

NOTICE OF RACE

2021 RETURN TO SAILING CELEBRATION RACE



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The ORCV is celebrating the return to competitive sailing with a Race on Saturday 30 October 2021.

The course will, weather permitting, start and finish in the vicinity of RBYC

The event includes a non spinnaker PHS category



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SUBJECT TO VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT HEALTH REGULATIONS, THE ORCV RETURN TO SAILING CELEBRATION RACE WILL BE CONDUCTED IN NORTHERN PORT PHILLIP ON 30 OCTOBER 2021. 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) IN CONJUNCTION WITH SYC AND RBYC.

1. RACE

- 1.1. The warning signal for the Race will be displayed at 0955 Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEDST) on Saturday, 30 October 2021.
- 1.2. The Race is a Category 6 event with a target duration of approximately 3 to 4 hours.
- 1.3. The details of the course which may use both fixed and laid 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 2021-2024 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 ORCc.except as amended by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for the race.
- 2.2. Skippers are required to ensure that all crew comply with Victorian Government social distancing requirements at all times during the Race.
- 2.3. Skippers shall nominate a shore contact for their yacht and shall ensure that their shore contact has an accurate list of crew on board and their contact details.
- 2.4. 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.

- 2.5. 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.
- 2.6. The Sailing Instructions will be issued through the ORCV website (www.orcv.org.au).

3. CATEGORIES & DIVISIONS

- 3.1. The Race will be conducted with the following Handicap Categories:
 - AMS, ORCc and PHS (monohulls only)
 - Non Spinnaker (PHS)
- 3.2. Non-Spinnaker and Two-Handed rating certificates are not used.
- 3.3. The Race Committee reserves the right to cancel any Category with fewer than five entries, up to and including the race itself.
- 3.4. Additional divisions may be created depending upon the number of yachts entered and their sailing characteristics.

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 Eligibility Requirements*.
- 4.3. Yachts must produce supporting documentation if requested.
- 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.

5. APPLICATION FOR ENTRY

- 5.1. An application for entry must be made on the online entry system at www.orcv.org.au.
- 5.2. To enter the race, a completed application for entry must be received by 2359 on Thursday, 28 October 2021.
- 5.3. A yacht will not be considered to be a valid entry if the application for entry does not include a designated shore contact who is maintaining an accurate crew declaration.
- 5.4. The ORCV, at its sole discretion, may consider entries after that date but will not normally do so if the yacht was in a position to enter the race by the due date.
- 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. A yacht's rating certificate shall not be changed after 12 noon on Thursday, 28 October 2021 except as a result of a rating protest or to correct a rating office error.

6. FEES

- 6.1. There are no race or crew fees for this event but crew who do not have an Australian Sailing Number are required to purchase a Bay Pass via the ORCV website at a cost of \$20

7. TROPHIES

- 7.1. Having regard to the inclusive celebratory nature of this event, trophies will not be awarded for this race.

8. CHANGES TO RULES

- 8.1. Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing
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.

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 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.

RRS 52: The rule shall be modified:

- to allow self-steering equipment to be used;
- 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 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.*

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

9. EVENT CLASSIFICATION & ADVERTISING

- 9.1. Advertising on a yacht shall comply with the requirements of WS Regulation 20 (WS Advertising Code) for Category C.
- 9.2. 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.
- 9.3. 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.

10. TRADEMARKS & COPYRIGHT

- 10.1. "ORCV Return to Sailing Celebration Race " is a trademark of the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria, Inc and the use of the trademark is

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11. MEDIA RIGHTS & RESTRICTIONS

- 11.1. 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 Return to Sailing Celebration Race and may exercise those rights as it sees fit;
 - grant the ORCV the unconditional and 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.
- 11.2. 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 at any time.

- 11.3. Entrants acknowledge and accept the media restrictions referred to in this condition (NoR 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 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.

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.

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"

Appendix A 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 6.
	Record of Crew	The skipper of each yacht shall nominate a shore based emergency contact and provide an accurate crew declaration. The skipper shall be responsible for informing the shore based contact of any late changes to POB.
	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.
	ORCc Yachts	A yacht may only be entered in ORCc if the yacht: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has a current, Endorsed ORCc Certificate • complies with all of the current ORCc 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	A yacht may only be entered in AMS if the yacht: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has a current, valid AMS Certificate issued by YRSA Inc; 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).
	Crew	All persons sailing on competing yachts shall be members of an AS-affiliated club or an international equivalent or hold a current ORCV Bay Pass.
	Radio	Each competing yacht shall carry a VHF transceiver with channels 16, 67, 71, 73 and 82.