



INCL. Race 2 DUGGANS CONCRETE COVE CUP and Race 3 OYSTER COVE MARINA RACE



Friday 15 September - Sunday 17 September 2023

conducted by the

DERWENT SAILING SQUADRON & KETTERING YACHT CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Pipe Opener Series will be conducted by the Derwent Sailing Squadron in conjunction with the Kettering Yacht Club from the 15-17 September 2023. A firm favourite, this year's 54th Pipe Opener is an eagerly anticipated sailing event as we look forward to another successful sailing season in 2023-24.







1. RULES

- 1.1. The Organising Authority (OA) of the Pipe Opener Series is the Derwent Sailing Squadron Inc. (DSS) and the Kettering Yacht Club (KYC).
- 1.2. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as described in the Notice of Race (NoR) 4.
- 1.3. For each race a boat shall submit a Crew Declaration inclusive of all persons on board that boat, noting the specific requirements of NoR 6.4 and 6.5.
- 1.4. The SeaLink Bruny Island Ferry will have right of way at all times and competitors are reminded to keep clear while racing and while entering the Oyster Cove Marina.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notice to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the DSS up to the commencement of the first race or after this time on the Official Notice Board at the KYC.

CHANGES TO THESE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

- 3.1. Changes to the SI's, if any, shall be made in accordance with RRS 90.2 (c), and changes will be posted not later than two (2) hours prior to the 1st starting signal;
- 3.2. Attention will be drawn to notices or changes to SI's by the display of code flag "L" from the DSS and/or the KYC Flagpole; and
- 3.3. Changes to these SI's may be advised on VHF Channel 81 for Race 1 and VHF Channel 73 for Races 2 and 3.

4. RESPONSIBILITY

- 4.1. All those taking part in the Regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. The DSS and the KYC, regatta sponsors and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members, accept no liability for any injury, loss or damage that may be suffered by any competitor;
- 4.2. The DSS and the KYC or their agents are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat, participant or third party before, during or after any race; and
- 4.3. 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 hers alone".

SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The Regatta will be conducted in allocated Groups and shall consist of 3 races:
 - 5.1.1. Race 1 Friday 15 September 2023 Hobart to Kettering

GROUP	START TIME
Group 4	15:00
Group 1, 2 & 3	18:30

5.1.2. Race 2 - Saturday 16 September 2023 - Duggans Concrete Cove Cup







GROUP	START TIME
Group 4	13:30
Group 3	13:35
Group 2	13:40
Group 1	13:45

5.1.3.Race 3 - Sunday 17 September 2023 – Oyster Cove Marina Race

GROUP	START TIME
Group 1, 2, 3 & 4	10:00

6. GROUPS AND HANDICAP CLASSES

Groups and Handicap Classes will be in accordance with NoR 7.

7. RECALLS

- 7.1. Race 1 Group 4
 - i. Individual and general recalls shall be in accordance with RRS 29.
- 7.2. Race 1 Groups 1-3
 - i. Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1 modified so that in lieu of code flag 'X' being displayed, a green light will be illuminated on the Castray Start Box.
 - ii. General recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.2 modified so that in lieu of code flag 'First Substitute' being displayed, a Green light and an Orange light will be concurrently displayed on the Castray Start Box.
 - iii. The OA will advise individual boat and general recalls on VHF Channel 81.
- 7.3. Race 2
 - i. Individual and general recalls shall be in accordance with RRS 29.
- 7.4. Race 3
 - i. Individual and general recalls shall be in accordance with RRS 29.

8. PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT

RRS 44 will apply.







9. PROTESTS

- 9.1. Protests documentation must be lodged with the Sailing Operations Manager of the Derwent Sailing Squadron or the Race Committee by contacting 0417 121 575:
 - i. Race 1 protests shall be received no later than 12:00 on Saturday 16 September 2023;
 - ii. Race 2 protests shall be received no later than one (1) hour after the last boat finishes Race 2; and
 - iii. Race 3 protests shall be received no later than 16:30 on Monday 18 September 2023.
- 9.2. Protest hearings will be held as follows:
 - i. Race 1 protests hearings will be held as soon as possible after the protest is received and at a location organised by the KYC;
 - ii. Race 2 protests hearings will be held as soon as possible after the protest is received and at a location organised by the KYC; and
 - iii. Race 3 protests hearings will be held at 18:30 on Thursday 21 September 2023 at the DSS, unless otherwise notified.

10. SCORING

Scoring will be in accordance with NoR 10.

11. SAFETY REGULATIONS AND INSPECTIONS

- 11.1. The minimum required safety category for each race shall be in accordance with NoR 8.1;
- 11.2. A boat may be inspected at any time in accordance with Special Regulations Part 1 2.02.2;
- 11.3. Special regulations 5.01 will apply for the Regatta;
 - i. Special Regulations 5.01.1 (k), Life Jackets, shall apply for all boats competing in Race 1; and
 - ii. Special Regulations 5.01.1 (i), Life Jackets, shall apply for all boats without lifelines competing in Race 2 and 3.

11.4. Crew Declaration - Race 1

- 11.4.1. The Crew Declaration for Race 1 shall be submitted via TOPYACHT < HERE > no later than 17:00 on Thursday the 14 September 2023.
- 11.4.2. The Crew Declaration for Race 1 shall confirm that the boat intends to race and shall include required details of persons on board as follows:
 - i. Full Name;
 - ii. Contact phone number and email address;
 - iii. Emergency contact details; and
 - iv. Australian Sailing Number in accordance with NoR 4.3
- 11.4.3. Boats not complying with this shall be scored DSQ for that race. This changes RRS A5 (2021-24). A breach of this rule shall not be subject to protest by a competitor.







- 11.5. Crew Declaration Race 2 and 3
 - 11.5.1. For race 2 & 3 a boat shall submit a Crew Declaration via TOPYACHT < HERE > before its Warning Signal.
 - 11.5.2. 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 4.3
 - 11.5.3. Boats not complying with this shall be scored DSQ for that race. This changes RRS A5 (2021-24). A breach of this rule shall not be subject to protest by a competitor.

12. TROPHIES AND PRIZE GIVING

12.1. Trophies will be awarded in accordance with NoR 15;

The prize giving ceremony for Race 2 – the KYC Duggans Concrete Cove Cup, will be conducted from 20:00 on Saturday 16 September 2023, at the KYC Cove Cup party being held at the KYC club room.

12.2. The Pipe Opener series prize giving ceremony will be conducted at the Derwent Sailing Squadron as part of its winter prize giving on a date to be advised.

13. RACE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

- 13.1. Race 1 Refer to appendix A Group 4
- 13.2. Race 1 Refer to appendix B Groups 1, 2 and 3
- 13.3. Race 2 Refer to appendix C All Groups
- 13.4. Race 3 Refer to appendix D All Groups







APPENDIX A - RACE 1 SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS - GROUP 4 (only) -

(CRUISING GROUP)

FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2023 – HOBART TO KETTERING

A.1 RACING AT NIGHT

- A.1.1. Between sunset and sunrise, when a boat cannot determine with certainty what tack the other boat is on, they shall keep clear of that boat. Competitors are reminded that part of the definition of "room "in the RRS includes taking into account the existing conditions (including visibility). Official sunset shall be 18:02 and official sunrise shall be 06:08.
- A.1.2. Any boat finishing between sunset and sunrise shall illuminate its sail number and advise the boat name by hailing the finish boat as it crosses the finish line.

A.2 OFFICIAL BOATS

Race Committee Boat (Finish) – "MV Masterpiece" – Alan Perkins

A.3 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- A.3.1. All radio transmissions will be made on VHF Channel 81.
- A.3.2. All boats shall complete a pre-race radio check on VHF CH 81. On Friday 15 September 2023, between 14:30 and 14:50, each boat will be called, in alphabetical order until the completion of the radio check. At this radio check a boat will confirm its intention to race and confirming the number of persons on board.
- A.3.3. Boats failing to respond to radio check or are inaudible will be scored "did not start" (DNS).
- A.3.4. The Race Committee Boat will keep a continuous listening watch on VHF Channel 16/81. Competitors are reminded that in the event of an emergency all boats should convert to dual watch VHF Channel 16/81

A.4 START LINE - CASTRAY

The Start Line will be between the flagpole on the Castray Box and a Yellow with Red band inflatable buoy.

A.5 STARTING SIGNALS

- A.5.1. Starting signals will be in accordance RRS 26.
- A.5.2. The warning signal will be 14:55 on the Friday 15 September 2023.

A.6 FINISH LINE - KETTERING

A.6.1. The Finish Line will be between a flashing amber light on the Race Committee Boat which will be south of Little Oyster Bay and anchored off Kettering Point, approximately at position of latitude 43° 7.963'S and 147° 15.904'E., and a mark exhibiting a flashing white light (flash rate: 1.5 seconds), after sunset, set 100 metres in an approximate easterly direction from the finish boat.







A.6.2. Any boat finishing during the hours of darkness shall have its sail number illuminated. Competitors shall notify the Race Committee Boat either verbally or by radio (VHF Channel 81), before crossing the finish line, the name of their boat.



A.7 RETIREMENTS

A boat retiring for any reason must promptly report the circumstances to the Committee Boat on VHF Channel 81 or contact the Race Officer, Ian Ross, on 0457 82 6975 if any radio difficulties.

A.8 TIME LIMIT

Any <u>Group 4</u> boat not finishing before 20:30 on Friday 15 September 2023 will be scored "did not finish". This modifies RRS 35.

A.9 COURSE

The course to be sailed shall be from the Start Line to the Finish Line.







APPENDIX B - RACE 1 SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS - GROUP 1, 2 & 3

FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2023 – HOBART TO KETTERING

B.1. RACING AT NIGHT

- B. 1.1. Between sunset and sunrise, when a boat cannot determine with certainty what tack the other boat is on, they shall keep clear of that boat. Competitors are reminded that part of the definition of "room "in the RRS includes taking into account the existing conditions (including visibility). Official sunset shall be 18:02 and official sunrise shall be 06:08.
- B. 1.2. Any boat finishing between sunset and sunrise shall illuminate its sail number as it crosses the finish line.

B.2. OFFICIAL BOATS

- B. 2.1. Race Committee Boat (Finish) "MV Masterpiece" Alan Perkins
- B. 2.2. Start Pin Boat "RL Bugg" DSS Committee Boat

B.3. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- B. 3.1. All radio transmissions shall be made on VHF Channel 81.
- B. 3.2. All boats shall complete a pre-race radio check on VHF CH 81. On Friday 15 September 2023, between 18:00 and 18:20, each boat will be called, in alphabetical order until the completion of the radio check. At this radio check a boat will confirm its intention to race and confirming the number of persons on board.
- B. 3.3. Boats failing to respond to radio check or are inaudible will be scored "did not start" (DNS).
- B. 3.4. The Race Committee Boat will keep a continuous listening watch on VHF Channel 16/81. Competitors are reminded that in the event of an emergency all boats should convert to dual watch VHF Channel 16/81.

B.4. START LINE - CASTRAY

- B. 4.1. The Start Line will be between the lights on the Castray Box and the Start Pin Boat to eastward which will display an amber occulting light.
- B. 4.2. A distance mark illuminated by a white flashing light may be moored off the Castray Box. Boats must leave the white flashing mark to starboard when starting.

B.5. FINISH LINE - KETTERING

- B. 5.1. The Finish Line will be between a flashing amber light on the Race Committee Boat which will be south of Little Oyster Bay and anchored, off Kettering Point, approximately at position latitude 43° 7.963'S and 147° 15.904'E., and a mark exhibiting a flashing white light (flash rate: 1.5 seconds), after sunset, set 100 metres in an approximate easterly direction from the finish boat.
- B. 5.2. Any boat finishing during the hours of darkness shall have its sail number illuminated. Competitors shall notify the Race Committee Boat either verbally or by radio (VHF Channel 81), before crossing the finish line, the name of their boat.







B. 5.3. Boats shall sail directly from the last mark through the Finish Line. This changes RRS 32.



B.6. SHORTENED COURSE

The Race Committee Boat may nominate a shortened course if necessary and competitors will be notified on VHF Channels 81 then 77 commencing at five (5) minutes past the half hour at 22:35 of the approximate position of the Finish Line to be used.

B.7. STARTING INSTRUCTIONS

- B. 7.1. All Groups will start together.
- B. 7.2. An Attention Signal will be sounded at 18:20.
- B. 7.3. A Warning Signal will be sounded and a Red light illuminated at 18:25. This changes RRS 26.
- B. 7.4. A start signal will be sounded and the Red light extinguished at 18:30. This changes RRS 26.

B.8. RETIREMENTS

A boat retiring for any reason must promptly report the circumstances to the Committee Boat on VHF Channel 81 or contact the Race Officer, Ian Ross, on 0457 826 975 if any radio difficulties.

B.9. TIME LIMIT

Any <u>Group 1, 2 or 3</u> boat not finishing before 03:00 on the Saturday 16 September 2023 will be scored "did not finish". This modifies RRS 35.

B.10. COURSE

The course to be sailed shall be from the Start Line to the Finish Line.







APPENDIX C - RACE 2 SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS - DUGGANS COVE CUP -

ALL GROUPS

SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2023

C.1. OFFICIAL BOATS

Race Committee Boat (Start and Finish) - "MV Uncle Robin" - Greg Hawthorne

C.2. RADIO COMMUNICATION

All radio transmissions shall be made on VHF Channel 73.

C.3. START/FINISH LINE - KETTERING

- C.3.1. The Start/Finish Line (LINE) will be between an imaginary line from the mast of the Race Committee Boat to an Orange Buoy (Mark E). The direction of the start will be through the Start Line towards the first mark.
- C.3.2. The Finish Line will be in the vicinity of the Start Line unless advised otherwise by the Race Officer on Channel 73.

C.4. SHORTENED COURSE

- C.4.1. RRS Rule 32.1 (f) is amended by adding "or for any other reason the Race Officer considers appropriate."
- C.4.2. All boats shall keep a listening watch on VHF Channel 73 for announcements regarding a shortened course.

C.5. STARTING INSTRUCTIONS

- C.5.1. Starting Signals will be in accordance RRS 26
- C.5.2. The Starting Signal will be five (5) minutes after a Groups Warning Signal.

GROUP	WARNING SIGNAL	START TIME	GROUP NUMERAL
Group 4	13:25	13:30	4
Group 3	13:30	13:35	3
Group 2	13:35	13:40	2
Group 1	13:40	13:45	1

C.5.3. Boats not in a start sequence shall keep clear of the starting area.

C.6. RETIREMENTS

A boat retiring for any reason must promptly report the circumstances to the Race Committee Boat on VHF Channel 73.







C.7. TIME LIMIT

Any boat not finishing before 17:00 on the Saturday 16 September 2023 will be scored "did not finish" (DNF). This modifies RRS 35.

C.8. COURSE

- C.8.1. The course to be sailed by a Group will be advised by a course flag at that groups warning signal;
- C.8.2. Boats shall not sail through the Start/Finish Line (LINE) except when required to do so by any of the following courses. A breach of this sailing instruction shall be scored "did not sail the course" (DSC) without hearing.

C.8.3. Course descriptions:

CODE	COURSE	MARKS TO
А	Start $-A-B-C-D$ $-$ Finish	Starboard
В	Start $-A-B-C-D-LINE-A-D-Finish$	Starboard
С	Start – D – C – B – A – Finish	Port
D	Start – D – C – B – A – LINE – D – A - Finish	Port

C.8.4. MARK LOCATION See attached diagram

All distances are in nautical miles. Marks A, B, C and D are brightly coloured permanent marks. Mark E is within the area just east of Little Oyster Cove. Mark E is not the Race Committee Boat.

- A 0.25 m southwest of Simmonds Point (Oyster Cove or Simmonds).
- B 0.30 m southeast of Speculator Point (Shelter Cove or Woodcutters).
- C 0.30 m north of Kinghorne Point (Kinghorne).
- D 0.25 m south of Helliwells Point (Woodbridge).
- E Orange inflatable mark within the area enclosed by the lines on the Duggan Cove Cup Course Card.

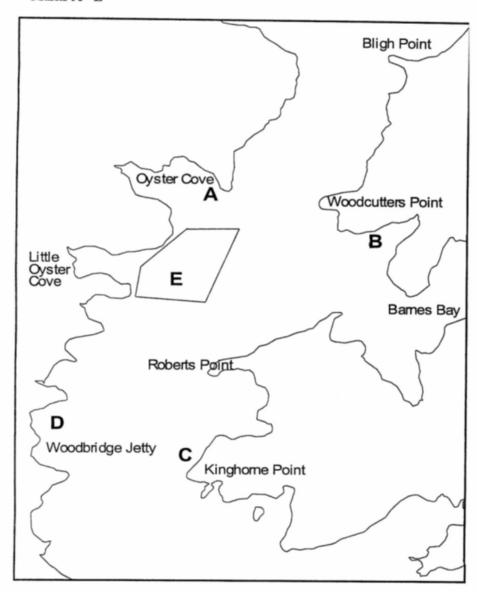






DUGGAN COVE CUP COURSE CARD Courses A - M

Marks A - E









APPENDIX D - RACE 3 - ALL GROUPS

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2023

- D.1. OFFICIAL BOATS
- D.1.1. Race Committee Boat (Start) "MV Uncle Robin"
- D.1.2. Race Committee Boat (Finish) "MV Masterpiece"

D.2. RADIO COMMUNICATION

All radio transmissions shall be made on VHF Channel 73.

D.3. START LINE - KETTERING

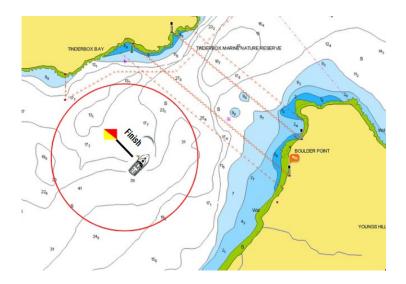
- D.3.1. The Start Line will be between an imaginary line from the mast of the Race Committee Boat to an Orange Buoy (Mark E). The direction of the start will be through the Start Line towards the first mark.
- D.3.2. Mark E is an orange inflatable mark within the area enclosed by the lines on the Duggan Cove Cup Course Card.

D.4. FINISH LINE - DENNES POINT

The Finish Line will be between a blue flag displayed on the Race Committee Boat (Finish), anchored approximately at position 43° 4.215′S/147° 19.889′E. and a flag mark flying code flag "O". The Finish Line may be moved within a 0.4 nm radius circle from that position.

D.5. SHORTENED COURSE

- D.5.1. Should the Race Officer decide to shorten the course, the Committee Boat will fly code flag "S".
- D.5.2. All boats shall keep a listening watch on VHF Channel 73 for announcements regarding a shortened course and the new location of the finish line.









D.6. STARTING INSTRUCTIONS

D.6.1. Starting signals will be in accordance RRS 26

D.6.2. All Groups will start together.

GROUP	WARNING SIGNAL	START TIME	GROUP NUMERAL
Groups 1, 2, 3 & 4	9:55	10:00	5

D.7. RETIREMENTS

A boat retiring for any reason must promptly report the circumstances to the Race Committee Boat on VHF Channel 73.

D.8. TIME LIMIT

Any boat not finishing before 13:00 on the Sunday 17 September 2023 will be scored "did not finish" (DNF). This modifies RRS 35.

D.9. COURSE

The course to be sailed by a Group will be advised by a course flag at that groups warning signal;

Course Descriptions - The course to be sailed shall be from the Start Line to the Finish Line.

CODE	COURSE	
А	Start – Finish	





