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# NOTICE OF RACE

INCL. Race 2 FAIR DINKUM BUILDS COVE CUP  
and Race 3 OYSTER COVE MARINA RACE



Friday 20 September - Sunday 22 September 2024

**Organising Authority:**

DERWENT SAILING SQUADRON  
& KETTERING YACHT CLUB



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The Pipe Opener Series, proudly sponsored by Ronald Young & Co. Builders, will be conducted by the Derwent Sailing Squadron in conjunction with the Kettering Yacht Club from the 20 – 22 September 2024. A firm favourite, this year's 56th Pipe Opener is an eagerly anticipated sailing event as we look forward to another successful sailing season in 2024-25.

## 1. INVITATION AND LOCATION

- 1.1. The Derwent Sailing Squadron Inc. (DSS) and the Kettering Yacht Club Inc. (KYC), as the Organising Authority (OA), invites owners and charterers of eligible boats to apply for entry to the 2024 Pipe Opener Series (the Regatta), to be conducted on the waters of the River Derwent and the D'Entrecasteaux Channel from Friday 20 September 2024 to Sunday 22 September 2024.
- 1.2. The Regatta Office and Official Noticeboard, will be located until 19:00 on the 20 September 2024 at the Derwent Sailing Squadron, after which the Regatta Office and Official Noticeboard will be located at the Kettering Yacht Club.

## 2. RACES AND COURSE AREA

- 2.1. The Regatta shall consist of 3 races:

### 2.1.1. Race 1

- i. Friday 20 September 2024 - Hobart to Kettering;
- ii. Group 4 (Cruising) will start at Castray Box with the 1<sup>st</sup> Warning Signal being at 14:55;
- iii. Groups 1, 2 and 3 will start at Castray Box with the 1<sup>st</sup> Warning Signal for all groups being at 18:25;
- iv. The race will finish at Kettering (unless shortened);
- v. The course to be sailed will be in the Sailing Instructions.

### 2.1.2. Race 2

- i. Saturday 21 September 2024 – Fair Dinkum Builds Cove Cup;
- ii. The race will start at Kettering with the 1<sup>st</sup> Warning Signal for the 1<sup>st</sup> group being at 13:25;
- iii. The race will finish at Kettering (unless shortened);
- iv. The course to be sailed will be in the Sailing Instructions.

### 2.1.3. Race 3

- i. Sunday 22 September 2024 - Oyster Cove Marina Race;
- ii. The race will start at Kettering with the 1<sup>st</sup> Warning Signal for the 1<sup>st</sup> group being at 09:55;
- iii. The race will finish in the vicinity of Dennes Point (unless shortened);
- iv. The course to be sailed will be in the Sailing Instructions.



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### 3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available online <[HERE](#)> by no later than 17:00 on Wednesday the 18 September 2024.

### 4. RULES

- 4.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS), the Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1 and Part 2, the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, and the current rating rules of each measurement rating category;
- 4.2. Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-24 (RRS) including:
  - a. The IRC Rules 2024 Parts A, B and C;
  - b. The ORC Rating System Rules 2024; and
  - c. the prescriptions and special regulation of Australian Sailing ("AS Special Regulations") (a copy of which may be 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.
- 4.3. The OA may amend any detail of this Notice of Race (NoR). Amendments made before 17:00 on Wednesday the 18 September 2024 will be published on the event website, <[HERE](#)> and posted on the Official Noticeboard. Entrants should check the site periodically to keep up to date with the latest information.
- 4.4. All boats shall comply with the prevailing Tasmanian statutory requirements, including Marine and Safety Tasmania requirements.
- 4.5. For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS, an arbitration hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing. A boat that accepts fault at an arbitration hearing will be penalised by having its race score increased by 30% of the difference between the boat's finishing score and the score for DSQ in its handicap Class, rounded to the nearest whole number. All other boats' scores will remain the same. Once accepted, this decision is not subject to reopening or appeal. This alters RRS 63, 66 and Appendix A.
- 4.6. CHANGES TO RSS
  - 4.6.1. RRS 55.2 is changed to allow the use of fixed or retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits for the purpose of setting spinnakers;



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4.6.2. RRS 52 is changed by adding "The use of stored power may be used for the operation of sails and moveable ballast systems."; and

4.6.3. RRS 63.1 and A5 are changed by adding the following to each "The Race Committee may apply penalties without a hearing to boats that infringe the Sailing Instructions relating to keeping clear of start and finish lines. Penalties shall be as specified in the Sailing Instructions."

## 5. ENTRY

5.1. Entries are invited from keel boat registered with any Australian Sailing affiliated yacht club and which satisfy the safety regulations as required for each race of the Regatta.

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

5.3. By lodging an entry, the entrant agrees to be bound by the rules and conditions of the Regatta.

5.4. By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer agrees that they will ensure that the entered yacht is covered by suitable public liability insurance of at least AU\$10,000,000, valid for racing and current for the duration of the Regatta.

5.5. Eligible boats shall enter online electronically only, through the event website <[HERE](#)> until 17:00 Wednesday 18 September 2024. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA, with the payment of a late entry fee.

5.6. Entry Fees

Series Entry PHS	\$80
Add Series Entry IRC	\$35
Add Series Entry ORC	\$35
Casual Race Entry PHS	\$40
Add Casual Race Entry IRC	\$20
Add Casual Race Entry ORR	\$20

## 6. CREW

6.1. The minimum number of crew for Race 1 is three (3), unless dispensation has been applied for in writing and granted before close of entries. A minimum of three (3) crew on any yacht for this race shall be over the age of eighteen (18) years. Minimum ages are taken from the start date of the Regatta.



- 6.2. The minimum number of crew for Race 2 and Race 3 is two (2).
- 6.3. 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.
- 6.4. Crew Declaration – Race 1
- 6.4.1. The Crew Declaration for Race 1 shall be submitted via TOPYACHT <[HERE](#)> no later than 17:00 on Thursday the 19 September 2024.
- 6.4.2. 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 6.6.
- 6.4.3. Boats that do not comply with NoR 6.4.1 & 6.4.2 will be scored DSQ without hearing for the relevant race. This changes RRS A5 (2021-24). A breach of this rule shall not be subject to protest by a competitor.
- 6.5. Crew Declaration – Race 2 and 3
- 6.5.1. For race 2 & 3 a boat shall submit a Crew Declaration via TOPYACHT <[HERE](#)> by no later than its groups warning signal for each race.
- 6.5.2. 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 6.6
- 6.5.3. Boats that do not comply with NoR 6.5.1 & 6.5.2 will be scored DSQ without hearing for the relevant race. This changes RRS A5 (2021-24). A breach of this rule shall not be subject to protest by a competitor.
- 6.6. All crew members must comply with the AS Prescription to RRS 46. All participating crews members shall be a member affiliated to AS or hold a valid SailPass. SailPass is available at no cost through the following link <[HERE](#)>.



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## 7. GROUPS, HANDICAP CLASSES (CLASS) AND ELIGIBILITY

- 7.1. The fleet will be divided into groups, based on the number of entries at the close of entry and at the discretion of the OA. Regatta groups will be published and displayed online <[HERE](#)> from 17:00 on Thursday the 19 September 2024. Printed copies will be displayed on the Official Noticeboard.
- 7.2. A boat's entry will automatically enter it to its allocated group's Performance Handicap System (PHS) class.
- 7.3. Boats wishing to enter IRC or ORC may be requested to provide a copy of their valid IRC and/or ORC Rating Certificate/s.
- 7.4. The OA may cancel any group or class if fewer than three (3) entries have been received in that group or class by the closing date. In this event, boats that have entered may be reallocated to a different group or class, or will have their entry fee for that group or class refunded in full.

## 8. SAFETY

- 8.1. The Safety Categories for each race will in accordance with AS Special Regulations, Part 1, Section 2, (effective 1 July 2021), as detailed below:
  - 8.1.1. Boats competing in **Race 1** of the Regatta must comply with the safety regulations for [Category 5 \(night\)](#) except that a fitted VHF transceiver is mandatory [this amends AS SR 3.25.1(b)]
  - 8.1.2. Boats competing in **Race 2** and **Race 3** of the Regatta must comply with the safety regulations for [Category 7](#) together with a VHF radio (this may be a hand-held unit).
- 8.2. All boats shall submit a completed AS Special Regulation Audit Form for the Safety Category in which it will compete. This may be self-audited and will be submitted by the entry closing time on Wednesday 18 September 2024.
- 8.3. All persons participating in the Regatta should be aware of the application of the Marine Safety (Misuse of Alcohol) Act 2006.
- 8.4. The Person in Charge is also reminded of the crew requirement for the wearing of a Personal Floatation Device (PFD) at night.
- 8.5. All crew on boats without lifelines shall always wear a PFD whilst racing.
- 8.6. It is recommended that entrants have a practised Man Overboard Procedure that all crew members are made fully aware of.



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## 9. HANDICAPS

- 9.1. Entrants will be allocated a PHS handicap by the OA. An allocated handicap shall not be grounds for protest.
- 9.2. Regatta groups will be determined by allocated PHS handicaps after the close of entries.
- 9.3. The OA reserves the right to adjust performance-based handicap values any time during the Regatta. Such adjustment shall not be grounds for protest.
- 9.4. Boats entering IRC must have a current valid endorsed IRC certificate. Except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct a rating office error, no changes to a boat's IRC rating will be permitted after 17:00, Wednesday 18 September 2024.
- 9.5. Boats entering ORC<sub>c</sub> must have a current, valid audited ORC<sub>c</sub> certificate or a current, valid ORC<sub>i</sub> 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. Except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct a rating office error, no changes to a boat's ORC rating will be permitted after 17:00, Wednesday 18 September 2024.

## 10. SCORING

- 10.1. Races shall be scored based on handicap or rating system. For IRC this will be the IRC Time Corrector (TCC) as printed on the certificate. For ORC<sub>c</sub> this will be the Single Number Scoring Option, All Purpose (AP) Time on Time as printed on the certificate.

## 11. TROPHIES

- 11.1. Regatta trophies will be awarded to boats placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each handicap group;
- 11.2. Trophies will be awarded for Race 2 to boats placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each handicap group;
- 11.3. The OA reserves the right to vary the number of trophies based on the number of starters in each handicap group, but not less than:

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| i.   | three to five | 1 <sup>st</sup>                                       |
| ii.  | six to nine   | 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup>                   |
| iii. | over 10       | 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> |

## 12. PRIZE GIVING FUNCTIONS

- 12.1. Prizes for handicap groups winners of Race 2, the Fair Dinkum Builds Cove Cup, will be presented at the Kettering Yacht Club on Saturday evening, 20 September 2024.



12.2. All other prizes will be presented at a prize night to be held at the DSS date to be confirmed.

### 13. MOORING ARRANGEMENT AND CATERING

13.1. Accommodation for non-Hobart based boats competing in Race 1 of the Regatta will be available at no charge in the marina at the DSS from 09:00 Sunday 15 September 2024 until the start of Race 1. Boats requiring accommodation at the DSS must complete the booking form found [<HERE>](#). It is a condition of entry that boats must moor as directed.

13.2. Accommodation for non-Kettering based boats competing in Race 2 and Race 3 of the Regatta will be available at no charge in the Oyster Cove Marina from 21:00 on Friday 20 September 2024 to the start of Race 3. Boats requiring accommodation at the Oyster Cove Marina must complete the booking form found [<HERE>](#). It is a condition of entry that boats must moor as directed.

13.3. Pre-Race 1 meals will be available at the DSS from 12:00 on Friday 20 September 2024.

13.4. Breakfast will be available to purchase from the KYC Club House on the 21 and 22 September 2024. Dinner on the 21 September 2024 will be available to purchase from food and beverage vans located at the KYC and other local businesses near to the Oyster Cove Marina. We urge competitors to support local businesses.

13.5. Beverages will be served from the KYC licensed premises on the evening of Friday 20 September 2024 until midnight at the conclusion of Race 1 and on Saturday 21 September 2024.

### 14. MEDIA RIGHTS & RESTRICTIONS

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.

### 15. 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.**



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## 16. INDEMNITY

- 16.1. All those taking part in races conducted by the OA and associates do so at their own risk and responsibility.
- 16.2. The OA is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 16.3. The OA will not certify the suitability of a boat to race.
- 16.4. By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer agrees that:
- i. it is a fundamental condition of entry that he, she or they releases, holds harmless and indemnifies the OA and its associates, its office bearers, servants, agents and members and the sponsors of the 2024 Pipe Opener Regatta from all liability any of those persons has to the owner/charterer or any crew member on the owner/charterer's boat, or to any person claiming through or under any such person arising from loss or damage how so ever caused, including negligent act or omission, arising out of or relating to:
    - a. participation by the owner/charterer's boat or any other boat in a race;
    - b. the conduct or course of a 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 boat or the death or injury of any person; or
    - c. any of the matters referred to in the paragraphs above.
- 16.5. Participation by the boat and by the crew in the Regatta is agreed by OA 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 boat.
- 16.6. 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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