

NOTICE OF RACE

2022 ORCV NOVICE SKIPPERS RACE



Version 1.00

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THE 2022 ORCV NOVICE SKIPPERS RACE WILL BE CONDUCTED ON PORT PHILLIP BAY. 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) .

1. RACE

- 1.1. The warning signal for the race will be displayed at 0955 Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) on Sunday, 21 August 2022.
- 1.2. This is a Category 5 race conducted from a start line in the proximity of the Royal Geelong Yacht Club to Sandringham Yacht Club. In light conditions the start will be delayed or moved to a location closer to SYC.
- 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 2021-24 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 in a single Unrestricted Monohull Division.
- 3.2. The Race Committee reserves the right to cancel the race if there are less than 5 entries.

4. ELIGIBILITY

All yachts entering this race must be steered by and under the effective control of a Novice Skipper at all times from 5 minutes before the start of the race until crossing the finish line.

- 4.1. For the purpose of the above requirement, a Novice skipper is defined as:-
 - A first-time boat owner who has competed, as boat owner or in any other capacity, in less than 10 yacht or dinghy races in the past 10 years; OR
 - A crew member who has no prior experience as a watch leader and who does not normally occupy the role of helms person during a yacht race.
- 4.2. The Novice Skipper must be a member of a Yacht Club recognised by Australian Sailing.
- 4.3. The yacht must be of a thoroughly seaworthy nature and shall comply with the eligibility requirements listed in *Appendix A Yacht Eligibility Requirements*.
- 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.

5. APPLICATION FOR ENTRY

- 5.1. An application for entry must be made on the ORCV online entry system (www.orcv.org.au) including details of crew.
- 5.2. To enter the race, a completed application for entry must be received by 2359 on Wednesday, 17 August 2022.
- 5.3. 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.
- 5.4. 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. A yacht's crew list 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.
- 6.2. No Crew fee is payable although crew who are not members of an AS affiliated club must purchase an ORCV Bay Pass at a cost of \$20.

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

Trophies will be presented for the winner of the race on corrected time and for second and third place getters subject to the number of entries qualifications noted below.

- Less than seven entries, no 3rd place trophy is awarded.
- less than five entries, no 2nd or 3rd place trophies are awarded.
- Fewer than three entries, no trophies are awarded.

- 8.1. The presentation of trophy mementos will be at the 2022 ORCV Presentation Night at a date, time and location to be announced.

9. CHANGES TO RULES

- 9.1. RRS 50.2 and 50.3: Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits will be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.
- 9.2. RRS 52: The rule shall be modified:
 - to allow self-steering equipment to be used by yachts sailing in the Double-Handed or with a maximum of four (4) persons on board;
- 9.3. RRS 61.3: There is no time limit on protests by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee.

10. EVENT CLASSIFICATION & ADVERTISING

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

11. TRADEMARKS & COPYRIGHT

- 11.1. "Novice Skippers Race" and "NSR" 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 Novice Skippers Race 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.

Entrants acknowledge and accept the media restrictions referred to in this paragraph (NoR 12) by completing the entry form.

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"

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 or hold temporary membership of ORCV through the purchase of an ORCV Bay Pass.
	Radio	Each competing yacht shall carry a VHF transceiver with channels 12, 16, 67, 71, 73 and 82.