



NOTICE OF RACE

Event Website

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Organising Authority



On behalf of Australian Sailing





The Derwent Sailing Squadron (DSS) on behalf of Australian Sailing, as the Organising Authority (OA) of the 2025 Australian Yachting Championship (AYC) regatta, invites entries from owners and charterers of eligible boats to race on the waters of the Derwent River, Storm Bay and/or the D'Entrecasteaux Channel between 3 January 2025 and 5 January 2025.

1. RULES

1.1. GENERAL RULES

Except as amended by this Notice of Race (NoR) or the Sailing Instructions (SI) the regatta will be governed by:

- i. The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS) as defined by World Sailing (WS);
- ii. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration will apply;
- iii. the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS Special Regulations);
- iv. the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea;
- v. the current IRC Rules Parts A, B and C;

1.2. CHANGES TO THE RULES

1.2.1. In all rules governing this regatta:

- i. [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 64.2;
- ii. [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee or technical committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5; and
- iii. [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1.2.2. The RRS are amended as follows:

- i. RRS 41 is changed that 'whilst racing a boat may retrieve data from any page of the Regatta or DSS Websites, even if that page is not publicly available.'



- ii. RRS 52 is changed to:
 - allow adjustment of movable ballast or canting keels on any boat and the use of stored power to do so; and/or
 - to allow the use of stored power for sail handling and sail trimming on any boat.
- iii. RRS 55.1 and 55.2 are changed so that fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits are permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.
- iv. 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 SI relating to keeping clear of start and finish lines. Penalties shall be as specified in the SI.
- v. RRS 64.2 is changed so that penalties arising from protests will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification.

1.2.3. The IRC rule is amended:

- i. For the purposes of IRC rules 21.1.5 (d) and (e), this regatta is on consecutive days, however the sails carried on board may not remain the same for the duration of the event. Sails shall remain the same for each day and a boat shall not carry more sails than permitted by its IRC certificate. For the purpose of this rule, the day begins when the boat leaves the dock for the first time each day and ends when the boat returns to the dock after racing.
- ii. [NP] Sails used for each day shall remain on board for 60 minutes after the boat returns or arrives at the dock.



- iii. Sails shall not be repaired ashore, modified or replaced without permission from the Technical Committee, which may set conditions, including inspection or re-measurement. Repairs, modification or replacements shall not result in a sail no longer complying with the IRC Certification.

2. AMENDMENTS

- 2.1. Amendments will be published on the Official Notice Board (ONB) found on the regatta website <[HERE](#)>. A notice of an amendment will be sent to boats that have commenced the entry process.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SI will be available on the regatta website <[HERE](#)> no later than 17:00 Friday 20 December 2024.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.1. The ONB will be online at the regatta website <[HERE](#)>
- 4.2. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 4.3. [NP] On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The operating channel will be stated in the SIs.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

A boat must satisfy the following requirements in order to have its entry accepted:

5.1. Boat:

A boat shall:

- a. be single hulled;
- b. have a hull length (as defined in The Equipment Rules of Sailing of WS and referred to in IRC as "LH" not more than 30.48 metres and not less than 7.9 metres;
- c. comply with AS Special Regulations for Race Category 5;



- d. hold a current, valid IRC certificate, being an Endorsed Certificate issued by RORC or UNCL. No alteration to the certificate will be permitted, after the documentation provision date, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct rating errors;
- e. have an IRC TCC of greater than 0.94;
- f. satisfy all conditions of this NoR; and
- g. have a crew that satisfies NoR 8.

6. FEES AND DOCUMENTATION

- 6.1. Entries shall be made online through the TOPYACHT entry system found <[HERE](#)>, and will be received no later than 23:59 on Sunday the 15 December 2024.
- 6.2. Entries will be accompanied by the \$450 entry fee.
 - Entry fees are goods and service tax inclusive; and
 - A tax invoice will be provided on request.
- 6.3. Late entries may be accepted after the entry closing date, at the absolute discretion of the OA, and will be accompanied by a late fee of \$150 in addition to the entry fee.
- 6.4. The following documentation shall be uploaded via the TOPYACHT entry system no later than 23:59 on the 15 December 2024:
 - i. AS Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form for Category 5, duly audited by an accredited AS equipment auditor;
 - ii. a certificate of insurance currency confirming NoR 18; and
 - iii. copy of current valid endorsed IRC certificate:

NB: This may be either the Boats primary or secondary IRC certificate, but not both.



6.5. Before the first scheduled race of the regatta, all boats shall submit to the Sailing Office a completed Sail Declaration Form.

7. DIVISIONS

7.1. The Race Committee shall create divisions and allocate boats to these divisions at its absolute discretion. The composition and allocation of boats into divisions shall not be subject to protest or grounds for a request for redress (this changes RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a) and RRS 63.1 shall not apply)

7.2. A decision of the OA or the Race Committee as to any matter under NoR 5, including as to whether a boat and its crew meet the eligibility criteria for entry in the race, is final and binding and will not be grounds for a request for redress (this changes RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a) and RRS 63.1 shall not apply).

8. CREW LIMITATIONS

8.1. Crew Declaration

8.1.1. [SP] [DP] Each participating yacht shall maintain an accurate Crew Declaration for each race day in the TOPYACHT system.

8.1.2. The Crew Declaration shall include details of each person on board as follows:

- i. Name;
- ii. Contact phone number;
- iii. Australian Sailing Number or Member National Authority in accordance with NoR 8.1.6;
- iv. Emergency contact name and phone number.

8.1.3. The maximum number of crew on a boat shall be the crew number listed on that boats IRC certificate.

8.1.4. The minimum number of crew on a boat shall be four (4);

8.1.5. At least two (2) crew members must be over the age of eighteen (18) as at 3 January 2025;



8.1.6. All participating crew members shall be a member of a club affiliated to AS or hold a valid AYC Sail Pass, or if an international competitor, be a member of a club affiliated to a WS recognised Member National Authority.

8.1.7. If a crew member does not have a current membership with an affiliated club, they shall pay \$50 for temporary membership via an AYC Sail Pass [<HERE>](#).

9. ADVERTISING

9.1. [NP] [SP]Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

9.2. Any sponsor or division flags will be distributed to competitors prior to racing.

10. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

i. Schedule:

Date	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday 1 January 2025	12:00 - 16:00hrs	Registration
	10:00 – 18:00hrs	Technical Committee Equipment Inspections
Thursday 2 January 2025	09:00 – 12:00hrs	Registration
	09:00 - 12:00hrs	Technical Committee Equipment Inspections
Friday 3 January 2025	9:00hrs	Competitors Briefing
	10:55hrs	First Warning Signal
Saturday 4 January 2025	10:25hrs	First Warning Signal
Sunday 5 January 2025	10:25hrs	First Warning Signal
	After Racing	Prize giving



- ii. The regatta will consist of up to 7 races;
- iii. No warning signal will be displayed after 15:30 in Sunday 5 January 2025.

11. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 11.1. The OA shall appoint a Technical Committee.
- 11.2. A boat and/or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance to those boats rating certificate, the NoR and/or the SI.
- 11.3. [NP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

12. RACING VENUE AND COURSES

- 12.1. Racing will be conducted on the waters of the Derwent River, Storm Bay and/or the D'Entrecasteaux Channel; and
- 12.2. It is intended that the regatta will be a mixture of windward / leeward, triangle and passage races as described in the Sailing Instructions (SI).

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that only a one (1) turn penalty, including one (1) tack and one (1) gybe is required, except for infringements that occur within the "zone" of a rounding mark.
- 13.2. The intention is to appoint a National Jury as provided in RRS Addendum A.

14. SCORING

- 14.1. Races will be scored using the IRC TCC as printed on the boats IRC certificate.
- 14.2. The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 14.3. The AYC will consist of up to 7 races.
- 14.4. A minimum of 2 races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.5. A boats series score shall be:
 - 14.5.1. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores;



14.5.2. When six (6) or (7) races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of its race score excluding its worst score.

15. BERTHING

15.1. Berthing for boats from outside of the greater Hobart area, that have entered before 1 December 2024, will be offered free of charge berthage for the period 1 January 2025 to 6 January 2025, subject to completion of a booking form found <[HERE](#)>.

15.2. Berthing for boats may be booked at normal rates outside of this period by completion of a booking form found <[HERE](#)>.

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS, DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

16.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and in accordance with the terms of prior written permission from the Technical Committee.

16.2. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

16.3. Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means during the regatta.

17. RISK STATEMENT

*RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone'. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden change of weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.***



18. SAFETY

- 18.1. Boats shall comply with the AS Special Regulations for Race Category 5.
- 18.2. 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.

19. INSURANCE

The owner or charterer of a boat shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat current 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 regatta, or its equivalent in another currency).

20. PRIZES

- 20.1. Australian Yachting Championship prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place overall in each IRC Division.
- 20.2. Additional Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.
- 20.3. Prizes will be presented at the prize giving ceremony as soon as is practical following the final race on Sunday 5 January 2025.

21. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 21.1. Participants at this event automatically grant to the OA and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make use and show from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of them during the period in which they participate, and in all material related to the event without compensation.
- 21.2. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the OA.
- 21.3. Competitors may be required for media interviews or press conferences at the regatta.



22. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

22.1. By entering, the owner/charter:

- i. agrees to be bound by all the rules and conditions of the regatta;
- ii. acknowledges the possibility of and accepts the risks associated with:
 - a. the perils of the sea;
 - b. the seaworthiness or otherwise of any yacht participating in the 2025 AYC;
 - c. the participation, including negligent participation, by all persons in the 2025 AYC, including participation as owner, charterer, crew person, official, race organiser or otherwise; and
 - d. the defaults, acts and omissions, of the Derwent Sailing Squadron and its officers, and the crews of all yachts.
- iii. acknowledges and accepts that the Derwent Sailing Squadron
 - a. does not and cannot control, diminish, or affect the perils of the sea;
 - b. does not certify, or carry out inspections with respect to the seaworthiness or suitability to race of any yacht; and
 - c. is not in a position to provide advice, assistance or support to yachts and crews during the course of a race.
- iv. agrees that:
 - a. it is a fundamental condition of entry that he/she/they releases, holds harmless and indemnifies the Derwent Sailing Squadron, its office bearers, staff, servants, agents and members and the sponsors of the 2025 AYC from all liability any of those persons has to the owner/charterer or any crew member on the owner/charterer's yacht, or to any person claiming through or under any such person arising from loss or damage howsoever



caused, including negligent act or omission, arising out of or relating to:

- participation by the owner/charterer's yacht or any other yacht in a race;
 - the conduct or course of the race in any respect including, without limitation, any act or omission (whether reasonably foreseeable or not) causing or relating to loss of or damage to any yacht or the death or injury of any person; or
 - any of the matters referred to in the paragraphs above;
- b. participation by the yacht and by the crew in the 2025 AYC is agreed by the Derwent Sailing Squadron on the basis that participation is entirely at the risk of the owner/charterer and each member of the crew on the owner/charterer's yacht;
- c. the owner/charterer will provide each crew member or proposed crew member with a copy of these Conditions of Entry.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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