



Notice of Race

2018 ORCV Winter Series



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ORCV BAY RACE

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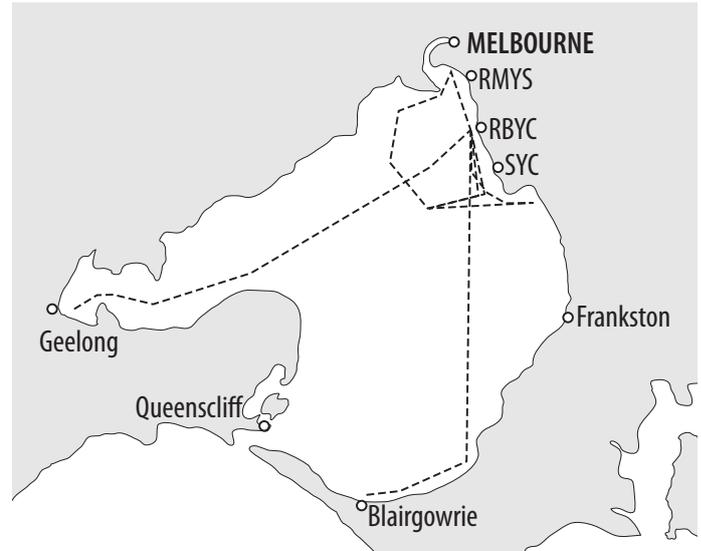
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ORCV has developed a new Winter Series program for cruising and racing yachts based on “passage style” racing plus an Overnight Navigators Challenge designed to hone race strategy tactical skills.

The five races in the series have been scheduled to complement the programs of other Clubs and, in the main, calendar clashes have been avoided. The program includes two short passage races around fixed marks, two destination races to Blairgowrie and Geelong and an Overnight Navigators Challenge.

Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron and Royal Geelong Yacht Club are generously providing their traditional overnight hospitality and camaraderie for the destination races. The Overnight Navigators Challenge will end at the North of the Bay with breakfast hosted by HBYC.

The series also includes additional divisions within the main monohull race, to cater for women’s crews and double-handed racing. The Women Skippers and Navigators Race has also been retained but will be covered in a separate Notice of Race.



With the exception of the Overnight Navigators Challenge (which includes multiple start line options), the races will be started from either the RMYS or RBYC race boxes depending on the event. Shorter course options have been included in all races to cater for the range of conditions which may be experienced during the winter months.

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NOTICE OF RACE

THE 2018 ORCV WINTER SERIES WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE WATERS OF PORT PHILLIP AND CORIO BAY. OWNERS OF ELIGIBLE YACHTS ARE INVITED TO ENTER THIS SERIES UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF THIS NOTICE OF RACE. THE RACE IS ORGANISED AND CONDUCTED BY THE OCEAN RACING CLUB OF VICTORIA (ORCV) INC.

1. THE SERIES

1.1 The ORCV Winter Series comprises five Category 5N races for keelboats and multihulls within Port Phillip and Corio Bay which may be entered individually or as a series.

1.2 Races are scheduled to be sailed as follows:

Date (2018)	First Warning	Course Type
3 Jun	1025	Short passage (< 6 hours)
7 Jul	0925	Destination (Blairgowrie)
4 Aug	1025	Short Passage (< 6 hours)
1 Sep	0925	Destination (Geelong)
15 Sep	1155	Overnight Navigators

1.3 The first four races of the series will be started from the signal boxes of either RMYS or RBYC as specified in the Sailing Instructions. Multiple start locations will be specified in the case of the Overnight Navigators Challenge to accommodate yachts from around Port Phillip and Geelong.

1.4 A minimum of three races completed will constitute the Series.

2. RULES

2.1 The race will be governed by the current versions of:

- The 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS), together with the prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS);
- Where applicable, the rules and regulations of the Australian Measurement System (AMS) and IRC;
- The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea;

except as amended by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for the race.

2.2 The ORCV reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race. Amendments will be published on the event website (www.orcv.org.au).

2.3 By entering this race, the owner of a yacht agrees that this Notice of Race (including amendments) and the entry form, the rules and regulations referred to in paragraph 2.1 and the Sailing Instructions shall be complied with by the yacht and by the owner.

2.4 The Sailing Instructions may be sent by email to entrants at the address shown on the application for entry and will be available on the ORCV website (www.orcv.org.au).

3. CATEGORIES AND DIVISIONS

3.1 The series will be conducted with the following categories:

- Unrestricted Monohull (IRC, AMS, PHS)
- Female-based Crew (PHS)
- Double Handed (PHS)
- Multihull Racing (PHS)
- Cruising Non-Spinnaker (PHS)

3.2 Yachts wishing to enter the Female-based Crew category shall in each race have a minimum of three female crew including the skipper, helm, bow and "strings/office".

3.3 Yachts participating in the cruising Non-Spinnaker divisions of the two Destination Races events (Races 2 & 4) may be permitted to use engines in designated circumstances and areas of the course for the purpose of completing the event not later than 1700. Details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

3.4 A yacht may enter any category for which it is eligible or any combination of those categories.

3.5 The Race Committee, at its discretion, may allocate yachts to divisions within a category.

3.6 The Race Committee reserves the right to cancel any category with fewer than five entries.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 The race is open to monohull and multihull yachts with an LOA of 9.2m or more of a thoroughly seaworthy nature, which are entered by a member of a yacht club recognised by a State Yachting Authority.



- 4.2 Each yacht shall comply with the eligibility requirements listed in *Appendix A Yacht Eligibility Requirements*.
- 4.3 The ORCV may require re-measurement of any yacht prior to the yacht racing.
- 4.4 A decision of the ORCV or the Race Committee as to any matter under this paragraph (4), including as to whether a yacht and her crew meet the eligibility criteria for entry in the race, is final and binding and will not be grounds for a request for redress.

5. APPLICATION FOR ENTRY

- 5.1 An application must be made on the ORCV's on-line entry system at www.orcv.org.au.
- 5.2 A completed application for entry for the five race series must be received by the ORCV no later than 30 May 2018. The ORCV may consider entries after that date but a late entry may not be accepted or included in the start list.
- 5.3 Entries for individual races must be received not less than 24 hours before the scheduled start of the relevant race

- 5.4 The ORCV is not obliged to accept an application for entry.
- 5.5 In accordance with RRS 76.1 the ORCV will reject or cancel the entry of a yacht that does not comply with the conditions of this Notice of Race.
- 5.6 A yacht's rating certificate shall not be changed after 1700 on 28 May 2018 except as a result of a rating protest or to correct a rating office error.

6. FEES

The following fees shall be paid by credit card or EFT on submission of the entry or late documentation, as appropriate. They are not refundable or rebatable. All fees include Australian Goods and Services Tax (a tax invoice will be issued on request).

Series Entry \$135
 Individual Races \$30

There are no crew fees or additional fees for multiple categories.

7. SCORING

- 7.1 At the completion of each day's racing a full set of provisional results will be posted to the ORCV website (www.orcv.org.au).
- 7.2 The Series shall be scored using the Low point system (RRS Appendix A).
- 7.3 The scoring system will not be subject to protest or dispute (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)).

8. TROPHIES

- 8.1 The winner of the Lord Warden's Trophy shall be the yacht with the best series score in the measurement divisions.
- 8.2 Trophies will be awarded to the winner of the Destination Races to Blairgowrie and Geelong in the most popular measurement handicap category.
- 8.3 Mementoes will be awarded to the divisional winners for the series in each category subject to a minimum of three entries in the series for the respective categories.

9. CHANGES TO RULES

- 9.1 RRS 41: While racing a yacht may retrieve data from any page of the event website details of which are provided in the Sailing Instructions, even if that page is not publicly available.

- 9.2 RRS 50.2 and 50.3: Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits will be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.
- 9.3 RRS 55: The rule is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: *However, discarding elastic or wool bands when setting a sail will not be considered a breach of rule 55.*
- 9.4 RRS 61.3: There is no time limit on protests by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee.
- 9.5 RRS 78.2: Valid rating/class certificates shall be produced by the due date specified in this Notice of Race.

10. EVENT CLASSIFICATION & ADVERTISING

- 10.1 Advertising on a yacht shall comply with the requirements of WS Regulation 20 (WS Advertising Code) for Category C. The ORCV may decline to accept an application for entry of a yacht which, in its opinion, is carrying advertising which conflicts with governmental regulations. If in doubt, the ORCV should be consulted as soon as practicable.
- 10.2 The ORCV shall be advised of all advertising that a yacht intends to carry. The ORCV shall be advised of all changes to that advertising.

11. TRADEMARKS & COPYRIGHT

- 11.1 "ORCV Winter Series", "MWS", "Melbourne to Geelong Yacht Race" and "M2G" are trademarks of the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria and the use of the trademarks is absolutely restricted and limited to use by or with the consent of the ORCV.
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12. MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

- 12.1 It is a condition of entry that the owner of the yacht and all crew members:
 - acknowledge that the ORCV owns all media rights to the ORCV Winter Series and may exercise those rights as it sees fit.
 - grant the ORCV the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images and biographical information relating to the crew and pho-

tographs, video footage and audio recordings taken of the yacht and its crew prior to, during and after the race.

- 12.2 Crew members of yachts may, prior to, during and after the race, speak or provide material to any media representatives accredited by the ORCV, regarding the race and the prospects, performance or strategy of yachts entered or participating in the race, subject to any comments and material not undermining or interfering with, or having a detrimental impact on, the ORCV and its officers and employees, the Race Committee, the Protest Committee, measurers or current or former sponsors of the ORCV. This approval may be revoked by the ORCV in respect of a yacht or media representative at any time.
- 12.3 Entrants acknowledge and accept the media restrictions referred to in this paragraph (12) by completing the entry form.
- 12.4 Any breach of these conditions may, at the discretion of the ORCV or the Race Committee, lead to the rejection of an entry, the cancellation of an entry or the disqualification of a yacht (refer RRS 76.1). This does not limit the right of the ORCV to take any other action it sees fit to enforce compliance with these conditions.

13. DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in the race do so at their own risk and responsibility. Crew members must acknowledge this and release the ORCV, any sponsor and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members, from all liability.

Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states:

"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"



APPENDIX A YACHT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Check	Category	Requirement
	Insurance	The owner of a boat entered in the race shall hold a valid public liability and third party property damage insurance policy with respect to the boat for an amount not less than A\$10 million. This must cover the period of the race.
	IRC Yachts	A boat may only be entered in IRC if the boat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has a current, valid IRC Certificate, being an Endorsed Certificate issued by RORC; and • has been weighed on scales by an RORC approved measurer; and • complies with all of the current IRC Rules and Regulations, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).
	AMS Yachts	A boat may only be entered in AMS if the boat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has a current, valid AMS Certificate issued by YRSA Inc; and • complies with all of the current AMS Rules and Regulations, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).
	Crew	All persons sailing on competing boats shall be members of an Australian Sailing (AS) affiliated club.
	Radio	Each competing yacht shall carry a VHF transceiver with channels 12, 16, 67, 71, 73 and 82.

