

NOTICE OF RACE

2019 ORCV WOMEN SKIPPERS AND NAVIGATIONS YACHT RACE



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The Ocean Racing Club of Victoria (ORCV) and the YV Women and Girls in Sailing Committee (WGISC) are once again offering the ORCV Women Skippers & Navigators Race which will be run as a return race from Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron (BYS) to Sandringham following the Blairgowrie Passage Race of the ORCV Winter Series on the previous day.

This event will provide further opportunities for women keelboat sailors to participate more actively in keelboat racing beyond "round the sticks" racing and will provide exposure to other skill areas including navigation, weather, radio procedures and crew management.

So whether you are already a member or participant in ORCV events, a regular Bay sailor who has an interest in passage/offshore racing and navigation, or a more novice sailor on board a cruiser or racing boat not currently engaged in racing, we encourage you all to come along and develop skills in key roles.

The requirements for participation in the race will be as follows:

- Helm(s), Navigator and Radio Operator positions to be occupied by women. These roles could be shared amongst several female crew or, on smaller boats, the female helm may also be the navigator.
- Navigators are encouraged to submit a log of their passage.



- Radio Operators to conduct the mandatory sign on and radio schedules. The radio operator may also be the navigator.

So Ladies, speak to your boat owners now and organise your crew for a fantastic event. Make it a great weekend by starting with the Winter Series Blairgowrie Passage Race, enjoying the great party on Saturday night and then stepping up to running the boat for the race home on Sunday.

Note: You can enter this race separately from the Winter Series. Participants in the Winter Series must lodge a separate entry but are not required to pay a further entrance fee.



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THE 2019 ORCV WOMEN SKIPPERS & NAVIGATORS YACHT RACE WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE WATERS OF PORT PHILLIP. OWNERS OF ELIGIBLE YACHTS 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) WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE BLAIRGOWRIE YACHT SQUADRON (BYS) AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE YACHTING VICTORIA WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SAILING COMMITTEE (WGISC).

1. RACE

- 1.1. The warning signal for the race will be displayed at 0855 Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) on Sunday, 7 July 2019.
- 1.2. This is a Category 5 race conducted from Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron to Sandringham Yacht Club.
- 1.3. The details of the courses 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 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS),
 - the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS),
 - where applicable, the rules and regulations of the Australian Measurement System (AMS) and the IRC Rule Parts A, B and C;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 ORCV website (www.orcv.org.au) and existing entrants will be notified.
- 2.3. By entering this race, the owner of a yacht agrees that this Notice of Race (including amendments) and the entry form, the rules and regulations referred to in NoR 2.1 and the Sailing Instructions shall be complied with by the yacht and by the owner.

- 2.4. The Sailing Instructions will be issued through the ORCV website (www.orcv.org.au).

3. DIVISIONS & CATEGORIES

- 3.1. The race will be conducted under PHS handicaps with the following Racing Divisions:

Unrestricted Monohull
Double Handed
Cruising Non-Spinnaker
Multihull Racing

- 3.2. The Race Committee reserves the right to cancel any Division with fewer than five entries. This includes the race as a whole, in which case entry fees will be refunded. If a Division is cancelled, affected boats may be re-assigned to another Division.
- 3.3. Monohull yachts may enter more than one monohull Division.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. The races are open to yachts of a thoroughly seaworthy nature, which are entered by a member of a yacht club recognised by Australian Sailing.
- 4.2. Each yacht shall comply with the eligibility requirements listed in *Appendix A Yacht Eligibility Requirements*.
- 4.3. The ORCV may require remeasurement of any yacht prior to the yacht racing.
- 4.4. A decision of the ORCV or the Race Committee as to any matter under this condition (NoR 4 *Eligibility*), including as to whether a yacht 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.



- 4.5. All safety equipment shall be on board and available for inspection. On request by the Race Committee, yachts shall be made available for spot inspection to verify safety regulation compliance. Spot checks may be carried out prior to the warning signal or after a yacht finishes.

5. APPLICATION FOR ENTRY

- 5.1. An application for entry must be made on the ORCV online entry system (www.orcv.org.au).
- 5.2. Boats entered in the 2019 ORCV Winter Series are required to submit an entry for this race with a simplified crew list nominating the female helm, navigator and radio operator.
- 5.3. To enter the race, a completed application for entry must be received by 1200 on Wednesday, 3 July 2019.
- 5.4. The ORCV may consider entries after that date but late entries that are accepted may not appear in any fleet guide and may not be eligible to receive any paraphernalia as may be available.
- 5.5. 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 and 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.

- 5.6. 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.
- 5.7. The ORCV is not obliged to accept an application for entry.
- 5.8. In accordance with RRS 76.1, the ORCV may reject or cancel the entry of a yacht that does not comply with the conditions of this Notice of Race.
- 5.9. Information 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 Friday, 5 July 2019.
- 5.10. A yacht's rating certificate shall not be changed after 1700 on Friday, 5 July 2019 except as a result of a rating protest or to correct a rating office error.
- 5.11. A yacht'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. Changes to the crew or details of any crew member shall be notified through the online entry facility on the ORCV web site (www.orcv.org.au) or by mobile phone to the race director's phone (0418 396 605) on the day of the race.

6. FEES

- 6.1. No entry fee is payable for Winter Series or Blairgowrie Passage Race entrants.
- 6.2. For other entrants an entry fee of \$35.00 applies. No additional fee is payable for yachts entering more than one Division.
- 6.3. Race fees may be paid by credit card, cheque or direct credit on submission of the entry form. All fees include Australian Goods and Services Tax (a tax invoice will be issued on request).
- 6.4. A yacht will not be considered a valid entry until all fees are paid.
- 6.5. A cancellation fee will apply where an entry to an event is cancelled within fourteen (14) days of the event. For Category 5 yacht races, the cancellation fee is \$15.

When cancelling an entry, please provide account details (BSB, A/C Number) for refunding the entry fee balance.

7. SCORING

- 7.1. The race shall be scored using the Low point system (RRS Appendix A).
- 7.2. The scoring system will not be subject to protest or dispute (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)).
- 7.3. Prorated positions may be used to determine a result for the race in the event that the race is shortened.

8. TROPHIES

- 8.1. Trophies are presented to competitors for the following achievements, subject to the number of entries qualifications noted below:
 - Line Honours – First monohull yacht to cross the finish line.
 - Multihull Line Honours – First multihull yacht to cross the finish line.

- First, Second and Third placegetters on corrected time within each racing Division, subject to the number of entries qualifications noted below.
- Navigator's prize for best log and radio reporting.

- 8.2. All trophies are awarded subject to sufficient entries in the Racing Division as follows:

- Less than seven entries, no 3rd place trophy is awarded.
- Fewer than five entries, no 2nd or 3rd place trophies are awarded.
- Fewer than three entries, no trophies are awarded for the Division.
- Line honours follow the same rules except all yachts are counted regardless of handicap categories.

- 8.3. There will also be a Novice Skipper Trophy awarded. To be eligible, skippers must be helming for the first time in the Women Skippers and Navigators Race and must nominate themselves as a novice upon entry by email to orcv@orcv.org.au. The ORCV will review all nominations.

- 8.4. The presentation of trophy mementos will be at the 2019 ORCV Annual General Meeting at a date, time and location to be announced. Divisional first placegetters and line honours winners will be awarded a single trophy memento listing all eligible trophies won during the season.

9. CHANGES TO RULES

- 9.1. RRS 41: While racing, a boat may retrieve data from any page of the event website, details of which are provided in the Sailing Instructions, and other websites even if that page is not generally 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 yacht 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 to the extent permitted by their stability rating.

- 9.4. RRS 52: The rule shall be modified:
- to allow self-steering equipment to be used by yachts sailing in the Double-Handed Division or in other Divisions with a maximum of four (4) persons on board;
 - to allow the adjustment of movable water ballast or canting keels on any yacht and the use of stored power to do so, and
- 9.5. RRS 55: The rule is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: *However, discarding biodegradable bands when setting a sail will not be considered a breach of rule 55.*
- 9.6. RRS 61.3: There is no time limit on protests by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee.
- 9.7. 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 yacht shall comply with the requirements of WS Regulation 20 (WS Advertising Code) for Category C.

- 10.2. The ORCV shall be advised of all advertising that a yacht intends to carry. The ORCV shall be advised of all changes to that advertising.
- 10.3. The ORCV may decline to accept an application for entry of a yacht which, in its opinion, is carrying advertising which conflicts with government regulations. If in doubt, the ORCV should be consulted as soon as practicable.

11. TRADEMARKS & COPYRIGHT

- 11.1. "Women Skippers & Navigators Yacht Race" and "MWR" 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.
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12. MEDIA RIGHTS & RESTRICTIONS

- 12.1. It is a condition of entry that the owner of the yacht and all crew members:



- acknowledge that the ORCV owns all media rights to the Women Skippers & Navigators 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 yacht and its crew prior to, during and after the race.
- 12.2. Crew members of yachts 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 yachts 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, any sponsor and their 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 yacht or media representative at any time.
- 12.3. Entrants acknowledge and accept the media restrictions referred to in this paragraph (NoR 12) by completing the entry form.

- 12.4. 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 yacht (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.

13. 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"

14. MOORING ARRANGEMENTS

- 14.1. Melbourne: Visiting yachts requiring moorings in Melbourne should advise the ORCV office as soon as possible.

Appendix A YACHT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

YACHTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS LAID OUT IN THIS APPENDIX TO BE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRY TO THE RACE.

Check	Category	Requirement
	General	Yachts shall be built in accordance with the Special Regulations Part 1, Section 3.03 and Appendix C as applicable.
		The Safety Regulations shall be those of AS Special Regulations, Part 1, Category 5.
	Insurance	The owner of a yacht entered in the race shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the yacht, current at the time of the race, with a sum insured of not less than A\$10 million. The insurance policy shall state that the yacht is covered for the race or that it is covered for yacht races of a length greater than the race length.
	Crew	All persons sailing on competing boats shall be members of an Australian Sailing (AS) affiliated club. Helm, Navigator and Radio Operator positions are all to be occupied by women. Roles can be shared amongst several female crew or, on smaller boats, the roles may be performed by fewer people. Navigators are encouraged to submit a log of their passage. All radio operations must be carried out by women on board.
	Radio	Each competing yacht shall carry a VHF transceiver with channels 12, 16, 67, 71, 73 and 82.