Notice of Race

2011
Melbourne to King Island Yacht Race

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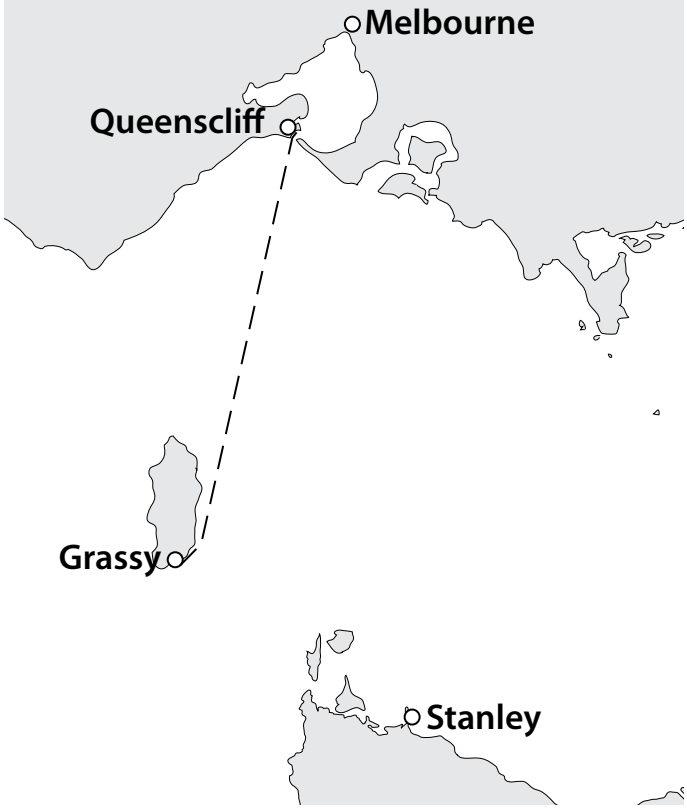
Welcome to the M2KI Yacht Race

The race to King Island, while being one of the shorter ocean races at only 114 miles, presents some unique navigational challenges as it is often won or lost in the concluding stages depending on where yachts make their landfall. Big gains and losses can occur due to wind and tidal influences on the approach to Grassy Harbour.

The harbour offers safe anchorage in all weather and the legendary hospitality of the King Island Boat Club. The steak sandwiches alone are worth the trip.

This race is part of the Offshore Championship.



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The 2011 Melbourne to King Island (M2KI) Yacht Race will be conducted on the waters of Bass Strait. Owners of eligible boats are invited to enter this race under the conditions of this Notice of Race. The race is organised and conducted by the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria (ORCV) Inc with the co-operation of the King Island Boat Club.

1. Race

1.1 The warning signal for the race will be displayed at 0055 Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT) on Saturday, 12th March 2011.

1.2 This is a Category 2 race conducted from the start off Queenscliff, through Port Phillip Heads and across Bass Strait to the finish off Grassy Harbour on King Island.

1.3 The details of the course including any marks will be in the Sailing Instructions for the 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 IRC Rules Parts 1, 2 and 3;
- 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 race, 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 7th March 2011.

3. Categories and Divisions

3.1 The race will be conducted with the following handicap categories:

- IRC
- AMS
- Performance
- Double Handed

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

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

3.4 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 race is 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 and which conform to the requirements of YA 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, 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).

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 Audit

A boat is required to have a current 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 21st February and 10th March 2011.

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.

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 crew members' current Certificates of Competence, or equivalent, shall be provided.

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 and accepted as such by ORCV. For the Double Handed division, both crew members must be accepted by ORCV as sufficiently experienced.

At least one crew member on a boat shall hold a Senior First Aid Certificate (Level 2) or equivalent qualification or be a practising medical practitioner. Copies of the crew members' Certificates 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 members' Certificates 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 Wednesday, 23rd February 2011. 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 and might not be eligible to receive crew shirts and other paraphernalia, if provided.

5.3 Each yacht shall submit to the ORCV, no later than 1200 on Wednesday, 2nd March 2011, the following documentation:

- Crew List (Online) including 406 PLB details
- 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 categories 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.
- 406 EPIRB Certificate
- Liferaft Inspection Certificate

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 may 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 the due 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 11th March 2011.

5.8 A boat's rating certificate shall not be changed after 1700 on 11th March 2011 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 and to reflect late crew changes 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 through the online entry facility on the ORCV web site 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. They are not refundable or rebatable. All fees include Australian Goods and Services Tax (a tax invoice will be issued on request).

6.1 Race Entry

Race Entry $185
Additional Divisions (each) $60

The race entry fee is for the race and one handicap category. A further category fee is payable for each additional handicap category over the initial one.

ORCV and KIBC members will receive a 15% discount on the race entry fees.

6.2 Late Fees

Late Entry Fee $100
Late Document Fee. $100

6.3 Crew Fee

A crew fee of $55 is payable for each crew member who is not a member of the ORCV or the KIBC.

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

8. Trophies

8.1 Trophies will be presented for:

Line Honours

First, Second and Third (if sufficient entries) on corrected time within each category.

8.2 Trophy Presentations

The presentation of trophies will be at the 2011 ORCV Annual General Meeting at a date, time and location to be announced.

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: A shall be 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. Event Classification & Advertising

10.1 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.

10.2 The ORCV shall be advised of all advertising that a boat intends to carry. The ORCV shall be advised of all changes to that advertising.

10.3 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).

10.4 "Melbourne to King Island Yacht Race" and M2KI are trademarks of the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria, Inc and the use of the trademarks is absolutely restricted and limited to use by or with the consent of the ORCV.

11. Media Rights And Restrictions

11.1 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 Melbourne to King Island 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.

11.2 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.

11.3 Entrants acknowledge and accept the media restrictions referred to in this paragraph (11) by completing the entry form.

11.4 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.

12. Disclaimer

All those taking part in the race do so at their own risk and responsibility. Crew acknowledge this and release the ORCV, the King Island Boat Club 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"

13. Mooring Arrangements

13.1 Melbourne: Visiting yachts requiring moorings in Melbourne should advise the ORCV office by no later than 7th March 2011.

13.2 Grassy: As directed by KIBC Officials in Grassy Harbour.