



2024

AUTUMN DOUBLE HANDED SERIES



NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority



DERWENT
SAILING SQUADRON

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1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The Derwent Sailing Squadron Inc. (DSS) is the Organising Authority (OA) for the Autumn Double-Handed Series.

2. RULES

- 2.1. Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-24.
- 2.2. Boats shall comply with the Australian Sailing (AS) Prescriptions and Special Regulations and 2023 ORC Rating System Rules.
- 2.3. Boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7, with the exception of the SB20 fleet that shall comply with either Category 7 or a valid SB20 Australia - SB20 Equipment Audit Form. A fully operational VHF radio is mandatory (this can be a handheld).
- 2.4. 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;
 - ii. to allow the use of stored power for sail handling and sail trimming on any boat; and
 - iii. to allow self-steering equipment to be used by boats.
 - b. RRS 55.2 is changed to allow the use of fixed or retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits for the purpose of setting 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 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.
- 2.5. The OA may amend any detail of this Notice of Race (NoR) before 17:00 on the 15 April 2024.

2.6. There will be two (2) adult crew on board for the Autumn Double-Handed Series.

~~2.6~~2.7. All competitors shall wear a suitable PFD (lifejacket) whilst racing.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. Entry is open to boats owned by members of clubs affiliated with Australian Sailing. Entries are accepted at the discretion of the OA.
- 3.2. Crew Declaration
 - 3.2.1. For each race a boat shall submit a Crew Declaration via TOPYACHT before their Warning Signal.

3.2.2. 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 3.3.

3.2.3. Boats that do not comply with NoR 3.2.1 and NoR 3.2.2 will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the relevant race. This changes A5.1 RRS (2021-24).

3.3. 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.

3.4. The OA reserves the right to accept, reject or cancel any entry.

3.5. Competitors who join the series after one (1) or more races have been run will be awarded a 'Late Entrant' score for each earlier race. The 'Late Entrant' score will be Did Not Compete (DNC) score for the first (non-abandoned) race run after the competitor joins the series. Previously allocated DNC scores for other boats will not be altered. This changes RRS A5.

4. ENTRY

4.1. Entries shall be lodged via the OA's website no later than 17:00 on Thursday ~~2 May~~ [18 April](#) 2024. Late entries may be accepted after this time at the absolute discretion of the OA.

4.2. No entry will be deemed to have been accepted until approved by the OA and until a self-assessed AS Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form for the appropriate safety category or a valid SB20 Australia - SB20 Equipment Audit Form, for an SB20 entry, has been lodged with the Race Office.

4.3. Boats may enter as Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker.

4.4. Entry fees

Series Entry (incl. PHS)	\$60
• Additional Handicap Group (ORC)	\$20
Individual Race Day Entry (incl. PHS)	\$20
• Additional Handicap Group (ORC)	\$15

5. INSURANCE

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

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

RACE	DAY	DATE	START	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL
Day 1	Sunday	21 April 2024	Castray Esplanade	09:25
Day 2	Sunday	28 April 2024	Castray Esplanade	09:25
Day 3	Sunday	05 May 2024	Castray Esplanade	09:25
Day 4	Sunday	12 May 2024	Castray Esplanade	09:25

7. GROUP ALLOCATION

- 7.1. The Autumn Double-Handed Series will be conducted in allocated groups. The OA will allocate boats according to size, known performance and TCF handicaps (where known). The composition of each group will be displayed on the noticeboard and be available from 16:00 on the Friday before the first race of the series.
- 7.2. Boats entering ORC_C must have a current, valid audited ORC_C two-handed certificate or a current, valid ORC_I two-handed 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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

SI's will be available from the OA Website.

9. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The Series Official Notice Board for each race will be located on the Notice Board of the OA located in the window of the office adjacent the DSS entrance.

10. RACING AREA

The waters of the River Derwent.

11. COURSES

As described in the SI.

12. SCORING

A boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1. A Series prize will be awarded to the first boat in each Group.
- 13.2. Additional Series prizes maybe awarded but the OA reserve the right to vary the number of prizes based on the number of entries as follows:
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| Three (3) to Five (5) entries | 1st prize |
| Six (6) to nine (9) entries | 1st & 2nd prizes |
| Ten (10) or more entries | 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes |

13.3. Individual race day prizes may be awarded after the race based on the above number of entries.

14. SAFETY

14.1. The attention of all persons taking part in the Autumn Double Handed Series races is drawn to the requirement to comply with the Marine Safety (Misuse of Alcohol) Act, 2006.

14.2. A handheld VHF shall be carried in the cockpit as a minimum.

14.3. All competitors **SHALL** wear a suitable PFD (lifejacket) whilst racing.

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

14.5. Boats must report any serious on water incidents to the Race Officer/OA as soon as practical (for example man overboard, collision, grounding or crew injury).

14.6. The person in charge of the boat must give way to a vessel that is under pilotage as per Regulation 29 of the Marine and Safety (Pilotage and Navigation) Regulations 2017.

15. MEDIA RIGHTS

The owner or charterer of a competing boat and all crew members shall grant the OA 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 any race ran by the OA.

16. 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 service organisations 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 OA.

17. LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

17.1. All persons taking part in this series, whether as entrants or otherwise, do so at their own risk and responsibility. Particular attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3 Decision to Race.

17.2. The OA, their executives, boards, servants and agents and all other parties involved with the conduct and organisation of the Autumn Double Handed Series 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 NoR and by the SI.

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

FURTHER INFORMATION

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