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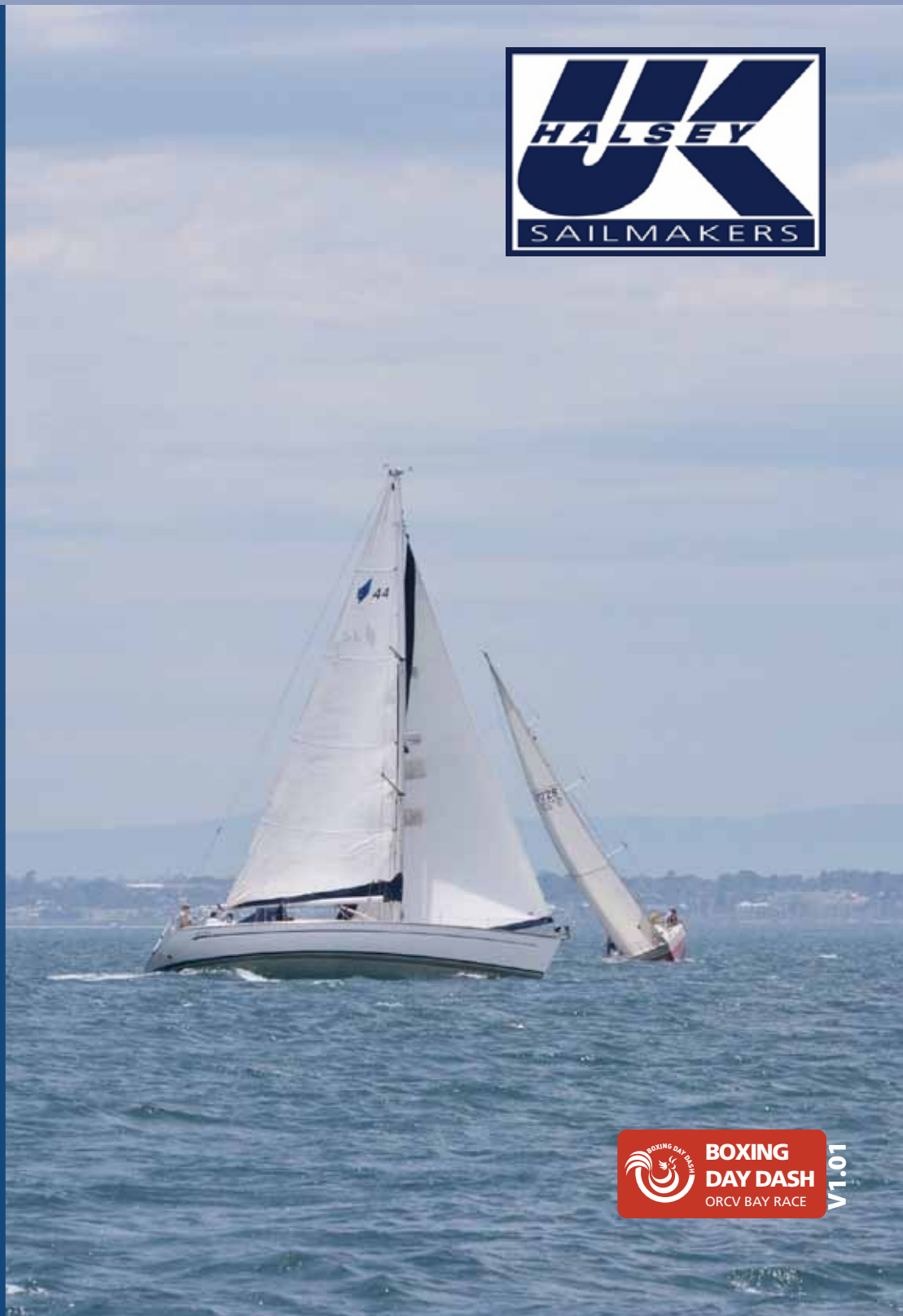


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# Boxing Day Dash Yacht Race

This hugely popular 34 nautical mile yacht race on Port Phillip is held each year on Boxing Day and, with a course designed to sail past major bayside locations, it is popular with sailors and spectators alike. Some say there is no better way to work off the excesses of Christmas the day before.

Besides being a great classic race in its own right, the event serves as a feeder for the blue water classic Melbourne to Launceston and Melbourne to Hobart races. It also is the first race in the Bass Strait Series, the Sovereign Series and the Salamanca Series.

Berthing is provided at Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron at the conclusion of the race where meals and refreshments are also available.

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# Notice of Race

**The Boxing Day Dash Yacht Race 2011 will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip. 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 in conjunction with Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, Mornington Yacht Club and Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron.**

## 1. The Race

1.1 The warning signal for the race will be displayed at 1025 (Australian Eastern Daylight Time) on Monday, 26 December 2011.

1.2 The race will start in the vicinity of Station Pier and finish at:

- Blairgowrie for Division A and B Boats and Sports Boats,
- Mornington for Division C Boats and Trailables,
- RMYS for Classic Boats.

1.3 The details of the course including marks will be in the Sailing Instructions for the race.

1.4 A time limit of sunset will apply to the race. Sunset is at 2046.

## 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), the Sports Boat Measurement System (SMS) and the International Rule-Club (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 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 available on the ORCV website (*www.orcv.org.au*) on or before Monday, 19 December 2011.

## 3. Categories & Divisions

3.1 The race will be conducted with the following categories:

- IRC
- AMS
- SMS
- Performance
- Cruising
- Double Handed
- Trailable Yachts
- Classic Yachts

3.2 Depending on entries, categories may be split into divisions.

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

3.4 The Race Committee reserves the right to cancel any category with less than five entries.

3.5 A boat may enter any handicap category for which it is eligible or any combination of those handicap categories.

3.6 Performance Handicap Category Division C is only available to boats with a handicap below 0.700.

3.7 Cruising Category yachts may be started earlier than the start time announced in paragraph 1.1. They may also be permitted a certain amount of engine use. More information will be available in a later edition of this Notice.

## 4. Eligibility

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

4.2 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.

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 SMS Boats

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

- has a current, valid SMS Certificate issued by Yachting Victoria; and
- complies with all of the current SMS 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).

4.6 Trailable Yachts

Yachts shall conform to the requirements of Open Trailable Yachts as described in the Yachting Australia *Australian Trailable Yacht and Sports Boat Rule (August 2010)*. In summary, the yacht must:

- be a monohull, ballasted yacht with a retractable keel.
- be 9.40 metres LOA or less.
- be transported on the road on the same trailer used to launch and retrieve it without the assistance of external equipment or detachment from the towing vehicle and without requiring a special road permit.

- have a cockpit and provision for stowage of sails, equipment and crew effects below deck, except that:
  - Berths are not required.
  - The bow section of the boat shall be decked in at least level with or higher than the gunnels, with the aftermost edge of the deck being no more than 100mm forward of the leading edge of the centreboard case.

4.7 Classic Yachts

A boat may only be entered in the Classic Yachts Category if the boat:

- Has a design point prior to 1970,
- Is constructed from traditional materials.

If a boat does not meet these criteria but is on the Classic Yacht Association of Australia (CYAA) register, it will be accepted.

4.8 Safety Regulations

The Safety Regulations shall be those of YA Special Regulations, Part 1, Category 6.

In addition, each competing yacht shall carry a VHF transceiver with channels 12, 16, 67, 73 and 82.

4.9 Re-Measurement

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

4.10 Eligibility of Crew

All persons sailing on competing boats shall be members of a Yachting Australia (YA) affiliated club.

4.11 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.

## 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, 16 December 2011. The ORCV will consider entries after that date but a late entry may not be accepted. Any late entries that are accepted may not appear in any fleet guide.

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

5.4 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.

5.5 A boat's rating certificate shall not be changed after 1700 on 23 December 2011 except as a result of a rating protest or to correct a rating office error.

## 6. Fees

6.1 The following fees shall be paid by credit card, cheque or bank draft on submission of the entry form or late documentation, as appropriate:

Race Entry . . . . . $85
Additional Handicap Category (each) . . . . $25
Late Entry Fee . . . . . $60

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

6.2 ORCV members receive a 15% discount on these fees. All fees include Australian Goods and Services Tax (a tax invoice will be issued on request).

6.3 Yacht races are time consuming and expensive to organise and that expense is incurred before a race starts. As a result, the following policy has been agreed by the General Committee of the ORCV:

- Race entry fees are not refundable after the closing date for entries in that race.
- For races which are abandoned by the ORCV, yachts will be given credit of their entry and crew fees to the next race in which they sail.
- For races which are postponed by the ORCV and resailed later, yachts which cannot participate in the resailed race may write to the ORCV and request credit of their entry to the next race in which they sail.

## 7. Scoring

7.1 Within the IRC and AMS Handicap Categories, all boats will be scored in the overall result.

7.2 IRC (Overall and all Divisions)

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.

7.3 AMS (Overall and all Divisions)

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.

7.4 SMS (Overall and all Divisions)

Results will be calculated by the application of the SMS 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.

7.5 Performance (Overall and all Divisions)

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.

7.6 Double Handed (Overall and all divisions)

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.

7.7 Trailable Yachts (Overall and all Divisions)

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.

7.8 Classic Yachts (Overall and all Divisions)

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.

7.9 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,
- The Boxing Day Dash Trophy to the winner of the measurement category with the largest number of entries,

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

8.2 Results will be announced at the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron on the evening of 26 December 2011.

8.3 Trophy Presentations

The presentation of trophies will be at the 2012 ORCV Annual General Meeting at a date, time and location to be announced.

## 9. Changes to Rules

9.1 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.

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 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.

9.4 RRS 52: A shall be modified to allow self-steering equipment to be used by boats sailing Two-Handed and to allow the use of stored power for the adjustment and operation of sails and the adjustment of movable water ballast or canting keels on any boat.

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

9.6 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 "Cock of the Bay Yacht Race", "Boxing Day Dash" and "MCB" 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.

## 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 Boxing Day Dash 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 members must acknowledge this and release the ORCV 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"*

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