conducting a Short Course Series (IRC, AMS and PHS) on 17 & 18 October.
- The Derwent Sailing Squadron will host the Tasmanian Yachting Championship (IRC and PHS) on 28 & 29 November 2020.
- The Bellerive Yacht Club will host the Crown Series regatta from 12 February 2021 to 14 February 2021 (IRC, AMS and PHS).

Combined Clubs Offshore Perpetual Trophy

The Combined Clubs Offshore Perpetual Trophy will continue to be awarded based on the combined scores from the following races:

- Pipe Opener Night Race
- BYC Overnight Race
- Maria Island Race
- Bruny Island Race

INDIVIDUAL CLUB PENNANTS

Each Club determines its own criteria for awarding pennants however in 2020-2021 all Clubs will use the scores from the ten-race Combined Clubs Summer Pennant, accommodating race drops at Clubs' discretion, to determine their pennant winners.

COVID-19 TRACING AND CREW LISTS

During the current Combined Clubs Winter Series the Combined Clubs have been heartened by the acceptance of owners of the need to provide complete crew lists to meet our requirements for potential

COVID-19 contact tracing under our return to sailing plan. Without this the owners and the clubs conducting the events are exposed to official sanction. It should be noted that this regime is likely to continue into the summer season and while we acknowledge that it is an added burden on owners and skippers, it is a small price to pay for being able to participate in the sport of sailing.

We are in regular contact with TopYacht and we are happy to provide your feedback on their systems to make them more user friendly for our competitors. Thank you for your support in this.

COMBINED CLUBS PROGRAM

The race days have been allocated around the traditional regattas / races we have each year: Maria Island Race, Bruny Island Race and Crown Series Regatta, and also takes into account public holidays.

OPENING DAY

The Combined Clubs opening day will be held on Saturday 3 October 2020 and is hosted by the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania. Separate instructions will be issued and published on Club websites.

COMBINED CLUBS SUMMER

PENNANT SERIES Day	Date	Host Club	First Warning Signal
Day 1	10 October 2020	DSS	13:25
Day 2	24 October 2020	BYC	09:55
Day 3	7 November 2020	RYCT	13:25
Day 4	21 November 2020	DSS	09:55
Day 5	5 December 2020	RYCT	13:25
Day 6	9 January 2021	BYC	09:55
Day 7	30 January 2021	RYCT	09:55
Day 8	27 February 2021	DSS	13:25
Day 9	13 March 2021	RYCT	09:55
Day 10	27 March 2021	BYC	13:25

We are all looking forward to another successful and we hope uninterrupted season.

Richard Bevan
Chair
Combined Clubs Committee