



  
**KING  
OF THE  
DERWENT**  
**2ND JANUARY 2024**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

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Organising Authority:

**DERWENT SAILING SQUADRON INC.**

## 1. INVITATION

The Derwent Sailing Squadron as the Organising Authority (OA) invites entries from the owners of eligible boats to compete for prestigious trophies in the Innovative Electrical King of the Derwent Yacht Race on the River Derwent on 2 January 2024 starting at 14:00 Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT).

## 2. RULES

- 2.1. Except as amended by this Notice of Race (NoR) and/or the Sailing Instructions (SI), the race will be governed by the current versions of:
  - 2.1.1. the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS);
  - 2.1.2. the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS). Where Australian Standards are specified in the AS Special Regulations, equipment marked as satisfying a recognised equivalent international standard may be accepted;
  - 2.1.3. the 2023 IRC Rules Parts A, B and C;
  - 2.1.4. the 2023 ORC Rating System Rules;
  - 2.1.5. current regulations (where applicable) of the TASPORTS Corporation Pty Ltd so far as they relate to the Port of Hobart; and
- 2.2. RRS 55.2 is changed to allow the use of fixed or retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.
- 2.3. RRS 52 is changed by adding "Stored power may be used for the operation of sails and movable ballast systems."
- 2.4. Protest Arbitration-Appendix T of the RRS applies.
- 2.5. Boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 5, except that a fitted VHF radio is mandatory (This amends Special Regulation 3.25.1(b)).
- 2.6. The OA reserves the right to amend this NoR. For this event the details will be posted on the official notice board.

## 3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. The race is open to mono-hull boats which have competed in the 2023 Willie Smith's Launceston to Hobart Yacht Race, 2023 Melbourne to Hobart Yacht Race or the 2023 ROLEX Sydney to Hobart Yacht.
- 3.2. The Race Committee may additionally accept the entry of any mono-hull boats which hold a current IRC or ORC rating certificate. Boats not having a valid IRC or ORC certificate may only be accepted in the PHS division.

- 3.3. In addition, a boat may enter one or more of the following handicap classes:
- i. Boats entering IRC must have a current valid endorsed IRC certificate.
  - ii. Boats entering ORCc must have a current, valid audited (AS ORCc Measurer 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.

3.4. Crew Declaration.

3.4.1. A boat shall submit a Crew Declaration via TOPYACHT <[HERE](#)> before its group race warning signal.

3.4.2. 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 in accordance with NoR 3.6.

3.5. Boats that do not comply with NoR 3.4.1 and NoR 3.4.2 will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes A5.1 RRS (2021-24).

3.6. All crew members must comply with the AS Prescription to 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 <[HERE](#)>.

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

3.8. Boats wishing to enter IRC or ORCc shall hold a valid IRC and/or ORCc Rating Certificate.

## 4. ENTRY

4.1. Entries shall be made online via the OA website <[HERE](#)> by no later than 11:00 on 2 January 2024.

4.2. No entry will be deemed to have been accepted until approved by the OA.

#### 4.3. Race entry

- i. Entry Fee \$50
- ii. Handicap Category Fee \$15 Per Handicap Category (IRC, ORCc)
- iii. Entrants in the 2023 Willie Smith's Launceston to Hobart Yacht Race - no additional cost

### 5. INSURANCE

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

### 6. HANDICAP DIVISIONS

- 6.1. A boat will be automatically entered into the Performance Handicap (PHS) Division.
  - 6.1.1. The OA will allocate PHS handicaps before the race. The OA's choice of handicap is final and shall not be grounds for protest.
- 6.2. In addition, a boat may enter one or more of the following Handicap divisions:
  - 6.2.1. IRC - A boat may only enter the IRC handicap class if the boat has a current IRC Certificate.
  - 6.2.2. ORCc - A boat may only enter the ORCc handicap class if the boat has a current ORC certificate.

### 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at the DSS or online at the link [<HERE>](#) by no later than Thursday 28 December 2023.

### 8. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The Official Notice Board is a notice board situated in the window adjacent to the front entrance of the DSS.

### 9. RACING AREA

The waters of the River Derwent.

### 10. COURSES

As described in the Sailing Instructions.

## 11. PRIZES

11.1. Overall divisional prizes and trophies will be won by the boats with the lowest corrected handicap times.

11.2. The overall Innovative Electrical King of the Derwent prize will be awarded in IRC.

11.3. Additional prizes may be awarded but the OA reserves the right to vary the number of trophies awarded based on the number of entries:

- i. Five (5) entries                      1st
- ii. Six (6) to nine (9) entries        1st and 2nd
- iii. Ten (10) or more entries        1st, 2nd and 3rd

11.4. The official presentation of trophies and prizes will be on the lawns of the Derwent Sailing Squadron on the 2 January 2024 at approximately 18:00. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

## 12. PRIVACY NOTICE

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 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 Organising Authority.

## 13. LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

13.1. All persons taking part in this race do so at their own risk and responsibility. Particular attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3 Decision to Race.

13.2. The OA, its executives, boards, servants and agents and all other parties involved with the conduct and organisation of the King of the Derwent Yacht 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 notice of race and by the Sailing Instructions.

13.3. The OA is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

13.4. The OA reserves the right to refuse or withdraw any entry.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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