The Trophy

# Notice of Races
# 1997 Rudder Cup Series

## The Cock of the Bay Race
## The Melbourne to Devonport Race
## The Boral Top Of The Island Race

**The 1997 Melbourne to Devonport Yacht Race is the fiftieth running of the Bass Strait race**

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## Series Organisers

The Ocean Racing Club of Victoria Inc. in conjunction with the Mersey Yacht Club Inc. and assisted by the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron Inc. and the Multihull Yacht Club Of Victoria Inc.

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## Support Sponsors

Boral, Kendall Airlines, TT Lines, Carlton United Breweries, Radio 7AD, The Advocate, The Examiner, Grace Removals, Tas Tourism, Sport and Recreation Victoria, Port Of Devonport Corporation, City Of Devonport.

## Invitation

An invitation is extended to the owners of suitable yachts to compete in the 1997 Rudder Cup Series of Yacht Races

## Eligibility

The races are open to 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 have an LOA not less than 8.5 metres, a LWL not less than 7.3 metres and a displacement (monohull entries) not less than 2,267 kg.

## The Races

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| **Race 1** | The Cock of the Bay Yacht race starts at St. Kilda Breakwater at 1000 hours on 26th December 1997. |
| **Race 2** | The 1997 Melbourne to Devonport Yacht Race starts at Portsea at 1100 hours on 27th December. |
| **Race 3** | The Boral Top Of The Island Yacht Race starts at Mersey Bluff, Devonport at 1100 hours on 30th December. |

## Rules

The rules for the races shall be:

- The 1997-2000 Racing Rules of Sailing of the ISAF, together with the prescriptions of the AYF.
- The Special Regulations of the ORCV (Races 1 and 2 only)
- The International Measurement System (IMS) – where applicable.
- The Australian Measurement System (AMS) – where applicable.
- The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea.
- All as amended by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for each race.

The series is classified as a Category B event for the purposes of advertising.

## Classes and Handicapping

Yachts may enter one of the IMS Division, the Australian Measurement System (AMS) Division, the Performance Handicap Division or the Two Handed Division .

IMS Division yachts shall be handicapped using an appropriate Time on Distance Handicap. Complete details shall be given in the Sailing Instructions for each race.

AMS Division yachts shall be handicapped using their AMS TCF.

Performance Handicap and Two Handed Division TCF's shall be issued by the Race Committee.

In each division there must be at least four entries, or no race, at least six entries for a second place trophy and at least eight entries for a third place trophy.

## Safety Regulations

### Race 2 - Melbourne to Devonport

The Safety Regulations shall be those of the AYF, Addendum A, Part 1, Category 2. Each competing yacht shall be fitted with a serviceable HF marine transceiver complying with the requirements of the AYF Safety Regulations and also capable of receiving on 2201 or 4426 KHz.

Each yacht must have been inspected by a Safety Officer, approved by ORCV, after July 1 1997 and must forward to the ORCV a signed copy of the Inspection Certificate by 1200 hours on 9 December 1997.

In accordance with AYF Safety Regulation 2.4 at least half the crew (three if crew size 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 Two Handed Division both crew members must be accepted by ORCV as sufficiently experienced.

### Races 1 and 3

AYF Addendum A, Part 1, Category 3.

## Entries

Entries may be made on the official Entry Form and shall be lodged with the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria prior to the closing date. Entries for race 3 may also be lodged with Mersey Yacht Club.

Entrants for Race 2 are required to submit a photograph of the yacht prior to the closing date for entries.

For Race 2 each yacht shall submit a Crew List and Safety Check List to the Race Committee no later than 1200 hours on 10 December 1997.

## Closing Date for Entries

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| **Race 2** | 1200 hours 12 November 1997 |
| **Rudder Series** | 1200 hours 12 November 1997 |
| **Race 1 and 3** | 1200 hours 10 December 1997 |

Entries for Race 3 may also be made at Mersey up until 30th December, 1997.

## Entry Fees

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| **Race 1** | Cock of Bay | $25 |
| **Race 2** | Melbourne Devonport | $150 |
| **Race 3** | Top Of The Island | $30 |

Late entries for Race 2 shall attract a $60 premium but may not be accepted.

Race entries that are paid by cheque or credit card shall not be debited to entrant's account until 1 December 1997.

### Crew Fees - Victorian Boats Only

A crew fee of $20 is payable for each crew member sailing in Race 2 who is not a member of the ORCV.

## Rudder Cup Series and Scoring System

Yachts entering all three races of the Rudder Cup Series prior to 12 November 1997 shall be eligible for Rudder Cup Series Trophies.

Points shall be awarded in each race according to the corrected time results for each Division as follows:

First – 100 points, Second – 98 points, Third – 97 points, and so on.

Only yachts entered in the series shall be considered when allocating points. Yachts not starting, not finishing or being disqualified shall receive no points for that particular race. The yacht with the highest 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 highest placed yacht in Race 2.

The Rudder Cup perpetual trophy shall be awarded to the winner of the measurement system division with the highest number of entries (IMS or AMS).

## Sailing Instructions

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| **Races 1 and 2** | Sailing Instructions shall be mailed to Entrants at the address shown on the entry form. |

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| **Race 3** | Sailing Instructions will be made available to entrants at Mersey Yacht Club in Devonport. |

## Briefing for Race 2

A briefing for entrants and crews in Race 2 will be held on 22 December at 1930 hours at a venue to be advised.

## Mooring Arrangements

**Melbourne**: By arrangement with Bay Yacht Clubs.

**Portsea**: At Queenscliff and at Portsea Pier

**Devonport**: At Mersey Yacht Club at the direction of Mersey Yacht Club officials.

## Trophies

### Race 1 - The Cock of the Bay Yacht Race

First, Second and Third on Corrected Time within each Division.

Line Honours (multihull and monohull)

The Cock of the Bay Trophy to the winner of the IMS Division

### Race 2 - The Melbourne to Devonport Yacht Race

First, Second and Third on Corrected Time within each Division.

Line Honours (multihull and monohull)

### Race 3 - The Top Of The Island Race

First and Second on Corrected Time within each Division.

Line Honours (multihull and monohull)

### The Rudder Cup

Highest scoring yacht in largest measurement system Division for races one, two and three.

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

Further information on trophies and presentations will be given in the Sailing Instructions.

## Trophy Presentations

### Cock of the Bay Yacht Race:

The presentation for the Cock of the Bay Trophies will be at a venue and time to be advised in the Sailing Instructions for the Race.

**Races 2 and 3 and Rudder Cup Series:**

The presentation of trophies for these races and for the Rudder Cup Series will be held at a function at Mersey Yacht Club on 30th December 1997.

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