Notice of Race

2010 Bass Strait Series
incorporating
Melbourne to Launceston Rudder Cup Yacht Race

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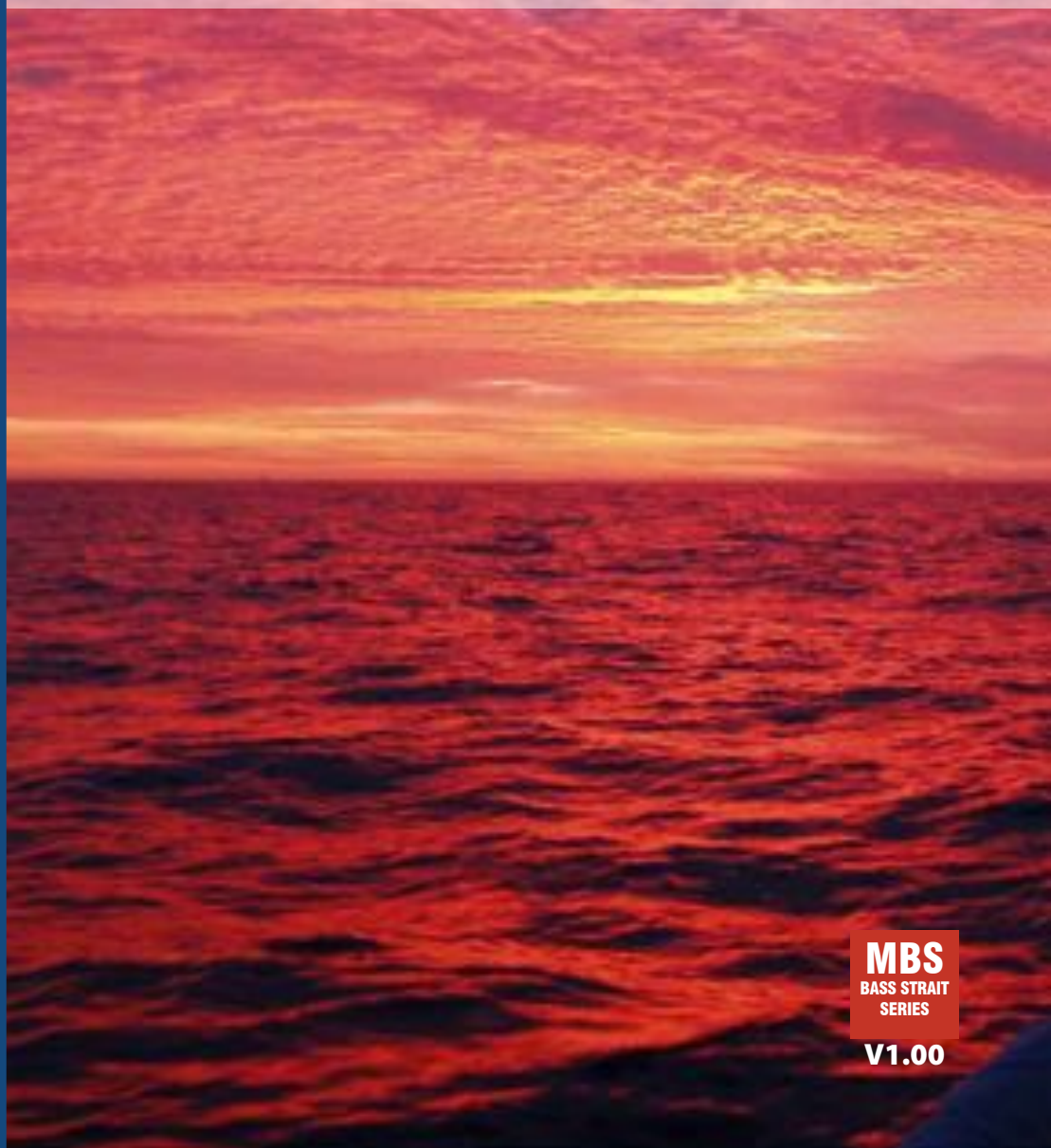

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The Rudder Cup Yacht Race

In 1907, Thomas Fleming Day, editor of the American magazine "Rudder" wrote to his friend, the Commodore of the Geelong Yacht Club, T. A. Dickson, suggesting a race across Bass Strait to Tasmania in order to promote the sport of yachting. Day struck a trophy worth 60 guineas, a fortune at the time, as a prize for the winner.

More than 100 years later, yachts are still racing across Bass Strait for the honour of winning the Rudder Cup. The Rudder Cup is Australia's oldest ocean race and the 5th oldest organised ocean yacht race in the world, predating the Fastnet by nearly 20 years and the Sydney to Hobart race by nearly 4 decades.

The inaugural race was run from Port Phillip Heads to

Low Head at the mouth of the Tamar River, a distance of 198 nautical miles. This first race was won by the 14.6m yawl Thistle skippered by Edgar Newland with a crew that included his wife and daughter. Conditions were reported to be very rough, so much so that Mrs. Newland refused to relinquish the Rudder Cup so as to dissuade other yachtsmen from attempting such a dangerous race.

This original trophy came to light again in the 1960's when it was presented by Edgar Newland's son to the then Cruising Yacht Club of Victoria, now the ORCV, to be used again for the dash across Bass Strait. Today, the trophy is presented to the winner of the ORCV Melbourne to Launceston Race, from Portsea across Bass Strait to the finish line off Low Head at the entrance to the Tamar River. Finishing yachts may then proceed up the Tamar to the marina at Beauty Point for the final race in the series and the post race hospitality and prize giving dinner conducted by the Tamar Yacht Club.

MCB COCK OF THE BAY

M2L LAUNCESTON

MOC OFFSHORE CHAMPIONSHIP

Notice of Race

The 2010 Bass Strait Series, incorporating the 2010 Melbourne to Launceston Rudder Cup (M2L) Yacht Race, will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip and Bass Strait. Owners of eligible boats are invited to enter this series under the conditions of this Notice of Race. The series is organised and conducted by the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria (ORCV) Inc with the co-operation of the Tamar Yacht Club.

1. Bass Strait Series Races

1.1 Race 1: **The 2010 Cock of the Bay Yacht Race**

The warning signal for the race will be displayed at 1025 (Australian Eastern Daylight Time) on 26th December 2010.

This is a Category 6 (plus VHF radio) race conducted in Port Phillip between Station Pier and Blairgowrie and Mornington. A separate Notice of Race will be available for this race.

1.2 Race 2: **The 2010 Melbourne to Launceston Rudder Cup Yacht Race**

The warning signal for the race will be displayed at 1225 (Australian Eastern Daylight Time) on 27th December 2010.

This is a Category 2 race conducted from Portsea through the Heads, across the Bass Strait to Low Head at the entrance to the Tamar River.

1.3 Race 3: **The Tasports Cup Yacht Race**

The warning signal for the race will be displayed at 1255 (Australian Eastern Daylight Time) on 29th December 2010.

This is a Category 5 race starting in the Tamar River. A separate Notice of Race will be available for this race.

1.4 The details of courses including marks will be in the Sailing Instructions for each race.

2. Rules

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

- The 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the ISAF, together with the prescriptions and safety regulations of Yachting Australia (YA);
- The Special Regulations of the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria (ORCV);
- Where applicable, the rules and regulations of the Australian Measurement System (AMS) and the International Rule-Club (IRC) - the IRC Rules Parts 1, 2 and 3 shall apply;
- The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea;

Except as amended by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for each 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 series or Race 2 individually, the owner of a boat 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 boat and by the owner.

2.4 The Sailing Instructions will be issued through the event website prior to the race briefing.

3. Categories and Divisions

3.1 The Bass Strait Series will be conducted with the following handicap categories:

- IRC
- AMS
- Performance
- Double Handed

3.2 The Race Committee, at its discretion, may allocate boats to divisions within a handicap category.

3.3 Within the IRC and AMS Handicap Categories, all boats will be scored in the combined overall result for that category as well as in the individual divisions.

3.4 Where less than 5 entries are received for a handicap category, other than the Double Handed Class, the Race Committee reserves the right to reallocate those boats to another handicap category.

3.5 A boat may enter any handicap category for

which it is eligible or any combination of those handicap categories.

4. Eligibility

4.1 General

The races are open to monohull yachts of a thoroughly seaworthy nature, which are entered by a member of a yacht club recognised by a State Yachting Authority.

For Race 2 only: Yachts shall conform to the requirements of Yachting Australia Safety Category 2.

4.2 Insurance

The owner of a boat entered in the race 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.

4.3 IRC Boats

A boat may only be entered in the IRC Handicap Category if the boat:

- has a current, valid IRC 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).

4.4 AMS Boats

A boat may only be entered in the AMS Handicap Category if the boat:

- has a current, valid AMS Certificate issued by Yachting Victoria; 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).

4.5 Safety audits

A boat is required to have an ORCV Category 2 Safety Audit Equipment Compliance Form audited by an approved ORCV auditor.

Details may be found in the ORCV Year Book or through the ORCV office.

4.6 Pre-Race Radio Check

Boats shall carry out a radio check with Smithton Radio or Coast Radio Hobart on HF 4483 KHz between 13th December 2010 and 23rd December 2010.

To arrange the radio check, phone Smithton Radio on (03) 6452 2059 (0600-1900) or Coast Radio Hobart on (03) 6231 2276 (0700-1930).

Boats not recorded as having adequate radio signal strength will not be eligible to start.

4.7 Re-Measurement

The ORCV may require re-measurement of any boat prior to the boat racing.

4.8 Eligibility of Crew

All persons sailing on competing boats shall be members of a YA-affiliated club or an international equivalent. YA membership numbers or their international equivalents must be included on the crew list.

The minimum age of all crew on a boat is 18. The race committee may grant an exemption to this age limit if a competitor can show cause for such an exemption.

In accordance with YA Special Regulation 2.04, at least 50% of the crew (three persons if crew size is less than six) including the skipper and/or sailing master shall have sufficient experience, declared on the entry form and accepted as such by ORCV. For the Double Handed Division, both crew members must be accepted by ORCV as sufficiently experienced.

At least 50% of the crew on a boat shall have completed a Yachting Australia Safety and Sea Survival Course or an approved equivalent. Copies of the crew members' current Certificates of Competence, or equivalent, shall be provided.

At least one crew member on a boat shall hold a Senior First Aid Certificate or equivalent qualification or be a practising medical practitioner. Copies of the crew members' Certificate or other qualification shall be provided.

At least one crew member on a boat shall hold a Restricted Operators Certificate of Proficiency in Radio Telephony issued by a relevant authority or higher qualification. Copies of the crew member's Certificate or other qualification shall be provided.

It is recommended that the skipper or sailing master have a recognised Yachting Australia certificate (or equivalent) of at least an Offshore Skipper certification.

4.9 Determination of eligibility

A decision of the ORCV or the Race Committee as to any matter under this paragraph (4), including as to whether a boat 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.

4.10 Inspections

All safety equipment shall be on board and available for inspection. On request by the Race Committee, boats shall be made available for spot inspection to audit safety regulation compliance. Spot checks may be carried out prior to the warning signal and may be carried out after a boat finishes.

5. Application For Entry

5.1 An application must be made on the ORCV's online entry system at *www.orcv.org.au*.

5.2 A completed application for entry shall be received by the ORCV by 1200 on Friday, 3rd December 2010. The ORCV will consider entries after that date but a late entry fee will apply and the entry may not be accepted. Any late entries that are accepted may not appear in any fleet guide nor be eligible to receive crew shirts and other paraphernalia.

5.3 Each yacht shall submit to the ORCV, no later than 1200 on Friday, 10th December 2010, the following documentation:

- Crew List (Online)
- Cat 2 Safety Check List
- Evidence of meeting the stability requirement
- A copy of the yacht's Safety Equipment Compliance Form
- For entrants in AMS or IRC divisions a copy of a current AMS or IRC certificate
- Yachting Australia Safety and Sea Survival Course Certificates or acceptable equivalent. Submitting the expiry date online will be sufficient.
- Senior First Aid Certificates or acceptable equivalent.
- Restricted Operators Certificates of Proficiency in Radio Telephony or acceptable higher qualification. Submitting the certificate number online will be sufficient.
- Colour photograph of the boat under sail, no

older than 12 months and suitable for search and rescue purposes. This may be a digital photograph of a size not less than 6cm by 6cm with a resolution not less than 72 DPI.

- 406 EPIRB Certificate
- Liferaft Inspection Certificate
- List of previous offshore races or ocean passages

Privacy Note: Personal information about crew members is obtained in crew lists. That information is obtained for use in search and rescue situations and for media purposes.

The information will be given to search and rescue authorities and organisations, the Water Police, volunteer coastal stations and media representatives and may be passed on by them to other organisations.

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 ORCV.

5.4 The ORCV is not obliged to accept an application for entry.

5.5 The items listed in paragraph 5.3 may be accepted after that date at the discretion of the ORCV, subject to a request for late acceptance being made to the ORCV in writing, accompanied by the specified Late Documentation Fee.

5.6 In accordance with RRS 76.1 the ORCV will reject or cancel the entry of a boat that does not comply with the conditions of this Notice of Race.

5.7 Documentation supplied to or held by the ORCV under this Notice of Race (other than crew lists and rating certificates) shall not be changed (except to correct errors or after protest) after 1700 on 20th December 2010.

5.8 A boat's rating certificate shall not be changed after 1700 on 22nd December 2010 except as a result of a rating protest or to correct a rating office error.

5.9 A boat's crew list may be changed to correct errors, to reflect late crew changes or after protest, but shall not be changed later than one hour prior to the starting signal. After any change to a crew list, the boat shall still satisfy the general requirements of paragraph 4.8. Changes to the crew or details of any crew member shall be notified on Crew List forms available from the ORCV or by mobile phone or radio call on the day of the race.

6. Fees

The following fees shall be paid by credit card, cheque or bank draft on submission of the entry form or late documentation, as appropriate. All fees include Australian Goods and Services Tax (a tax invoice will be issued on request).

All fees are for the race and one handicap category. An additional category fee is payable for each additional handicap category over the initial one.

6.1 Bass Strait Series (3 Races)

Series Entry (all races, 1 category) $470
Additional Categories (each) $50

6.2 Melbourne to Launceston Rudder Cup (1 Race)

Race Entry $470
Additional Categories (each) $50

6.3 ORCV and TYC members will receive a 15% discount on the fees in paragraphs 6.1 and 6.2.

6.4 Late Fees

Late Entry Fee $300
Late Document Fee. $150

6.5 For individual race entries for the MCB Cock of the Bay race and TYC Tasports Cup Yacht Race, consult the Notice of Race for those races.

6.6 Crew Fees are payable for each crew member sailing in Race 2.

ORCV or TYC Members. $75
Non-Members $125

This fee will include the cost of a presentation dinner, a race shirt and cap. Late entrants are required to pay this fee but may not be eligible to receive these items.

7. Scoring

7.1 IRC

Results will be calculated by the application of the IRC Time Corrector (TCC) as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

7.2 AMS

Results will be calculated by the application of the AMS Time Correction Factor (TCF) as a mul-

tiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

7.3 Performance

Results will be calculated by the application of Time Correction Factors (TCF's) as a multiplier of elapsed time. A boat's TCF will be determined by the Race Committee or its nominee. The TCF will not be subject to protest or dispute (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)). The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

7.4 Double Handed

Results will be calculated by the application of Time Correction Factors (TCF's) as a multiplier of elapsed time. A boat's TCF will be determined by the Race Committee or its nominee. The TCF will not be subject to protest or dispute (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)). The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

7.5 Bass Strait Series Scoring

Yachts entering all three races of the Bass Strait Series shall be eligible for Bass Strait Series trophies. Points shall be awarded in each race according to the corrected time results for each Division as follows: 1st – 1 point, 2nd – 2 points, 3rd – 3 points and so on. Only yachts entered in all races in the series shall be considered when allocating points.

Yachts not starting or being disqualified in any race shall receive points for that race equal to the number of competitors for the race + 2.

Yachts starting but not finishing in any race shall receive points for that race equal to the number of competitors +1.

The yacht with the lowest total of points for the series in each division shall be the winner of the series trophy for that division.

Ties shall be broken in favour of the yacht with the highest placing in Race 2.

For the TYC TasPorts Cup Yacht Race, the ORCV will score yachts under IRC and AMS for the purposes of the Bass Strait Series even though these handicap divisions are not offered as part of this race.

For the TYC TasPorts Cup Yacht Race, the ORCV will score yachts under Performance Handicap using the handicaps allocated for the series by the ORCV.

7.6 The scoring system will not be subject to protest or dispute (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)).

8. Trophies

8.1 The Melbourne to Launceston Rudder Cup Yacht Race

- The Rudder Cup Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to 1st place on corrected time in the IRC division, combined if multiple IRC divisions exist.
- Line Honours
- First, Second and Third on corrected time within each division.

All trophies subject to sufficient entries.

8.2 The Bass Strait Series

The Bass Strait Series Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the lowest scoring yacht in the IRC division, combined if multiple IRC divisions exist.

Trophies will be awarded for the lowest scoring yachts in the other divisions.

8.3 Trophy Presentations

The presentation of trophies for the Melbourne to Launceston Rudder Cup Yacht Race, the Tas-Ports Cup Yacht Race and the Bass Strait Series will be held at a function at Beauty Point at 1900 on 29th December 2010.

9. Changes To Rules

9.1 Changes to the IRC Rules

IRC Rule 26.1.5(e): A spare mainsail may be carried as a bona fide replacement for a mainsail damaged during the race.

IRC Rule 26.6.2.2: In accordance with a prescription by Yachting Australia, a boat in the IRC Handicap Category may carry one more spinnaker than shown on the boat's IRC Certificate without an increase of rating.

9.2 Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing

RRS 41: Whilst racing a boat 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.

RRS 50.2 and 50.3: Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits will be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.

RRS 51: A boat with movable ballast or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the Special Regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.

RRS 52: Is modified to allow self-steering equipment to be used by boats sailing Double-Handed and to allow the adjustment of movable water ballast or canting keels on any boat.

RRS 61.3: There is no time limit on protests by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee.

RRS 78.2: Valid rating/class certificates shall be produced by the due date specified in this Notice of Race.

10. Briefings

10.1 A compulsory pre-race briefing for entrants in Race 2 will be held on Sunday, 19th December 2010 at 1400. The venue will be announced on the ORCV website (*www.orcv.org.au*).

10.2 At least two crew members from each yacht based on Port Phillip and intending to compete shall attend this briefing.

10.3 Yachts not based on Port Phillip may seek alternative arrangements with the Race Director for briefing. Contact the ORCV office for more details.

10.4 Any boat that fails to be represented at this briefing and has not made alternative arrangements with the Race Director may be considered not to be a starter in the event.

10.5 A weather briefing will be provided at Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron on 27th December 2010 at 0800. At least two crew members including the skipper from each yacht intending to compete should attend this briefing.

10.6 Boats not able to attend the briefing must contact the Race Director on 0418 396 605 to make other arrangements.

10.7 A weather briefing will be broadcast on VHF Channel 73 at 0905 for boats not able to be physically present at the 0800 weather briefing.

11. Event Classification & Advertising

11.1 Advertising on a boat shall comply with the requirements of ISAF Regulation 20 (ISAF Advertising Code) for Category C. The ORCV may decline to accept an application for entry of a boat which, in its opinion, is carrying advertising which conflicts with governmental regulations. If in doubt, the ORCV should be consulted as soon as practicable.

11.2 An application for entry shall contain brief details of all advertising that a boat intends to carry. The ORCV shall be advised of all changes to that advertising.

11.3 The advertising rules apply from 0700 on 27th December 2010 until 2000 on 30th December 2010 or leaving Beauty Point Marina whichever is sooner.

11.4 A boat may be required to carry a tracking device supplied by the ORCV. A boat on which such a unit fails or ceases to operate will be required to provide additional position reports by radio in accordance with the Sailing Instructions. Failure to carry and operate a tracking device when required will lead to rejection of an application for entry, the cancellation of an entry or the disqualification of the boat from the race (refer RRS 76.1).

11.5 "M2L", "Melbourne to Launceston Yacht Race", "Rudder Cup" and "Bass Strait Series" 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.

12. Sponsorship And Signage

12.1 A boat shall display any sponsor's materials, which may include boom decals, bow decals and backstay flags, in accordance with this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (ISAF Regulation 20.3.1(d)).

12.2 Entrants could be supplied with race flags bearing any sponsor's name, which should be flown in the vicinity of the yacht's backstay. The flag should be flown from at least 0900 on 27th December 2010 until 1730 and flown again after finishing and before berthing in Beauty Point and should remain hoisted whenever in port and preferably until at least midnight on 30th December 2010.

13. Media Rights And Restrictions

13.1 It is a condition of entry that the owner of the boat and all crew members:

- acknowledge that the ORCV owns all media rights to the ORCV Melbourne to Launceston Rudder Cup Yacht Race 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 photographs, video footage and audio recordings

taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during and after the race.

13.2 Crew members of boats 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 boats 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 boat or media representative at any time.

13.3 Entrants acknowledge and accept the media restrictions referred to in this paragraph (13) by completing the entry form.

13.4 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 boat (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.

14. Disclaimer

All those taking part in the race do so at their own risk and responsibility. Crew acknowledge this and release the ORCV and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members, from all liability by entering their names on the crew list.

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"

15. Mooring Arrangements

15.1 Melbourne: Visiting yachts requiring moorings in Melbourne should advise the ORCV office by no later than 31st November 2010.

15.2 Portsea: While there is room, yachts may raft up together in the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron marina for the night of 26th December 2010 under the direction of BYS officials. Yachts requiring individual berths should contact the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron prior to the 30th November 2010 to arrange one.

15.3 Launceston: As directed by TYC Officials at the Beauty Point Marina.