# Notice of Race

## 2012
## Apollo Bay Yacht Race

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A short coastal race starting off Queenscliff, out of Port Phillip Heads before turning right along the coast to Apollo Bay.

This is an ideal race for those new to ocean racing with its shorter length and proximity to the coast. Being the concluding race on the summer racing calendar, the 52 mile dash to Apollo Bay can decide the Ocean Racing Championship.

The race is often won or lost by navigators and tacticians in their decisions to sail a seaward course or hug the shoreline in search of better breeze.

Berthing is available in the Apollo Bay marina and there are excellent facilities in the town for meals and post race refreshment.

This race is part of the Offshore Championship.

# Notice of Race

**The 2012 Apollo Bay 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.**

## 1. Race

1.1 The warning signal for the race will be displayed at 0625 Australian Eastern Standard Time on Saturday, 19 May 2012.

1.2 This is a Category 3+ race conducted from the start off Queenscliff, through Port Phillip Heads and West along the Victorian coast to the finish off Apollo Bay Boat Harbour.

1.3 The details of the course including 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 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 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 (*www.orcv.org.au*).

## 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, at its discretion, may 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 3.

**Note**: Although the race Safety Category does not require a liferaft, Transport Safety Victoria (TSV) requires all boats with an LOA of 12m or more to carry a liferaft or dinghy when in coastal (offshore and inshore) waters. Boats are not exempt from TSV regulations. For more information, see *www.transportsafety.vic.gov.au/maritime-safety*.

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 Pre-Race Radio Check

An HF radio is not required for this race. A VHF radio is required and a radio check with Coast Radio Melbourne (VHF Channels 16/67) before the date of the race is recommended.

4.6 Re-Measurement

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

4.7 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 16. The race committee may grant an exemption to this age limit if a competitor can show cause for such an exemption.

At least 30% or a minimum of two of the crew shall have attended an approved YA Sea Safety and Survival Course or an ORCV 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 two members of the crew 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 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.

4.8 Determination of Eligibility

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

4.9 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, 2 May 2012. 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, 9 May 2012, the following documentation:

- Crew List (Online)
- Cat 3 Safety Check List
- Evidence of meeting the stability requirement

- For entrants in AMS or IRC divisions a copy of a current AMS or IRC certificate
- Restricted Operators Certificates of Proficiency in Radio Telephony or acceptable higher qualification. Submitting the certificate number online will be sufficient.
- 406 EPIRB 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 18 May 2012.

5.8 A boat's rating certificate shall not be changed after 1700 on 18 May 2012 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 4.7. 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

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. They are not refundable or rebatable. All fees include Australian Goods and Services Tax (a tax invoice will be issued on request).

6.2 Race Entry

Race Entry . . . . . $120
Additional Divisions (each) . . . . . $65

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.

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

6.3 Late Fees

Late Entry Fee . . . . . $105
Late Document Fee. . . . . $105

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

## 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 2012 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 Apollo Bay Yacht Race" and M2AB 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 Apollo Bay 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 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 as soon as possible.

13.2 Apollo Bay: In the Apollo Bay Boat Harbour.