

NOTICE OF RACE

2023 DISCOUNT YACHTING WINTER SERIES

2023 NOVICE RETURN SERIES



Winter Series
ORCV Bay Racing



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WINTER SERIES AND NOVICE RETURN SERIES

The ORCV Discount Yachting Winter Series (**WS**) and Novice Return Series (**NRS**) for racing and cruising yachts are based on fixed marks style racing within Port Phillip Bay.

The Winter Series comprises four races being a Destination Race to Blairgowrie, a Destination Race to Geelong and two Fixed Marks Races.

- Saturday 24 June 2023: Fixed Marks Race (approximately 5 to 6 hours)
- Saturday 8 July 2023: Destination Race to Blairgowrie
- Saturday 22 July 2023: Fixed Marks Race (approximately 5 to 6 hours)
- Saturday 19 August 2023: Destination Race to Geelong

Races in the Winter Series can be entered individually or as a Series. For yachts competing in at least 3 of the above 4 races, Series results are calculated in respect of the Lord Warden's Trophy.

In addition to the above Winter Series races, Novice Return Races from each of the two destinations are scheduled to provide further opportunities for crew and team development. Skippers are encouraged to rotate current crew members into new roles and, if possible, introduce new crew members to longer distance racing.

- Sunday 9 July 2023: Novice Return Race from Blairgowrie
- Sunday 20 August 2023: Novice Return Race from Geelong

The races in each Series have been scheduled to complement the programs of other Clubs, with calendar clashes avoided whenever reasonably possible.

As with all ORCV races, you can compete fully crewed, 4+Autohelm. For the Winter Series Races, you can also compete Double Handed.

The Fixed Marks and Destination races start in the vicinity of RBYC, while Return Races normally start near the relevant destination. Various course length options have been included in all races to cater for the range of conditions which may be experienced during the winter months.

Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron (BYS) and Royal Geelong Yacht Club (RGYC) are generously providing their traditional overnight hospitality and camaraderie for the Destination and Return races.

The ORCV on water Distress Flare Practice Drill will again be conducted this year. The Drill will be conducted just before the first Race in the Winter Series on **Saturday 24 June 2023**. Details of the Drill will be provided via a Notice to Competitors.



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AMENDMENTS

Number	Sections Changed	Summary of Amendment
NTC-4	1.6, 1.7	Series scoring for novice series
NTC-4	6.2	Series entries close on Wednesday 21 June 2023.
NTC-4	6.4, new 6.5	Crew lists for WS / NRS races due by Wednesday, crew role and experience declaration (CRED) by Saturday.
NTC-4	4.2, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Novice Return scoring is PHS only. • No double-handed or cruising non-spinnaker divisions. • Inclusion of Women and Novice Women Skippers and Navigators trophies.
NTC-4	8	Correct typo in RRS appendix name for low point system.
NTC-4	New - Appendix B	Declaration and information in respect of Novice Adjustment Factor (NAF) handicapping

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THE

- 2023 ORCV DISCOUNT YACHTING WINTER SERIES
- 2023 NOVICE RETURN SERIES

WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE WATERS OF PORT PHILLIP AND CORIO BAY. OWNERS OF ELIGIBLE YACHTS ARE INVITED TO ENTER ONE OR MORE RACES IN EACH SERIES, EACH SERIES AS A WHOLE, OR ALL SERIES UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF THIS NOTICE OF RACE. ALL SERIES ARE ORGANISED AND CONDUCTED BY THE OCEAN RACING CLUB OF VICTORIA INC (ORCV).

1. RACE PROGRAM

1.1. The race program comprises six Category 5N races for monohull keelboats and multihulls within the waters of Port Phillip and Corio Bay.

1.2. Races are scheduled to be sailed as follows:

Race	Date	First Warning	Course Type
Winter-1	Saturday 24 June 2023	1025	Fixed Marks
Winter-2	Saturday 8 July 2023	0925	Destination, Blairgowrie
Novice-1	Sunday 9 July 2023	0925	Novice Return from Blairgowrie
Winter-3	Saturday 22 July 2023	1025	Fixed Marks
Winter-4	Saturday 19 August 2023	0925	Destination, Geelong
Novice-2	Sunday 20 August 2023	0925	Novice Return from Geelong

1.3. The Fixed Marks and Destination Races will be started in the vicinity of RBYC. The Novice Return Races will be started in the vicinity of the corresponding destination.

1.4. Each of the four Fixed Marks and Destination Races is scored individually, with additional "Winter Series" results being published for yachts competing in three or more of these Races based on their results in those Races.

1.5. Each of the two Novice Return Races is scored individually, with additional "Novice Return Series" results being published for yachts competing in both of these Races based on their results in those Races.

1.6. The details of the courses will be given in the combined Sailing Instructions for the Winter Series and Novice Return Series.

2. RULES

2.1. The Races 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).
- The Special Regulations of the ORCV.
- Where a yacht is entered under AMS, the rules and regulations of the Australian Measurement System (AMS).

- Where a yacht is entered under ORC, the rules and regulations of the Offshore Rating Congress (ORC).
- The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.

except as amended by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

- 2.2. The ORCV reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race. Any amendments will be published on the ORCV website (www.orcv.org.au) and existing entrants will be notified.
- 2.3. By entering any Series or any Race in any Series, the owner of a yacht agrees that this Notice of Race (including any amendments) and the entry form, the Rules and Regulations referred to above and the Sailing Instructions shall be complied with by the yacht, owner, skipper and crew.
- 2.4. The Sailing Instructions will be issued through the ORCV website (www.orcv.org.au).

3. COVID SAFE REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1. The owner of the yacht shall ensure that all of the yacht's crew comply with all Victorian Government Health Regulations which may apply at the time.

4. DIVISIONS & CATEGORIES

- 4.1. The Winter Series Races will be conducted with the following racing Divisions and Handicap Categories:
 - Monohull (AMS, ORC, PHS.)
 - Double Handed (PHS)
 - Cruising Non-Spinnaker (PHS)
 - Multihull (PHS)
- 4.2. The Novice Return Series Races will be conducted with the following racing Divisions and Handicap Categories:
 - Monohull (PHS.)
 - Multihull (PHS)
- 4.3. Entries in the Monohull division may race fully crewed, "Autohelm plus 4" or Double Handed.
- 4.4. Yachts racing Double Handed or "Autohelm plus 4" shall be scored as part of the overall fleet (Monohulls) but yachts racing Double Handed may also enter and be scored in a separate Double Handed Division
- 4.5. Entry to the Double Handed Division is separate and is additional to the entry of the yacht in the Monohull Division.
- 4.6. The Race Committee may create one or more additional divisions having regard to the number of entries and the performance characteristics of competitors.
- 4.7. Yachts entered in the AMS or ORC Handicap Categories 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 fore triangle area is defined as $0.5 * FL * J$ measured in accordance with the AMS rules.
- 4.8. Two-Handed measurement system handicaps (including ratings, TCF and/or allowances) are not used in the calculation of race results in the Monohull and Double Handed Divisions.
- 4.9. Yachts entering ORC must hold either an ORCi Rating Certificate or an Endorsed ORCc Rating Certificate based on data submitted to Yachting Australia by an accredited measurer.
- 4.10. Yachts entered in the Cruising Non-Spinnaker Division for a Destination Race are permitted to use engines in designated circumstances. Details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
- 4.11. The Race Committee reserves the right to cancel any Division or Handicap Category with fewer than five entries. In the case of Handicap Categories, this right will be exercised if there are fewer than 3 entries in the relevant Category. This right to cancel includes any Series as a whole, in which case any entry fees will be refunded.

5. ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1. Each Series is open to yachts of a thoroughly seaworthy nature, which are entered by a member of a yacht club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 5.2. Each yacht shall comply with the eligibility requirements listed in Appendix A Yacht Eligibility Requirements.
- 5.3. The ORCV may require remeasurement of any yacht prior to the yacht racing.
- 5.4. A decision of the ORCV or the Race Committee as to any matter under this section (Eligibility) including as to whether a yacht and her crew meet the eligibility criteria for entry, is final and binding and will not be grounds for a request for redress.
- 5.5. 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.

6. APPLICATION FOR ENTRY

- 6.1. An application for entry shall be made on the online entry system via **TopYacht**.
- 6.2. To enter one or both Series, a completed application for entry and payment of any Series entry fee shall be received by **2359** on **Wednesday 21 June 2023**.
- 6.3. To enter an individual Race in any Series, a completed application for entry and payment of any Race entry fee shall be received by **2359** on the **Wednesday** before the Race date.
- 6.4. Each yacht shall supply a crew list, via **TopYacht**, by **2359** on the **Wednesday** before each Winter Series or Novice Return Series Race date.
- 6.5. Each yacht shall supply a Crew Roles and Experience Declaration (**CRED**), using the pro forma in Appendix B, to the Race Director by **2000** on the day before each Novice Return Series Race.
- 6.6. The ORCV may, at its sole discretion, accept entries after the relevant closing date but will not normally do so where a yacht was in a position to enter by the normal closing date.
- 6.7. The ORCV is not obliged to accept an application for entry and may reject or cancel the entry of a yacht that does not comply with the conditions of this Notice of Race.
- 6.8. A yacht's rating certificate shall not be changed after the closing date for a Race, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct a rating office error.

7. FEES

- 7.1. Race fees, which include GST, shall be paid by credit card via the **TopYacht** entry system.
- 7.2. Race Entry

The Race or Series entry fee is for the Race/Series, together with all available Handicap Categories.

Series: Destination, Fixed Marks, Return	\$140
Fixed Marks Race	\$35
Destination Race	\$50
Series: Novice Return Races	Nil
Novice Return Race	Nil

All ORCV members receive a 15% discount on any Series or Race entry fee.

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

- 7.3. Crew Fees

There is no designated crew fee. However, any crew member who does not hold an Australian Sailing number, or international equivalent, shall purchase a temporary membership, in the form of an ORCV Bay Pass for each Race. This is done via the ORCV website, with a daily cost of \$20.

7.4. Refund Policy

Unless the ORCV cancels the entire Winter Series, there are no refunds on entry fees.

8. SCORING

- 8.1. Provisional results for individual Races in each of the WS/NRS Series will be published on the ORCV website; this is expected to be at the completion of each day's racing.
- 8.2. A Winter Series score will be provided for yachts which have **completed** 2 or more Races in this Series, drawing on results for each such Race.
- 8.3. A Novice Return Series score will be provided for yachts which have **completed** both Races, drawing on results for each such Race.
- 8.4. Each Series shall be scored using the Low Point System (RRS Appendix A). Results for all Races in the Series shall be counted (no drops).
- 8.5. The scoring system will not be subject to protest or dispute (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)) and RRS 90.3 shall not apply.

9. TROPHIES

- 9.1. The winner of the **Lord Warden's Trophy** shall be the yacht with the best Winter Series score in the Measurement Handicap Category which attracted the largest number of entries in the four Destination and Fixed Marks Races as a whole. If there are equal numbers of entries across measurement categories, AMS will be used.
- 9.2. The winner of the **Novice Return Series Memento** shall be the yacht with the best Novice Return Series **NRS** score.
- 9.3. The **Custom Yacht Covers Perpetual Trophy for Women Skippers and Navigators** will be awarded to the yacht that finishes with the lowest PHS score in the Novice Return Series **NRS** with females (experienced or novice) in the roles of helm, navigator and radio operator.
- 9.4. The **Custom Yacht Covers Perpetual Trophy for Novice Women Skipper and Navigators** will be awarded to the yacht that finishes with the lowest PHS score in the Novice Return Series **NRS** with female novices in the roles of helm, navigator and radio operator.
- 9.5. For the purposes of awarding these trophies, the title of Skipper is equated to the role of Helm.
- 9.6. Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the winner of the Destination Races to Blairgowrie (**Blairgowrie Ice Bucket ORCV Winter Series Overall Winner Passage Race to Blairgowrie**) and Geelong (**Melbourne Geelong Corio Bay Bowl**) in the most popular Measurement Handicap Category. If there are equal numbers of entries across measurement categories, AMS will be used.
- 9.7. Mementos will be presented to competitors for the following achievements, subject to the number of entries qualifications below:
 - Line Honours- First monohull and multihull yachts to cross the finish line.
 - First, Second and Third placegetters on corrected time within AMS, ORC and PHS subject to the number of entries qualifications noted below.
 - First, Second and Third placegetters on corrected time for DH PHS, subject to the number of entries qualifications noted below.
- 9.8. All mementos will be awarded subject to sufficient entries in the category and Division as follows:
 - Fewer than seven starters: no 3rd place memento will be awarded.

- Fewer than five starters: no 2nd or 3rd place mementos will be awarded.
 - Fewer than three starters: there is no Race for that Handicap Category and/or Division and no mementos will be awarded.
- 9.9. Line Honours follow the same rules, except all eligible yachts will be counted regardless of handicap categories.
- 9.10. Fewer than three starters in Double Handed division, no 2nd or 3rd place mementos will be awarded.
- 9.11. The presentations will be at the next ORCV Annual Presentation Night at a date, time and location to be announced. Mementos may be in the form of a single memento for each yacht listing all eligible Races / Series won during the season.

10. CHANGES TO RULES

10.1. Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing

RRS 41: While racing, a boat may retrieve data from any page of the ORCV website, and other websites even if that page is not generally available.

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 by yachts sailing in the Double-Handed Division and in the Monohull Division 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 64.2: Scoring Penalties may apply at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

RRS 78.2: Valid rating/class certificates shall be produced by the due date specified in this Notice of Race.

RRS 90.3: No time limit will apply for the correction of incorrect published results.

11. EVENT CLASSIFICATION & ADVERTISING

- 11.1. Advertising on a yacht shall comply with the requirements of WS Regulation 20 (WS Advertising Code) for Category C.
- 11.2. 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.
- 11.3. 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.

12. TRADEMARKS & COPYRIGHT

- 12.1. "ORCV Winter Series" and "ORCV Novice Return Series" are trademarks of the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria, Inc and the use of either trademark is absolutely restricted and limited to use by or with the consent of the ORCV.
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13. MEDIA RIGHTS & RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1. It is a condition of entry that the owner of the yacht and all crew members:
- Acknowledge that the ORCV owns all media rights relating to the "ORCV Winter Series" and "ORCV Novice Return Series" 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.
- 13.2. 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, ORCV volunteers, any sponsor and their officers and employees or members of any Protest Committee. This approval may be revoked by the ORCV in respect of a yacht or media representative at any time.
- 13.3. Entrants acknowledge and accept the media restrictions referred to in this section by completing the entry form.
- 13.4. 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.

14. DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in any Race in any Series 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 participating in any Race in any Series.

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."

Appendix A YACHT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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

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 5N, except as modified in this Notice of Race.
		All yachts shall comply with Victorian regulations regarding recreational craft safety requirements.
	Insurance	The owner of a yacht entered in any Series, or any Race in any Series, shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the yacht, current when racing, with a sum insured of not less than A\$10 million. The insurance policy shall state that the yacht is covered for the Race/s in any Series or that it is covered for yacht races of a length greater than the race length for any Race in any Series.
	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 • 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. • The requirements of clause 4.7 are satisfied. <p>Non Spinnaker and 2 Handed Rating certificates are not used.</p>
	ORC Yachts	<p>A yacht may only be entered in ORC if the yacht:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has a current ORCi Certificate issued by ORC; or a current Endorsed ORCc Certificate issued by ORC; • complies with all 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); and • The requirements of clause 4.7 are satisfied. <p>Non Spinnaker and 2 Handed Rating certificates are not used.</p>
	Radio	<p>Each competing yacht shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry a permanently installed or waterproof handheld VHF transceiver with channels 16, 67, 71, 73 and 82. • Have continuous monitoring capability for VHF Channel16 by a suitable method such as dual watch, scanning or multiple radios.

Appendix B NOVICE RETURN RACE(NRR)

IN ORDER TO HAVE A POTENTIALLY ADJUSTED HANDICAP FACTOR FOR A NOVICE RETURN RACE EACH YACHT SHALL SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING **CREW ROLE AND EXPERIENCE DECLARATION (CRED)** TO THE RACE DIRECTOR IN PERSON, BY SMS, OR BY EMAIL.

IF A YACHT DOES NOT SUPPLY HER DECLARATION, STANDARD HANDICAPPING SHALL APPLY AND THE YACHT WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR SCORING IN THE CORRESPONDING NRR RACE.

Yacht Name: _____

Skipper: _____

Return Race: Blairgowrie / Geelong

Role	Experience Level	Crew Name/s	Women
Sailing Master	Exp / Nov		
Navigator	Exp / Nov		Yes / No
Radio operator	Exp / Nov		Yes / No
Helm	Exp / Nov		Yes / No
Main trimmer	Exp / Nov		
Headsail trimmer	Exp / Nov		
Spinnaker trimmer	Exp / Nov		
Office/strings	Exp / Nov		
Mast person	Exp / Nov		
Foredeck	Exp / Nov		

Circle the relevant experience level and/or cross out the irrelevant experience level.

Experience

Please use the following codes to describe the highest level of **experience** for any of the specified **crew members** in each of the specified **roles**. Where multiple crew members share a role, enter the higher/highest level of experience.

- **Nov:** (Novice): A crew member who, while possibly experienced in other roles, **generally** does **not** perform the **role**.
- **Exp:** (Experienced): A crew member who **generally** performs the **role**.

Role Descriptions

The following table describes the various roles on a yacht and the Novice Adjustment Factor **NAF** to be applied in respect of each combination of role and experience.

Role	Description
Skipper	The owner of the yacht who carries ultimate legal responsibility but, for this Race, takes no active leadership or specialist role. Note: The skipper can still do things under direction, such as hauling on a halyard.
Sailing Master	The racing tactician and manager of the crew on the yacht. Responsible for allocation of crew roles, management of crew rotation, tactics.
Navigator	Navigation in respect of race planning including both yacht safety and supporting deployment of Sailing Master's tactics.
Radio operator	Self evident.
Helm	Self evident. Note-1: Following a course from the Sailing Master/Navigator (no tactical decision-making). Note-2: May provide "boat performance" feedback to Navigator and trimmers? Note-3: May take occasional very short breaks.
Main trimmer	Self evident.
Headsail trimmer	Self evident.
Spinnaker trimmer	Self evident.
Office/strings	Self evident.
Mast person	Self evident.
Foredeck	Self evident.

Novice Adjustment Factor NAF

Based on the Crew Role and Experience Declaration **CRED**, the ORCV Race Director will determine a Novice Adjustment Factor **NAF** for each yacht which submits such a declaration.

The potentially adjusted PHS handicap factors will be posted on the ORCV website by **0700** on the morning of the relevant Novice Return Race.

- When applicable, Novice Adjustment Factors are expected to be in the range of 0% to 15%.

NAF Example

Consider a yacht with a standard PHS handicap factor of **1.000** for which the Sail Captain has determined a value for NAF of **10%**. This gives an adjusted PHS handicap factor of **0.900**.

In a **5 hour elapsed time** race, her adjusted time will be **4 hours 30 minutes** compared with **5 hours** if she was sailed by a fully experienced crew.