



OCEAN RACING 1972-2022

NOTICE OF RACE

2022 MELBOURNE TO HOBART

WESTCOASTER



Photo: Justin Brenan



Version 1.4

50TH MELBOURNE TO HOBART YACHT RACE

Now in its 50th year, the Melbourne to Hobart Westcoaster is a 435nm blue water ocean classic for well founded and well prepared yachts which perform well in all points of wind and sea conditions.

The race starts with a 125nm passage across Bass Strait, through the tide affected gap between King Island and NW Tasmania and into the Southern Ocean. The fleet runs 200nm south down Tasmania's West Coast, before rounding Maatsuyker Island, heading east to South East Cape and then north east to the relatively sheltered waters of Storm Bay and the Derwent.

The Southern Ocean offers spectacular sailing often characterised by a reach down the coast and spectacular runs under spinnaker across the bottom of Tasmania. Long rolling swells originating in the deep south are common.

The diversity of conditions reinforces the integrity of handicapping systems and presents a rare challenge to the seamanship and tactical skills of crews as they compete for the right to wear the yellow cap of the Westcoaster Racer.

More than 900 yachts and over 7000 crew have now successfully completed the event without major incident – an enviable tribute to the ORCV's training programs, race direction and the competency of crews.

The Westcoaster is the highest ranking race in the ORCV's 2022 – 2023 Offshore Championship.

The Race is open to entry by yachts racing with full crews, "4 plus autohelm" and Double Handed.



OFFSHORE SERIES
ORCV OCEAN RACING

Copyright © Ocean Racing Club of Victoria, Inc 2022

NOTICE OF RACE

THE 2022 MELBOURNE TO HOBART YACHT RACE (THE WESTCOASTER) WILL BE CONDUCTED IN BASS STRAIT, IN THE SOUTHERN OCEAN WEST AND SOUTH OF TASMANIA AND IN THE DERWENT RIVER. OWNERS OF ELIGIBLE YACHTS ARE INVITED TO ENTER THE WESTCOASTER UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF THIS NOTICE OF RACE. THE WESTCOASTER IS ORGANISED AND CONDUCTED BY THE OCEAN RACING CLUB OF VICTORIA (ORCV) WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE DERWENT SAILING SQUADRON (DSS) AND THE SUPPORT OF STRAIT LINK FREIGHT SERVICES .

1. RACE

- 1.1. The warning signal for the Race will be displayed at 11.55 (AEDT) on Tuesday, 27 December 2022.
- 1.2. This is a Category 2 race, except as noted in NoR 11, conducted from the start off Queenscliff, through Port Phillip Heads, across Bass Strait, down the West Coast of Tasmania, rounding Maatsuyker Island before heading east to Storm Bay and the finish at Battery Point in the Derwent River.
- 1.3. The Westcoaster is part of the ORCV Offshore Championship and is open to yachts racing fully crewed, with "Autohelm Plus 4" or Doubled Handed.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The Westcoaster will be governed by the current versions of:
 - the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS),
 - the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing,
 - the ORCV Special Regulations published by ORCV on the ORCV web site,
 - where applicable, the rules and regulations of the Australian Measurement System (AMS), and ORCc
 - the International Regulations for Preventing 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 ORCV website (www.orcv.org.au).
- 2.3. By entering the Westcoaster 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 person in charge.
- 2.4. The Sailing Instructions will be issued through the ORCV website.

3. DIVISIONS & CATEGORIES

- 3.1. The race will be conducted with the following Divisions and Handicap Categories:
 - Unrestricted Monohull (AMS, ORC, PHS)
 - Double Handed (AMS, ORC, PHS)
- 3.2. Yachts in the Unrestricted Monohull Division may race fully crewed, "Autohelm Plus 4" or Double Handed
- 3.3. Entries to the Double Handed Division constitute a separate race entry and are additional to the entry of the yacht in the Unrestricted Monohull Division.
- 3.4. The Race Director may create one or more additional Unrestricted Monohull Divisions having regard to the number of entries and boat performance characteristics.
- 3.5. Yachts entered in the AMS and ORC Handicap Categories of the Unrestricted Monohull Division shall have a valid Rating Certificate which includes a spinnaker with a measured area of at least 130% of the area of the yacht's fore triangle where the foretriangle area is defined as $0.5 * FL * J$ measured in accordance with the AMS rules.

- 3.6. Two-Handed measurement system handicaps (including ratings, TCF and/or allowances) are not used in the calculation of race results in the Unrestricted Monohull and Double Handed Divisions.
- 3.7. ORCc rating certificates shall be Endorsed Certificates. Certificates incorporating "owner measurements" are not used.
- 3.8. The Race Committee reserves the right to cancel any Division or Handicap Category with fewer than five entries.

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. Yachts and their crews must comply with all applicable Victorian and Tasmanian Covid 19 Health Regulations and associated requirements
- 4.3. Each yacht shall comply with the eligibility requirements listed in *Appendix A (Stability Requirements)* and *Appendix B (Yacht Eligibility Requirements)*.
- 4.4. The ORCV may require remeasurement of any yacht prior to the yacht racing.
- 4.5. The crew of each yacht must meet the eligibility requirements listed in *Appendix C Crew Eligibility Requirements*.
- 4.6. 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.
- 4.7. 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 equipment 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 via the online entry system at www.orcv.org.au.
- 5.2. To enter the race, a completed application for entry and payment of the race entry fee must be received by 2359 on Sunday, 13 November 2022.
- 5.3. The ORCV may consider entries after that date but any late entries that are accepted may not appear in race publications and may not be eligible to receive any paraphernalia as may be available.
- 5.4. Each yacht shall submit to the ORCV, no later than 2359 on Wednesday, 16 November 2022, the information listed in *Appendix D Entry Documentation*.

Privacy Note: Personal information about crew members is obtained in crew lists. That information is obtained for use in search and rescue situations possibly leading to limited release to media.

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.

- 5.5. The ORCV is not obliged to accept an application for entry.
- 5.6. 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.
- 5.7. 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 2359 on Wednesday, 14 December 2022.
- 5.8. A yacht's rating certificate shall not be changed after 2359 on Wednesday, 14 December 2022 except as a result of a rating protest or to correct a rating office error.
- 5.9. 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 three hours prior to the starting signal. After any change to a crew list, the yacht shall

still satisfy the requirements of NoR 4.5. Changes to the crew or details of any crew member shall be notified through the online entry system 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. LATE DOCUMENTATION

- 6.1. Unless a prior arrangement has been agreed with the ORCV Race Director and subject to clause 6.2, a time penalty of 20 minutes shall be applied to the Finishing Time of any boat which has not submitted complete yacht and crew documentation (as specified in Appendix D) by 2359 Wednesday 16 November 2022. A 20 minute Finishing Time Penalty will also apply to any yacht which has not completed the required radio or satellite phone check by 0900 Friday 16/12/2022.
- 6.2. Clause 6.1 does not apply to documentation changes arising from rating certificate amendments or, at the discretion of the Race Director, bona fide crew changes.

7. FEES

- 7.1. Race fees shall be paid via the TopYacht online entry system.
- 7.2. Early entries are encouraged and the payment of entry fees should be deferred until the closure of normal entries on Sunday 13 November 2022 at 2359 or on submission of any late entry application as appropriate
- 7.3. All fees include Australian Goods and Services Tax.
- 7.4. The race entry fees are for the race and one handicap category within one division. A fee is payable for each additional handicap category over the initial one.
- 7.5. A further additional fee applies where an eligible yacht enters the Double Handed Division. This additional fee includes, subject to eligibility, all the Handicap Categories offered in the Double Handed race.

Standard Entry (on or before 13/11/2022)	\$600
Late entry after 13/11/2022 (if accepted)	\$750
Additional handicap categories (each)	\$30
Double Handed Division	\$30

ORCV and DSS members receive a 15% discount on the race entry fee.

A yacht will not be considered a valid entry until all fees are paid.

7.6. Crew Fees

Crew fees are payable for each crew member sailing in the Westcoaster

ORCV or DSS Members.....	\$60
Non-Members.....	\$120

This fee includes the cost of a race shirt and the yellow "Westcoaster" cap. Delivery of these items prior to the race cannot be guaranteed for yachts whose entries are received after 13 November 2022.

The crew fee does not include the purchase of ORCV Ocean Pass membership which may be required for crew who are not members of an Australian Sailing Affiliated Club.

7.7. Australian Sailing Number

Crew members without an active Australian Sailing number (or international equivalent) are required to purchase an ORCV Ocean Pass via www.orcv.org.au

The cost of this pass is \$60 and is in addition to the fees outlined in 7.6. Purchasing an Ocean Pass will provide the crew member with temporary ORCV membership and a temporary Australian Sailing Number.

Crew can check their Australian Sailing number status via this link.

<https://www.sailing.org.au/member-finder/>

7.8. Refund Policy

The ORCV wishes to encourage entry to its events. However, races are expensive to organise and run, requiring a cancellation fee to be charged to cover administration and committed costs.

A cancellation fee will apply where an entry to an event is cancelled within fourteen (14) days of the event. For Category 2 yacht races, the cancellation fee is \$100.

In addition, any costs that the ORCV might have incurred for crew merchandise will be charged if they have been incurred before the entry is cancelled.

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

8. SCORING

Prorated positions may be used to determine a result for the race if the race is shortened.

9. WESTCOASTER TROPHIES

9.1. Trophies are awarded to competitors for the following achievements, subject to the number of starters qualifications noted below:

- Line Honours – First monohull yacht to cross the finish line.
- First, Second and Third placegetters on corrected time within each Handicap Category in each Division, subject to the number of starters qualifications noted below.

These memento trophies have been designed to encompass multiple awards and, as such, are returned after presentation for engraving.

9.2. Perpetual trophies are awarded in the Westcoaster Unrestricted Monohull Division, subject to the number of starters qualifications noted below, as follows:-

- The Heemskerk Perpetual Trophy for first place overall on corrected time in the measurement Handicap Category with the largest number of starters, combined if multiple divisions exist.
- Edward Henty Perpetual Trophy for second place overall on corrected time in the measurement Handicap Category with the largest number of starters, combined if multiple divisions exist.
- Batman Perpetual Trophy for third place overall on corrected time in the measurement Handicap Category with the largest number of starters, combined if multiple divisions exist.
- The Zeehan Trophy for the Navigator of the Heemskerk Trophy Winner.
- The Wrest Point Abel Tasman Trophy for the Line Honours Winner.
- The Port Phillip Sea Pilots Trophy for the first yacht to exit Port Phillip Heads, passing through an imaginary line between Point Lonsdale and Point Nepean.
- The City of Melbourne Perpetual Trophy for first on corrected time in the Performance Handicap Category, combined if multiple Performance Handicap Divisions exist.
- The Alan Collins "Rookie Skipper" Prize, awarded to the best performing "first time" Skipper as assessed by the Race Committee.

9.3. The Double Handed Perpetual Trophy will be awarded in the Double Handed Division to first place on corrected time in the measurement Handicap Category with the largest number of starters.

9.4. All trophies, are awarded subject to sufficient starters in the particular Handicap Category and Division as follows:

- Less than seven starters, no 3rd place trophy is awarded.
- Fewer than five starters, no 2nd or 3rd place trophies are awarded.
- Fewer than three starters, there is no race for that Handicap Category or Division and no trophies are awarded for the category and division.

- Line honours follow the same rules except all yachts are counted regardless of Handicap Categories.

Double Handed Division trophies are not subject to the above “Fewer than three starters” requirement.

- 9.5. For the purpose of the Perpetual Trophy Awards, if there are an equal number of starters in two measurement Handicap Categories, AMS shall be deemed to have the largest number of starters.
- 9.6. The presentation of Westcoaster trophies will be at a function after the Race at a time and place to be announced.

10. CHANGES TO RULES

10.1. Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing

RRS 41: While racing, a boat may retrieve weather forecasts and data from any website but excluding information which is specific to a boat, a competitor or the race.

RRS 51: A yacht with movable ballast or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the Australian Sailing Special Regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability to the extent permitted by their stability rating.

RRS 52: The rule shall be modified:

- to allow self-steering equipment to be used by yachts sailing in the Double-Handed Division or 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
- to allow the use of stored power for sail handling and sail trimming on any yacht.

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.

10.2. Alternative Penalties

RRS 44.2 - Two Turns Penalty will apply for breaking a rule of RRS, Part 2 in Port Phillip.

RRS 44.3 - A Scoring Penalty will apply for breaking a rule of RRS, Part 2 outside Port Phillip Heads.

RRS 64.2 - Scoring Penalties may apply at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

The scoring penalties will be applied in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

11. CHANGES TO CATEGORY 2 SPECIAL REGULATIONS

- 11.1. Yachts equipped with HF radio shall use that equipment for the sign-on and all position reports. Yachts not having an HF radio may use a satellite phone in lieu of the HF radio subject to the following conditions:

- Satellite phones shall be powered up and monitored at all times while racing;
- Demonstrated speed dialling capability to both AMSA and the Race Director;
- Demonstrated ability to send and receive text messages and to receive weather warnings; and
- The yacht must also be equipped with a fully functional DSC VHF radio with the yacht’s own MMSI number configured and a GPS receiver connected for position information.

- 11.2. Yachts equipped with internal combustion engines shall start the race with not less than the recommended fuel specified in Special Regulations 3.24.5(c) for a Category 1 event (required fuel in litres = LWL/0.135).

- 11.3. Yachts equipped with electric propulsion engines shall at the start of the race have sufficient power, by use of batteries and generating capacity, to proceed under motor with an effective range of 220NM.

12. TRACKING DEVICES AND AIS

- 12.1. Yachts equipped with AIS transmitters shall operate that equipment at all times when racing, this transmission to include the boats name and MMSI.
- 12.2. A yacht may be required to carry a tracking device supplied by the ORCV.
- 12.3. A yacht on which an ORCV supplied tracking device ceases to operate will be required to provide additional position reports by radio or satellite phone in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.
- 12.4. A yacht that interferes with the normal operation of a tracking device or fails to comply with an ORCV request in regard to tracking devices will be subject to protest by the Race Committee.
- 12.5. An owner or charterer shall be solely responsible for the loss or damage to a tracking device supplied by the ORCV and for its return to the ORCV office after the race.

13. BRIEFINGS

13.1. Compulsory Pre-Race Briefing

A compulsory pre-race briefing for entrants in the Westcoaster will be held at 1800 on Monday 12 December 2022 at the ORCV Clubhouse (unless otherwise notified).

Yachts not based in Melbourne may make alternative arrangements in consultation with the ORCV Office.

The skipper and one other crew member shall attend the whole of this briefing unless an alternative arrangement has been made with the ORCV.

13.2. Compulsory Weather Briefing

A compulsory on line weather briefing will be held at 0800 on Tuesday 27 December 2022.

Unless an alternative arrangement has been agreed with the Race Director the Skipper and Navigator shall attend this briefing.

13.3. Entrants which do not satisfy the requirements of Clauses 13.1 and 13.2 will not be eligible to race.

14. EVENT CLASSIFICATION & ADVERTISING

- 14.1. Advertising on a yacht shall comply with the requirements of WS Regulation 20 (WS Advertising Code) for Category C.
- 14.2. 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.
- 14.3. 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.

15. TRADEMARKS & COPYRIGHT

- 15.1. "Melbourne to Hobart Yacht Race", "M2H" and "Westcoaster" 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.
- 15.2. This document is Copyright © Ocean Racing Club of Victoria, Inc 2021. All enquiries should be directed to:

Ocean Racing Club of Victoria
3 Aquatic Drive
ALBERT PARK VIC 3206
Australia

16. MEDIA RIGHTS & RESTRICTIONS

- 16.1. 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 Melbourne to Hobart 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.
- 16.2. 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.
- 16.3. Entrants acknowledge and accept the media restrictions referred to in this clause (NoR 16) by completing the entry form.
- 16.4. 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.

17. 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 3, which states:

"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"

18. MOORING ARRANGEMENTS

- 18.1. Melbourne: Visiting yachts seeking assistance with berthing in Melbourne should advise the ORCV office as soon as possible.
- Blairgowrie: Yachts may raft up in the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron (BYS) Marina for the night of 26 December under the direction of BYS officials. Yachts requiring individual berthing should contact the BYS as soon as practical to arrange one.
- Hobart: Alongside pontoons at Elizabeth Pier at the direction of the DSS in Hobart.

Appendix A STABILITY REQUIREMENTS

THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN THIS APPENDIX APPLY TO ALL YACHTS INTENDING TO ENTER REGARDLESS OF THE HANDICAP CATEGORY IN WHICH THEY INTEND TO ENTER.

A1 RESISTANCE TO CAPSIZE

A yacht shall provide evidence as follows to demonstrate that it achieves not less than:

- an ORCi Stability Index of 110 for the configuration in which the yacht proposes to race; or
- ISO 12217-2 Design Category A.

A2 CERTIFICATE CURRENCY

As partial evidence of compliance with stability requirements a yacht without a current valid ORCi certificate but with a previously valid certificate shall supply its most recent previously valid certificate to the ORCV together with a completed Stability Declaration certificate and any additional information required by the ORCV relating to boat configuration and modifications.

A3 MOVABLE OR VARIABLE BALLAST

A yacht with movable or variable ballast shall provide evidence that it achieves not less than a Knockdown Recovery Factor of 0.9 under International Standard ISO 12217-2, calculated in accordance with ISO 12217-2 paragraph 6.4.4 with the lesser of FKR_{90} and FKR_{-90} used. Special Regulations Appendix B 7.2.2 shall apply.

A4 FALSIFIED DOCUMENTATION

Competitors found to be falsifying documentation, deliberately invalidating certificates or otherwise misleading the Race Committee about stability of their yacht are subject to action under RRS 69.1. If found guilty the penalty could include disqualification. The incident would also be reported to Australian Sailing.

A determination by the ORCV or the Race Committee as to the suitability of supplied documentation in demonstrating a yacht's compliance with the stability requirements, as to whether there is a satisfactory margin as required by this Appendix or as to a yacht's compliance with the stability requirements is final and binding.

Appendix B 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	<p>Yachts shall be built in accordance with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1, Section 3.03 and Appendix C as applicable.</p> <p>The Safety Regulations shall be those of Australian Sailing Special Regulations, Part 1, Category 2 except as modified in NoR 11.</p>
	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.
	ORCc Yachts	<p>A yacht may only be entered in ORCc if the yacht:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has a current, Endorsed ORCc Certificate; and • the requirements of Clause 3.5 have been satisfied; and • the yacht complies with all of the current ORC 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).
	AMS Yachts	<p>A yacht may only be entered in AMS if the yacht:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has a current, valid AMS Certificate issued by YRSA Inc; and • the requirements of Clause 3.5 have been satisfied; and • complies with all 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).
	Equipment Audit	Each yacht must be inspected after 1 July 2022 by an ORCV Accredited Auditor. A signed copy of the Cat 2 Safety Equipment Compliance Form must be forwarded to the ORCV with the rest of the entry information. Details and guidance on the safety audit process may be found in the ORCV Year Book or obtained from the ORCV office.
	Radio Check	<p>Primary radio support will be provided by Tas Maritime Radio (TMR) using the call sign <i>TasMaritime</i></p> <p>Yachts equipped with HF radio must carry out and pass a radio check/voice test with TMR on the race radio frequencies in the period 25/11/2022-16/12/2022. Race frequencies will be chosen from HF 2524, 4146, 6227 and 8294 kHz, all operated in simplex mode. These frequencies are in common usage but skippers should check that they are set up in their yacht's HF radio configuration.</p> <p>Radio checks with TMR must be prearranged. Please arrange for a suitable time for your radio check by ringing TMR on 03 6231 2276 between 0900 and 1200 or 1500 and 1700 (to avoid clashing with TMR scheduled broadcast times).</p>

Check	Category	Requirement
		Unless use of satellite phone has been approved by the Race Director, yachts not recorded as having adequate radio signal strength and readability will not be eligible to start. Successful completion of radio checks must be confirmed to the ORCV office by yachts
	Satellite Phone	Yachts using satellite phones in lieu of HF radio must demonstrate speed dialling and SMS capability and undertake a voice check using the satellite phone to be used during the race to the satisfaction of the Race Director (0418 396 605) at a pre agreed time in the period 25/11/2022-16/12/2022. Note: Except in emergency, yachts are not permitted to use a satellite phone for race communications unless dispensation has been granted by ORCV.
	Qualifying Race or Passage	A yacht shall substantially complete a qualifying race of not less than 160nm within 12 months of the start of the Race or, with the prior written approval of the ORCV complete a nonstop 24 hour passage within 6 months of the start of the race. A yacht granted this dispensation shall submit a detailed log of the passage with the Pre-Start Documentation.
	Charts	The following paper charts must be carried by those competitors who do not have access to Official Electronic charts.: AUS 144 The Rip AUS 487 Bass Strait AUS 789 King Island AUS 177 Approaches to Macquarie Harbour ~ Strahan ~ Hells Gates Additional paper charts showing the full length of the course from Port Phillip to Storm Bay at a scale of 1:300,000 or less. Currently available charts meeting this requirement are:- AUS 487 Bass Strait AUS 790 Stokes Point to Rocky Cape AUS 791 West Point to Granville Harbour AUS 792 Trial Harbour to Low Rocky Point AUS 793 Low Rocky Point to South West Cape AUS 794 South West Cape to South East Cape AUS 795 South Cape to Storm Bay AUS 796 Tasman Head to Cape Frederick Hendrick

Appendix C CREW ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

CREW MUST COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS LAID OUT IN THIS APPENDIX TO BE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRY TO THE RACE. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION, WHERE REQUIRED, SHOULD BE PROVIDED USING THE TOP YACHT “SAILOR DETAILS” TAB ON THE ORCV WEB PAGE

Check	Category	Requirements
	Membership	All persons sailing on competing yachts shall be members of an Australian Sailing-Affiliated Club or an international equivalent. Australian Sailing membership numbers or their international equivalents must be included on the crew list.
	Age	The minimum age of any person on board is 16 years, with a majority of the crew being of a minimum age of 18 years. Crew aged 16 and 17 years must provide evidence to the ORCV demonstrating past sailing experience and hold a current Australian Sailing Safety and Sea Survival Course (SSSC) certificate. The Race Committee may, at its absolute discretion, refuse to allow any crew members aged between 16 and 18 years of age to participate in the race.
	Experience	In accordance with Australian Sailing 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 form and accepted as such by ORCV. For the Double Handed Division, both crew members must be accepted by ORCV as sufficiently experienced. Note that “Sufficient experience” must include at least one Category 2 race or completion of a passage similar to the Westcoaster.
	Training	At least 50% of the crew on a yacht, with a minimum of three, except for Double-Handed crews which require 100%, shall hold current Australian Sailing Safety and Sea Survival Course certification or an ORCV approved equivalent.
		It is recommended that the skipper or sailing master have a recognised Australian Sailing certificate (or equivalent) of at least an Offshore Skipper certification.
	First Aid	At least one crew member, and two in the case of Double Handed yachts, shall hold an <i>HLDT003 Provide First Aid Certificate</i> or equivalent qualification or be a practising medical practitioner.
	Radio	Where HF radio is used at least one crew member, and two in the case of Double Handed yachts, shall hold a <i>Long-Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency (LROCP)</i> marine radio qualification issued by a relevant authority, or higher qualification. Where satellite phones are used instead of an HF radio, at least one crew member, and two in the case of double handed yachts, shall hold a <i>Short-Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency (SROCP)</i> or <i>Australian Waters Qualification</i> or higher qualification issued by a relevant authority.
	Double Handed	In addition to the higher levels of experience, training and certification detailed above, the minimum age for Double Handed crew is 18 years and the wearing of PFDs at all times when on deck is a mandatory.

Appendix D ENTRY DOCUMENTATION

THE DOCUMENTATION LISTED BELOW MUST BE SUPPLIED BY 2359 ON 16 NOVEMBER 2022 TO COMPLETE THE YACHT'S ENTRY TO THE RACE. THE SUBMISSION OF LATE DOCUMENTATION GENERATES SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL WORK FOR BOTH OFFICE STAFF AND RACE OFFICIALS. IN SUPPORT OF SAFE AND EFFICIENT RACE MANAGEMENT, A FINISHING TIME PENALTY OF 20 MINUTES WILL BE APPLIED TO ENTRANTS WHO DO NOT SUBMIT REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION AND COMPLETE RADIO CHECKS WITHIN THE REQUIRED TIME FRAMES. SEE CLAUSE 6 OF THE NOR.

Check	Documentation	Notes
	Crew List (Online), correctly and fully completed with all associated personal details. Skippers are responsible for its accuracy and currency.	
	A signed and completed Australian Sailing Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form for Category 2 valid for the 2021-22 season.	
	Pre-Race equipment Checklist and Declaration (Category 2) shall be completed prior to commencing the race and a copy shall be kept on board for inspection if requested.	Form available on ORCV website - Sailing Menu, "Entry Compliance Declarations".
	<p>Verification of Hull Construction Standards</p> <p>Where a yacht relies on compliance with the EC Recreational Craft Directive for Category A, a certificate demonstrating that compliance.</p> <p>Where a yacht relies on compliance with ABS, the yacht's ORCi Rating Certificate recording an ABS plan approval or, alternatively, statements signed by the designer and builder confirming that they have respectively designed and built in accordance with the ABS Guide.</p> <p>Where a yacht relies on compliance with ISO 12215 Category A, a certificate demonstrating that compliance, with written statements signed by the designer and builder which confirm that they have respectively designed and built the yacht in accordance with that ISO standard.</p>	
	For entrants in ORCc Handicap Categories, a current copy of the applicable Validated Rating Certificate – If requested	Office will email skipper if a copy of the certificate is required.
	Australian Sailing Safety and Sea Survival Course Certificates or acceptable equivalents. In the case of SSSC certificates, submitting the expiry date online is sufficient.	Lodged as part of crew details
	406 EPIRB Certificate(s) or evidence of registration and currency	
	Current Life Raft Inspection Certificate(s)	
	Current insurance policy certificate of currency.	

Check	Documentation	Notes
	Evidence of Stability (see Appendix A Stability Requirements)	
	ORCV Stability and Construction Declaration confirming that no changes have been made to the yacht since the issue of the above Evidence of Stability.	Form available on ORCV website - Sailing Menu, "Entry Compliance Declarations".
	Skipper's Race Entry Compliance Declaration (Category 2)	Form available on ORCV website - Sailing Menu, "Entry Compliance Declarations".
	A recent colour photograph of the yacht under sail in the configuration which will be used in the race suitable for search and rescue boat recognition purposes. This should be a copyright free digital photograph of a size not less than 6cm by 6cm with a resolution not less than 75 DPI.	