

2024 RATINGS REGATTA

13 - 14 JANUARY 2024



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NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority:





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1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Derwent Sailing Squadron Inc. (DSS) as the Organising Authority (OA), in conjunction with Australian Sailing, invites owners and charterers of eligible boats to enter the 2024 Renewal Energy Solutions Tasmania Ratings Regatta (Ratings Regatta), to be conducted on the inshore waters of South East Tasmania on Saturday 13 January 2024 and Sunday 14 January 2024.

2. RULES

2.1. The race will be governed by the rules, as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (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 2023 Parts A, B and C;
- b. the IMS Rule and ORC Rating System Rules 2023; 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 1 December 2023.

2.4. The minimum number of adult crew to be on board shall be three (3).

2.5. CHANGES TO CLASS RULES AND RRS

- a. RRS 52 is changed:
 - i. to allow adjustment of movable ballast or canting keels on any boat and the use of stored power to do so and/or
 - ii. 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.



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- 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 Official Notice Board and on the events website found <[HERE](#)>. 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 a notice board situated in the window adjacent to the front entrance of the DSS in Sandy Bay. Notices posted on the Official Notice Board may also be published on the race website.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SI will be available on the event website <[HERE](#)> no later than 17:00 Friday 7 January 2024. Printed copies will be available from the office at the DSS from this date.

6. PROTEST COMMITTEE

The OA shall appoint a Protest Committee.

7. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

7.1. The OA shall appoint a Technical Committee.

7.2. The Technical Committee may conduct equipment inspection and event measurement as directed by the OA or the Race Committee or as prescribed in the World Sailing Regulations.

8. ELIGIBILITY

8.1. Entry is open to boats owned by members of clubs affiliated with Australian Sailing. Entries are accepted at the discretion of the OA.

8.2. Crew Declaration.

8.2.1. For each day a boat shall submit a Crew Declaration via TOPYACHT before its 1st Warning Signal of the day.



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8.2.2. The Crew Declaration shall confirm that the boat intends to race and shall include required details of each person on board as follows:

- i. Name;
- ii. Contact phone number; and
- iii. Australian Sailing Number in accordance with NoR 3.4.

8.3. Boats that do not comply with NoR 8.2.1 and NoR 8.2.2 will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the relevant race. This changes A5.1 RRS (2021-24).

8.4. 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.

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

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

8.7. Boats entering ORC 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.

9. SAFETY

9.1. Boats shall comply with the AS Special Regulations Category 5 for the Ratings Regatta, except that a fully operational permanently installed VHF transceiver is mandatory. A handheld VHF Radio shall be carried in the cockpit. This changes AS SR 3.25.1(b).

9.2. For sports boats and boats without full lifelines, AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 5, 5.01.1 (j) (Lifejackets) shall apply.

9.3. It is also recommended that entrants have a Man Overboard procedure that crew members have practised.



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10. INSURANCE

The owner or charterer 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).

11. HANDICAP CLASSES

11.1. A boat may enter one or more of the following handicap classes:

- i. Boats in entered IRC shall have a current valid endorsed IRC certificate.
- ii. Boats in entered ORC shall have a current, valid audited (AS ORCc Measurer audited) ORCc certificate or a current, valid ORCi certificate.

11.2. 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.

12. ENTRY, DOCUMENTATION AND FEES

12.1. A boat shall complete the entry form (including the Conditions of Entry) through the online entry system found <[HERE](#)> before 17:00 on Monday the 8 January 2024.

- a. Entries after this date will only be accepted at the absolute discretion of the OA and will be subject to an additional late fee of \$100.

12.2. Entry Fees

- a. A boat shall pay the following fee in full by 17:00 on Monday 8 January 2024 or an additional late fee shall be applied for entries accepted by the OA after this date.

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| i. | Entry Fee | \$100 | |
| iii. | Late Fee | \$50 | Additional entries received after 17:00 on Monday 8 January 2024 |



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13. SCHEDULE OF RACES

13.1. The Ratings Regatta will comprise of up to six (6) races.

13.2. No warning signal shall be made after 15:30 on Sunday 14 January 2024

13.3. No more than four (4) races will be sailed on any one day.

DAY	DATE	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL	EVENT
Sat	13 Jan 2024	09:25 hrs	Race day 1
Sun	14 Jan 2024	09.25 hrs	Race day 2
There will be no warning signal after 15:30 on Sunday 14 January 2024			

14. COURSES

14.1. The courses to be sailed will be a mixture of short course (windward-leeward and/or triangle course) and long passage race format.

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

15. CHANGES TO SUPPLIED DOCUMENTATION

The OA will not accept a change to a boat's IRC or ORC certificate after 17:00 on Wednesday 10 January 2024 except as a result of a rating protest or to correct a office rating error.

16. DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY

A decision of the OA as to any matter under NoR 3, 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).

17. SCORING

17.1. 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.



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17.2. The Ratings Regatta will consist of a maximum of six (6) races with discards as described in NoR 17.2.2 and 17.2.3.

17.2.1. A minimum of three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute the Ratings Regatta.

17.2.2. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores.

17.2.3. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race score excluding its worst score.

18. PRIZES

18.1. The overall divisional winners of the Ratings Regatta will be calculated using the relevant Handicap System.

18.2. 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:

- Five (5) entries 1st prize
- Six (6) to nine (9) entries 1st & 2nd prizes
- Ten (10) or more entries 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes

18.3. Individual race day prizes may be awarded by the Derwent Sailing Squadron.

19. MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

The owner or charterer of a competing boat and all crew members shall grant the Derwent Sailing Squadron 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 Ratings Regatta.



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20. DISCLAIMER

20.1. All those taking part in the race do so at their own risk and responsibility. By entering their names on a boat's crew list, crew members acknowledge that by doing so they release the OA, the race sponsor and any other sponsor of the Rating Regatta and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members from all liability and grant the rights referred to in NoR 19.

20.2. 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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