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2023-2024 West Offshore Products Coastal Sprint Series

Notice of Race

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About the 2023-2024 West Offshore Products Coastal Sprint Series

The ORCV's Coastal Sprint Races are each approximately 55 nm in length, starting at Queenscliff and finishing in the vicinity of Port Phillip Heads.

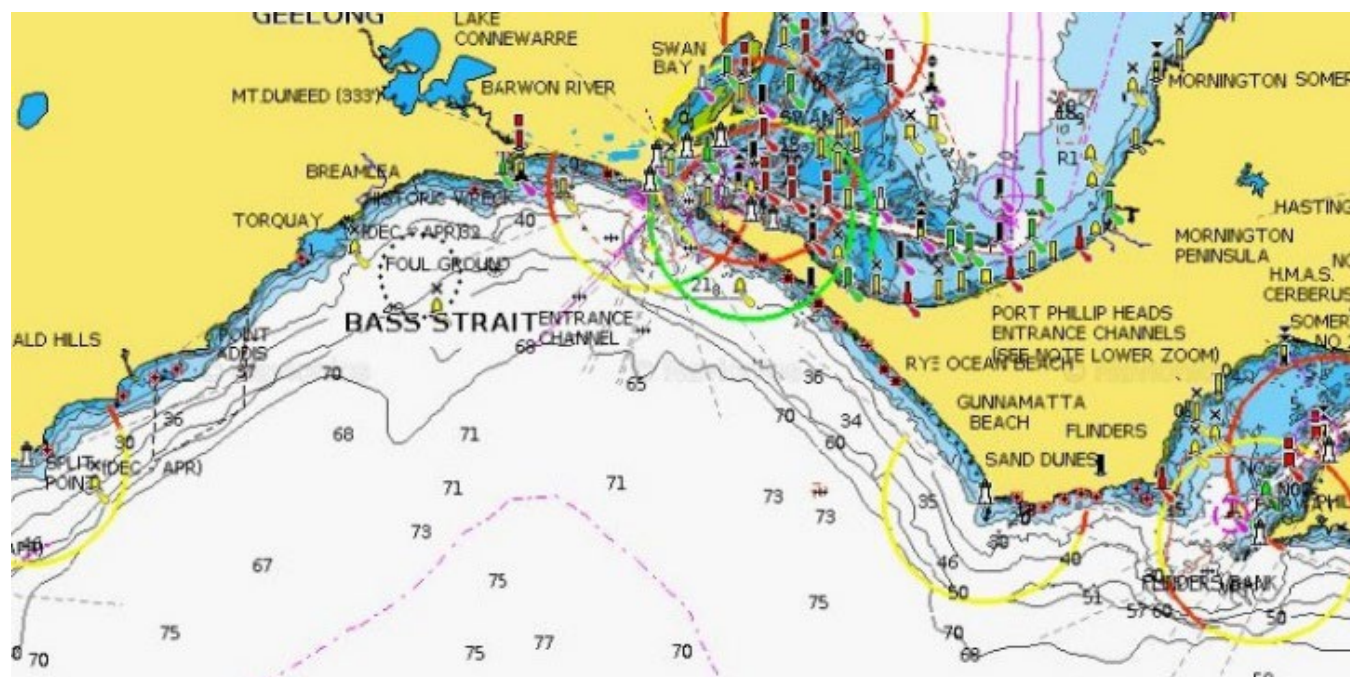
The courses are set in the waters broadly bounded by Drapers Reef, Phillip Island and Split Point. Virtual marks and gates may be used to take best advantage of expected race conditions.

The three Category 3 Coastal Sprint Races are designed to enable Melbourne based crews to return to their home clubs on Saturday night if required. Crews with more time are encouraged to take the opportunity of an overnight stay at either the Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club or at the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron.

Including the Apollo Bay Race, the ORCV program now includes four Category 3 races for those who are unable to participate in longer events. These races also provide a great development path for those who wish to enter the world of Category 1 and 2 offshore racing and for new Double Handed offshore crews.

The Coastal Sprint Races are Designated Races in the ORCV Coastal Championship and the ORCV Double Handed Championship.

Coastal Sprint Course Area



The 2023-2024 ORCV West Offshore Products Coastal Sprint Series yacht race will be conducted on the waters of bass strait from a start at the entrance to 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. Races

- 1.1. These are Category 3 Races, each conducted from a start off Queenscliff, in the area broadly defined by Drapers Reef, Phillip Island and Split Point and finishing in the vicinity of Port Phillip Heads.
- 1.2. The nominal Race Start Dates and Times are as follows.

Race	Start Date	Time	Zone
Coastal Sprint 1	Saturday 16 September 2023	0900	AEST
Coastal Sprint 2	Saturday 25 November 2023	0700	AEDT
Coastal Sprint 3	Saturday 20 April 2024	1000	AEST

- 1.3. The details of the course for each Race will be given in the Sailing Instructions for the Series.

2. Rules

- 2.1. Each Race in the Series 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).
 - 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 one or more Races in this Series, or the Series as a whole, 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 and by the owner.
- 2.4. The Sailing Instructions will be issued through the ORCV website (www.orcv.org.au).

3. Divisions and Categories

- 3.1. Each Race in the Series will be conducted with the following racing Divisions and Handicap Categories:
 - Monohull (AMS, ORC, PHS)
 - Double Handed (PHS)
 - Cruising Non-Spinnaker (PHS)
 - Multihull (PHS)
- 3.2. Entries in the Monohull division may race fully crewed or “4 plus autohelm” or Double Handed as desired on a Race by Race basis.
- 3.3. Yachts racing Double Handed or “4 plus autohelm” shall be scored as part of the overall Monohull fleet.
- 3.4. Entry to the Double Handed Division, including Double Handed scoring, is separate and additional to the entry of a yacht in the Monohull Division.
- 3.5. The Race Committee may create one or more additional Divisions having regard to the number of entries and the performance characteristics of competitors.
- 3.6. A yacht entered in the AMS and/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.
- 3.7. Two-Handed measurement system handicaps (including ratings, TCF and/or allowances) are not used in the calculation of Race results.
- 3.8. A yacht entering ORC shall hold either an ORCi Rating Certificate or an Endorsed ORCc Rating Certificate based on data submitted to Yachting Australia by an accredited measurer.
- 3.9. 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 may be exercised if there are fewer than 3 entries in the relevant Handicap Category. This right to cancel includes any Race or the Series as a whole.

4. Eligibility

- 4.1. Each Race in the Series is open to yachts of a thoroughly seaworthy nature, which are entered by a member of a yacht club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 4.2. Each yacht shall comply with the eligibility requirements listed in **Appendix A Stability Requirements** and **Appendix B Yacht Eligibility Requirements**.
- 4.3. The ORCV may require remeasurement of any yacht prior to the yacht racing.
- 4.4. The crew of each yacht shall meet the eligibility requirements listed in **Appendix C Crew Eligibility Requirements**.
- 4.5. A decision of the ORCV or the Race Committee as to any matter under this section, including as to whether a yacht and the crew meet the eligibility criteria for entry, is final and binding and will not be grounds for a request for redress.
- 4.6. 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 shall be made on the online entry system on the ORCV website.
- 5.2. To enter the **Series**, a completed application for entry and payment of the Series entry fee shall be received by **2359** on **Sunday 10 September 2023**
- 5.3. To enter an individual **Race** in the Series, a completed application for entry and payment of the Race entry fee shall be received by **2359** on the **Wednesday** before the Race.
- 5.4. 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.
- 5.5. Each yacht shall submit to the ORCV, no later than **2359** on the **Wednesday** before the first Race she enters, the information listed in **Appendix D Entry Documentation**, together with a crew list in respect of each Race that she enters.
- 5.6. Personal information about crew members is contained in crew lists. That information is obtained for use in search and rescue situations and for media purposes.

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.

- 5.7. Information supplied to or held by the ORCV under this Notice of Race (other than crew lists) shall not be changed (except to correct errors or after protest) after **2359** on the **Wednesday** before each Race that a yacht enters.
- 5.8. A yacht's rating certificate shall not be changed after **2359** on the **Wednesday** before each Race, 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 or to reflect late crew changes, but shall not be changed later than **48 hours** prior to the starting signal.

After any changes to the crew list, the yacht shall still satisfy the requirements of **Appendix C Crew Eligibility**.

Changes to the crew, or details of any crew member, shall be notified to the Race Director's phone (**0418 396 605**).

6. Late Documentation

- 6.1. Unless a prior arrangement has been agreed with the Sail Captain, and subject to the clause below, a time penalty of 10 minutes may be applied to the Finishing Time of any yacht which has not submitted complete:
 - **Yacht** documentation (as specified in **Appendix D Entry Documentation**) by **2359** on the **Wednesday** before the first Race she enters.
 - **Crew** documentation by **2359** on the **Wednesday** before each Race.
- 6.2. The above clause does not apply to documentation changes arising from rating certificate amendments or, at the discretion of the Sail Captain, bona fide crew changes.

7. Fees

- 7.1. Race or Series entry fees, which include GST, shall be paid by credit card via the TopYacht entry system by **2359** on:
- **Sunday 10 September 2023** for a Series entry.
 - The **Wednesday** before the Race for entry to an individual Race.
- 7.2. The basic Race or Series entry fee is for the Race or Series **and** one Handicap Category. An additional fee is payable:
- For each additional Handicap Category over the initial one.
 - Where an eligible yacht enters the Double Handed Division.

Series Entry (on or before Sunday 10 September 2023)	\$375
Race Entry	\$135
Additional Handicap Categories (each)	\$35
Double Handed Division	\$35

ORCV members receive a **15%** discount on the total Race or Series entry fee.

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

- 7.3. A crew fee of **\$60** is payable, for each Race, for each crew member who is not a member of the ORCV.
- 7.4. Please note that all crew are required to hold an Australian Sailing number, or an international equivalent, which may require the purchase of a temporary membership in the form of an ORCV Coastal Pass. The cost of this pass, **\$30**, is additional to the crew fee.
- 7.5. Unless the ORCV cancels the entire Coastal Sprint Series, there are no refunds on entry fees. If the ORCV cancels the entire Coastal Sprint Series, then any entry and crew fees paid will be held as a credit for future race entry fees.

8. Scoring

- 8.1. The scoring system will not be subject to protest or dispute (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)).
- 8.2. Prorated positions may be used to determine a result for a Race in the Series if a Race is shortened.

9. Trophies and Mementos

- 9.1. Trophies or mementos are presented to competitors for the following achievements, subject to the number of starters qualifications set out below:
 - Line Honours: First monohull yacht to cross the finish line.
 - First, Second and Third placegetters on corrected time within AMS, ORC and PHS.
 - First, Second and Third placegetters on corrected time for Double Handed PHS
- 9.2. All trophies or mementos are awarded subject to there being sufficient starters in the particular Handicap Category and Division as follows:
 - Fewer than seven starters: No 3rd place.
 - Fewer than five starters: No 2nd or 3rd place.
 - Fewer than three starters: No trophies or mementos are awarded.
- 9.3. Line Honours follow the same rules, except that all yachts are counted regardless of Handicap Category.
- 9.4. If there are fewer than three starters in the Double Handed Division, then no 2nd or 3rd place trophies or mementos are awarded.
- 9.5. The presentations will be at the next ORCV Annual Presentation Ceremony 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 mementos won during the season.

10. Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing

- 10.1. **RRS 41:** While racing, a boat may retrieve data from any page of the ORCV website, and other websites, even if those pages are not generally available.
- 10.2. **RRS 44.2:** Two Turns Penalty will apply for breaking a rule of RRS, Part 2 in Port Phillip.
- 10.3. **RRS 44.3:** A Scoring Penalty will apply for breaking a rule of RRS, Part 2 outside Port Phillip Heads.
- 10.4. **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.
- 10.5. **RRS 52:** The rule shall be modified to allow the:
 - Use of self-steering equipment by yachts sailing in the Double Handed Division and in the Monohull Division with a maximum of four persons on board (4 plus autohelm).
 - Adjustment of movable water ballast or canting keels on any yacht and the use of stored power to do so.
 - Use of stored power for sail handling and sail trimming on any yacht.
- 10.6. **RRS 61.3:** There is no time limit on protests by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee.
- 10.7. **RRS 64.2:** Scoring Penalties may apply at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
- 10.8. **RRS 78.2:** Valid rating/class certificates shall be produced by the due date specified in this Notice of Race.
- 10.9. **RRS 90.3:** No time limit will apply for the correction of incorrect published results.

11. Changes to AS Category 3 Special Regulations

- 11.1. A yacht equipped with internal combustion engines shall start each Race with not less than the recommended fuel specified in AS Special Regulations 3.24.5(c) for a Category 3 event:
 - Required fuel in litres = LWL (metres) * 2.5.
- 11.2. A yacht equipped with electric propulsion engines shall start each Race with sufficient power, by use of batteries and generating capacity, to proceed under motor with an effective range of 60 nm.
- 11.3. A **multihull** yacht shall have a minimum waterline length of 12 metres and comply with the hull construction requirements specified in 3.03.2 of the Australian Sailing Special Regulations noting that the ORCV will accept a signed statement from an appropriate naval architect or person familiar with standards that the yacht meets the requirements of ISO 12215 for Category A events.

12. Tracking Devices

- 12.1. **AIS transmitters shall be in operation at all times when racing.** This transmission shall include the yacht's name and MMSI.
- 12.2. A yacht that interferes with the normal operation of a tracking device or fails to comply with an ORCV directive in regard to tracking devices will be subject to protest by the Race Committee.

13. Event Classification and Advertising

- 13.1. Advertising on a yacht shall comply with the requirements of WS Regulation 20 (WS Advertising Code) for Category C.
- 13.2. 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.
- 13.3. The ORCV may decline to accept an application for entry of a yacht which, in the opinion of the ORCV, is carrying advertising which conflicts with governmental regulations. If in doubt, the ORCV should be consulted as soon as practicable.

14. Trademarks and Copyright

- 14.1. "Coastal Sprint Series" is a trademark of the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria, Inc and the use of the trademark is absolutely restricted and limited to use by or with the consent of the ORCV.
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15. Media Rights and Restrictions

- 15.1. 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 West Offshore Products Coastal Sprint 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 the crew prior to, during and after each Race.
- 15.2. Crew members of yachts may, prior to, during and after each 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.
- 15.3. Entrants acknowledge and accept the media restrictions referred to in this section by completing the entry form.
- 15.4. 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.

16. Disclaimer

- 16.1. All those taking part in any Race in the 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 the Race.
- 16.2. 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: Stability Requirements

The requirements specified in this appendix apply to all yachts intending to enter.

A1 Resistance to Capsize

A **monohull** yacht shall provide evidence as follows to demonstrate that she achieves:

- An ORCi Stability Index of 103 or greater for the configuration in which the yacht proposes to race. **OR**
- An IRC SSS Base Value of 16 or greater for the configuration in which the yacht proposes to race. **OR**
- An ISO 12217-2 Design Category A or B. **OR**
- A Screening Value (SV) of 10 or less subject to AS Special Regulations Part 1 Appendix B paragraph B.5.1. **OR**
- A Righting Moment Index (RMI) of 1.4 or greater.

A **multihull** yacht shall provide evidence that she complies with the multihull stability requirements set out in ISO 12217 – 2: 2015 clauses 7.8, 7.9 and 7.10.

A2 Expired Certification

As evidence of resistance to capsizing, a yacht without a current valid ORCi or IRC Certificate but with a previously valid certificate may supply the yacht's most recent previously valid certificate with a Stability Index or SSS Base Value with a satisfactory margin above the stability requirement for Race Category 3 events for the configuration in which the yacht proposes to race, accompanied by a completed Stability Declaration in a format supplied by or acceptable to the ORCV.

A3 Moveable or Variable Ballast

A yacht with moveable or variable ballast shall provide evidence that she achieves not less than a Knockdown Recovery Factor of 0.8 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. AS 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 with regard to 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.

A5 Documentation Suitability

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

Appendix B: Yacht Eligibility Requirements

Yachts shall comply with the requirements specified in this Appendix to be considered eligible for entry to the Series or any Race in the Series.

Check	Category	Requirement
	General	<p>A monohull yacht shall be built in accordance with the AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 3.03 and Appendix C as applicable.</p> <p>A multihull yacht shall be built in accordance with the hull construction requirements specified in 3.03.2 of the AS Special Regulations.</p> <p>The Safety Regulations shall be those of AS Special Regulations, Part 1, Category 2 except as modified in this Notice of Race.</p>
	Insurance	The owner of a yacht entered in any Race in the 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 or that it is covered for yacht races of a length greater than the Race length.
	AMS Yachts	A yacht may only be entered in AMS if the yacht has a current, valid AMS Certificate issued by YRSA Inc.
	ORC Yachts	A yacht may only be entered in ORC if the yacht has a current ORCi Certificate issued by ORC; or a current Endorsed ORCc Certificate issued by ORC.
	Radio	<p>Each competing yacht shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Carry a permanently installed VHF transceiver with channels 12, 16, 67, 71, 73 and 82. — Have continuous monitoring capability for VHF Channel 16 by a suitable method such as dual watch, scanning or multiple radios.
	Charts	<p>The following charts shall be carried by competing yachts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — AUS 144 Australia South Coast - Victoria - The Rip — AUS 788 Australia South Coast - Victoria - Cape Otway to Cape Schanck <p>Charts shall be in paper or official hydrographic ENC (Electronic Navigation Chart) format.</p>

Appendix C: Crew Eligibility Requirements

Crew shall comply with the requirements specified in this Appendix to be considered eligible for entry to any Race in the Series.

Check	Category	Requirement
	Membership	All persons sailing on competing yachts shall be members of an AS-affiliated club or an international equivalent or have temporary membership through the purchase of an ORCV Coastal Pass. AS membership numbers or their international equivalents shall be included on the crew list. A temporary AS number is issued upon purchase of an ORCV Coastal Pass and shall be entered in TopYacht along with other crew details.
	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 shall provide evidence to the Sail Captain demonstrating past sailing experience and hold a current AS Safety & Sea Survival Certificate. The Race Committee may, at its absolute discretion, refuse to allow any crew member aged between 16 and 17 years of age to participate in any Race in the Series.
	Experience	In accordance with AS Special Regulation 2.04, at least two of the crew including the skipper and/or sailing master shall have sufficient experience, declared on the entry form and accepted as such by ORCV.
	Training	It is recommended that at least two of the crew on a yacht shall have completed an Australian Sailing Safety and Sea Survival Course (SSSC) or an ORCV approved equivalent. The expiry date of SSSC or equivalent certificates shall be included in each crew member's TopYacht profile. 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	It is recommended that at least one crew member on a yacht shall hold an HLTAID011 Provide First Aid Certificate or equivalent qualification or be a practising medical practitioner.
	Radio	At least one crew member shall be radio qualified . That is, hold a Short-Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency (SROCP), an Australian Waters Qualification or higher qualification issued by a relevant authority.
	Double Handed	For the Double Handed Division, both crew members shall be over 18 years of age and be radio qualified . Double Handed crew shall wear life jackets at all times when on deck.

Appendix D: Entry Documentation

The documentation listed below shall be uploaded in the boat documents section of TopYacht by **2359** on the date specified below to complete the yacht's entry to the Series or a Race in the Series. The submission of late documentation generates significant additional work for both office staff and race officials. In support of efficient and safe race management, a finishing time penalty of **10** minutes may be applied to entrants who have not submitted the required documentation by the due date.

Check	Documentation	Notes
	Crew List (Online), correctly and fully completed with all associated personal details. Yachts are responsible for accuracy and currency. For each Race entered. Due 2359 Wednesday before Race.	
	For the first Race entered in the Series. Due 2359 Wednesday before first Race entered.	
	A completed Category 3 Australian Sailing Safety Equipment Audit Form.	
	406 EPIRB Certificate(s) or evidence of registration and currency.	
	Insurance Policy Certificate of Currency	
	Evidence of Stability (see Appendix A Stability Requirements). If relying on a Screening Value, please submit the calculation along with evidence to support the length and weight used.	
	Colour photograph of the yacht under sail suitable for search and rescue purposes. This may be a copyright free digital photograph of a size not less than 6cm by 6cm with a resolution not less than 75 DPI.	
	Stability Declaration (in the form supplied by the ORCV) that no changes have been made to the yacht since the issue of the above Evidence of Stability	
	Skipper's Race Entry Compliance Declaration (in the form supplied by ORCV)	

17. Recent winners of the Coastal Sprint Series

Year	Winner	Skipper
2022-23	Ginan	Cameron McKenzie Nigel Jones
2021-22	Archie	Jeff Sloan
2020-21	Pegasus	Andrew Lynch David Lynch
2019-20	Arcadia	Peter Davison