



NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority:



DERWENT
SAILING SQUADRON

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1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Derwent Sailing Squadron Inc. (DSS) as the Organising Authority (OA), invites owners and charterers of eligible boats to enter the 2025 Battery World DSS Winter Pennant (Winter Pennant)

2. RULES

2.1. 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 2024 IRC Rules Parts A, B and C; and
- v. the 2024 IMS Rules and the 2024 ORC Rating System Rules.

2.2. CHANGES TO THE RULES

2.3. In all rules governing this Winter Pennant:

- i. [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 64;
- ii. [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race 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.

2.4. 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.

2.5. RRS 55.1 and 55.2 are changed so that fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits are permitted for the purpose of setting spinnakers.

2.6. 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.

2.7. RRS 64 is changed so that penalties arising from protests will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification.

3. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The Official Notice Board will be situated in the window adjacent to the front entrance of the DSS in Sandy Bay. Notices to Competitors shall be posted on the online [Official Notice Board](#).

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SI will be available on the event website <[HERE](#)> no later than 17:00 Friday 20 June 2025. Printed copies will be available from the office at the DSS from the above date.

5. PROTEST COMMITTEE

The OA shall appoint a Protest Committee.

6. ELIGIBILITY

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

6.2. Crew Declaration.

6.2.1. For each race a boat shall submit a Crew Declaration via TOPYACHT before their Warning Signal. 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 6.4.

6.3. [NP] Boats that do not comply with NoR 6.2.1 will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the relevant race. This changes RRS A5.1.

6.4. 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.

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

6.6. Boats entering IRC must have a current valid endorsed 2024 IRC certificate which shall apply for the duration of the Winter Pennant.

6.7. Boats entering ORC must have a current, valid audited 2024 ORC_c certificate or a current, valid 2024 ORC_i certificate which shall apply for the duration of the Winter Pennant. 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.

7. SAFETY

7.1. Boats shall comply with the AS Special Regulations Category 7 with the exception of an SB20 entry who shall comply with either Category 7 or a valid SB20 Australia – SB20 Equipment Audit Form for the Winter Pennant.

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

8. 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 equivalent in another currency).

9. HANDICAP CLASSES

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

- i. Boats entered IRC shall have a current valid endorsed **2024** IRC certificate.
- ii. Boats entered ORC shall have a current, valid audited (AS ORC_c Measurer audited) 2024 ORC_c certificate or a current, valid **2024** ORC_i certificate.

9.2. 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. RRS 63.1 shall not apply.

10. ENTRY, DOCUMENTATION AND FEES

10.1. A boat shall complete the entry form (including the Conditions of Entry) through the online entry system found <[HERE](#)> before 17:00 on Thursday, 20 June 2025.

10.2. Entry Fees

Entry (incl. PHS) Pennant	\$100
• Additional Handicap Group (IRC and/or ORC _c) Pennant	\$40 each

- Individual Race Day Entry (casual entry) (incl. PHS) \$25
- Additional Handicap Group (IRC and/or ORCc) (casual entry) \$15 each

11. SCHEDULE OF RACES

RACE	DAY	DATE	START	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL
Day 1	Sunday	22 June 2025	Midriver	09:35
Day 2	Sunday	13 July 2025	Midriver	09:35
Day 3	Sunday	03 August 2025	Midriver	09:35
Day 4	Sunday	24 August 2025	Midriver	09:35
Day 5	Sunday	07 September 2025	Midriver	09:35

12. COURSES

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

13. CHANGES TO SUPPLIED DOCUMENTATION

The OA will not accept a change to a boat's IRC or ORC certificate after 17:00 on Wednesday 18 June 2025 except as a result of a rating protest or to correct an office rating error.

14. DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY

A decision of the OA as to any matter under NoR 6, 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 redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1 and RRS 63.1 shall not apply).

15. SCORING

15.1. 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.

15.2. Minimum number of races to constitute a series:

15.2.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2.2. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores.

15.2.3. When five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series scores will be the total of its race score excluding its worst score.

16. PRIZES

16.1. A Pennant prize will be awarded to the first boat in each Winter Pennant Division and will be calculated using the relevant Handicap System.

16.2. 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:

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

16.3. Individual race day prizes may be awarded by the OA at the Derwent Sailing Squadron.

17. MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

The owner or charterer of a competing boat and all crew members shall grant the DSS 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 Winter Pennant.

18. 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 changes in 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.**

19. DISCLAIMER

19.1. 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 Winter Pennant and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members from all liability and grant the rights referred to in NoR 17.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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