



2026-2027

DSS/RYCT TWILIGHT PENNANT

SERIES

INCL. SB20 SUMMER PENNANT

NOTICE OF RACE

8 October – 17 December 2026

(RYCT Twilight & SB20 Summer Pennant)

&

21 January – 25 March 2027

(DSS Twilight & SB20 Summer Pennant)

Organising Authority:

DERWENT SAILING SQUADRON AND
THE ROYAL YACHT CLUB OF TASMANIA

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Twilight Pennant Series and SB20 Summer Pennant will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) (a copy of which can be found [HERE](#)) as defined by World Sailing (WS).
- 1.2. Except as amended by this Notice of Race (NoR) and/or the Sailing Instructions (SI), the race will be governed by the current versions of:
 - a. the 2026 IMS Rules and the 2026 ORC Rating System Rules; and
 - b. 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.
- 1.3. Boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1. Category 7 please note that an operational VHF radio is mandatory (this can be a handheld unit) with the exception of the SB20 fleet who shall comply with either Category 7 or a valid SB20 Australia - SB20 Equipment Audit Form.
- 1.4. Only a mainsail, mizzen and headsails as defined by the RRS 55.4 shall be used. Headsails shall not be set flying. No sail shall be set forward of a point of attachments of the permanent forestay. This rule does not apply to the SB20 fleet.
- 1.5. Appendix T Arbitration of the RSS applies.
- 1.6. The minimum number of crew to be on board is two (2) adults for the Twilight Pennant Series. The SB20 Summer Pennant shall comply with crew Class Rules C.3.
- 1.7. CHANGES TO CLASS RULES AND RSS
 - 1.7.1. RRS 52 is changed by adding "The use of stored power may be used for the operation of sails and moveable ballast systems."
 - 1.7.2. RRS A5.1 are changed by adding the following to each "The Race Committee may apply penalties without a hearing to boats which infringe the SIs relating to keeping clear of start and finish lines."
 - 1.7.3. RRS A2.2 does not apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SIs will be available from the Organising Club by no later than Friday 25 September 2026 and placed on the Organising Club's websites.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Series Official Notice Board for each race will be located on the Notice Board of the Club assigned to conduct the race. Copies of notices will be placed on the other Club's Notice Boards as soon as practical before and following a race.

- 3.2. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the sailing instructions.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. Entry is open to owners of boats who are members of clubs affiliated with Australian Sailing. Entries are accepted at the discretion of the OA.

- 4.2. Crew Declaration.

For each race a boat shall prior to their Warning Signal submit a Crew Declaration via TOPYACHT. 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 4.4

- 4.3. Boats competing in the SB20 Summer Pennant shall submit an Intention to Race by 15:00 hours on each scheduled race day.

The Intention to Race shall be submitted by SMS to the mobile number recorded for the boat in TopYacht.

If fewer than six (6) SB20 boats submit an Intention to Race by 15:00 hours, Course 20, described in the Sailing Instructions, will not be conducted on that race day, and SB20 competitors shall race on the course allocated in accordance with these Sailing Instructions by the Race Committee.

- 4.4. Boats that do not comply with NoR 4.2 will be scored DSQ without a hearing for the relevant race. This changes RRS A5.1.
- 4.5. All crew members must comply with the AS Prescriptions to RRS 46 as amended by AS. All participating crew members shall be a member of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing or hold a valid SailPass.
- 4.6. Boats entering ORC non-spinnaker must have a current, valid audited (AS ORCc Measurer audited) ORCc non-spinnaker certificate or a current, valid ORCi non-spinnaker 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.

- 4.7. A Non-spinnaker ORC TCC correction shall be applied for boats which enter for ORC non-spinnaker.
- 4.8. Competitors who join a series after one or more races have been run will be awarded a 'Late Entrant' score for each earlier race. The 'Late Entrant' score will be 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.
- 4.9. This score as described in Section 4.8, will also apply to boats that have entered a series for non-spinnaker ORC but have not provided the appropriate rating certificate.
- 4.10. The Race Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entry.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

RYCT

Pre-Xmas Twilight & SB20 Summer Pennant

DSS

Post-Xmas Twilight & SB20 Summer Pennant

RACE	DATE	HOST CLUB	RACE	DATE	HOST CLUB
Race Day 1	8 Oct 26 (no SB20)	DSS			
Race Day 2	15 Oct 26	RYCT	Race Day 1	21 Jan 27 (no SB20)	RYCT
No Racing	22 Oct 26	Show Day	Race Day 2	28 Jan 27 (no SB20)	DSS
Race Day 3	29 Oct 26	DSS	Race Day 3	4 Feb 27	RYCT
Race Day 4	5 Nov 26	RYCT	Race Day 4	11 Feb 27	DSS
Race Day 5	12 Nov 26	DSS	Race Day 5	18 Feb 27	RYCT
Race Day 6	19 Nov 26	RYCT	Race Day 6	25 Feb 27	DSS
Race Day 7	26 Nov 26	DSS	Race Day 7	4 Mar 27	RYCT
Race Day 8	3 Dec 26	RYCT	Race Day 8	11 Mar 27	DSS
Race Day 9	10 Dec 26	DSS	Race Day 9	18 Mar 27	RYCT
Race Day 10	17 Dec 26 (no SB20)	RYCT	Race Day 10	25 Mar 27	DSS

6. ENTRY

- 6.1 No entry will be deemed to have been accepted until approved by the DSS or RYCT Race Committee and until a self-assessed Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form for the appropriate safety category or a valid SB20 Australia - SB20 Equipment Audit Form has been lodged with the Race Office of either the DSS or RYCT (if not already held).

6.2 Entry fees for each series

Both Series (block entry)	\$180
Both Series ORC non-spinnaker	\$80
Pre-Christmas Series	\$100
Pre-Christmas Series ORC non-spinnaker	\$50
Post-Christmas Series	\$100
Post-Christmas Series ORC non spinnaker	\$50
Individual Race Entry (casual)	\$20
Individual Race Entry ORC non-spinnaker	\$10

7. GROUP ALLOCATION

Boats will be allocated to Groups by the conducting Clubs' Race Committee based on the speed of the boat. Times of group starts will be posted on the official notice boards at DSS/Ryct before 12:00 on the day of the race.

8. RACING AREA

The River Derwent between a line from Self's Pt. to Limekiln Pt. and a line from Cartwright Pt. to Trywork Pt.

9. COURSES

As described in the Sl's.

10. SCORING

10.1. For keelboats, races shall be scored based on handicap or rating system.

10.2. Twilight Pennant Series:

10.2.1 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be a total of her race scores.

10.2.2 When six (6) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.

10.2.3 When eight (8) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race score excluding her two worst scores.

10.3. For SB20 Summer Pennant races shall be scored in both elapsed time order and handicap system.

10.4. SB20 Summer Pennant Series:

- 10.4.1 When seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be a total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 10.4.2 When eight (8) and fewer than fifteen (15) races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race score excluding her two (2) worst scores.
- 10.4.3 When fifteen (15) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race score excluding her three (3) worst scores.

11. SAFETY

- 11.1. The attention of all persons taking part in the Twilight Pennant Series is drawn to the requirement to be aware of the application of the Marine Safety (Misuse of Alcohol) Act, 2006.
- 11.2. For sports boats and boats without full lifelines, AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 5, 5.01.1 (j) (Lifejackets) shall apply.
- 11.3. It is also recommended that entrants have a Man Overboard procedure that all crew members have practiced.
- 11.4. Boats must report any serious on water incidents to the Race Officer/Race Committee as soon as practical (For examples man overboard, collision, grounding or crew injury).
- 11.5. Attention is also drawn to the MAST requirements "every vessel, commercial and recreational, motor or sail, must give way to ocean going ships under command of a pilot (displaying Code flag H) or be under command of a Pilot Exempt master (flying a plain White flag)" as per regulation 29 of the Marine and Safety (Pilotage and Navigation) Regulations 2017.

12. MEDIA RIGHTS

The owner or charterer of a competing boat and all crew members shall grant the RYCT and DSS member Clubs 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 Twilight Pennant Series or SB20 Summer Pennant races.

13. 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 Organisations or the Water Police 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 Organising Authority.

14. INSURANCE

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 AUD \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars) for any one incident.

15. PRIZES

15.1. Weekly prizes may be presented at the host club after the race.

15.2. A Series Pennant will be presented for both Twilight Pennant Series and SB20 Summer Pennant:

15.2.1 RYCT for the pre-Christmas Series

15.2.2 DSS for the post-Christmas Series.

16. LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

16.1. All persons taking part in all races, 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.

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 these CC events 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.**

16.2. The DSS and RYCT, their executives, boards, employees and agents and all other parties involved with the conduct and organisation of the Twilight Pennant Series and SB20 Summer Pennant 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 SIs.

16.3. The DSS and RYCT are not individually or collectively responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

16.4. The DSS and RYCT reserve the right to refuse or withdraw any entry.