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Ronstan Cock of The Bay

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About the race

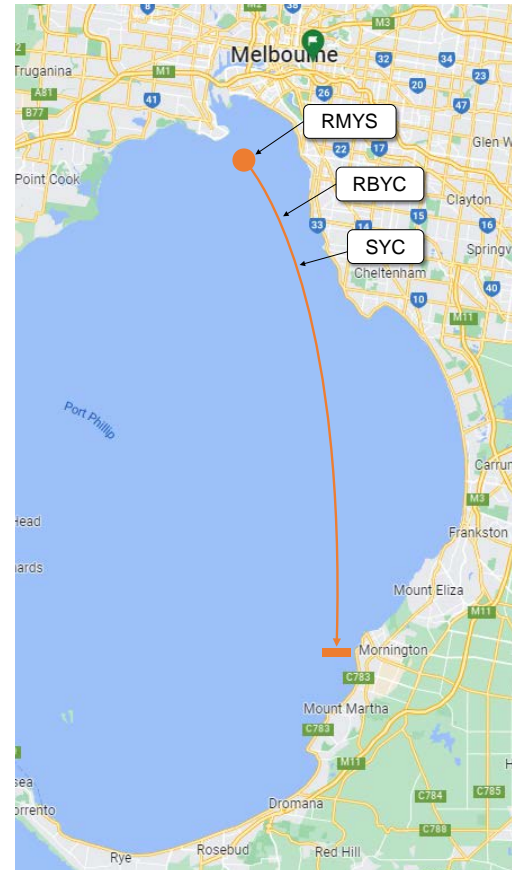
This hugely popular 21 nautical mile race on Port Phillip is held each year on Boxing Day and, with a course designed to sail past major bay locations, is popular with sailors and spectators alike. Some say there is no better way to work off the excesses of Christmas the day before.

Besides being a great race in its own right, the event serves as a feeder for the 50th Melbourne to Hobart blue water classic, which starts the next day from Portsea.

This race is open to yachts racing with full crew, “4 plus autohelm” and Double Handed, as well as multihull.

There are great vantage points for spectators at Port Melbourne, St Kilda Pier, Brighton Pier, Sandringham and Hampton foreshore as the fleet heads towards the Mornington finish.

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The 2023 ORCV Ronstan Cock of The Bay will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip. 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 Cub of Victoria (ORCV).

1. Race

- 1.1. The warning signal for the race will be displayed at 1025 Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) on Tuesday, 26 December 2023.
- 1.2. This is a Category 5 race, starting in the vicinity of Station Pier and finishing at Mornington.
- 1.3. The details of the course including any marks of the course 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).
 - 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).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 entrants at the time of any such amendment 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. Categories and Divisions

- 3.1. The Race will be conducted with the following racing Divisions and Handicap Categories:
 - Monohull (AMS, ORC, PHS) including 4 plus autohelm
 - 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 constitutes a separate race entry and is additional to the entry of the yacht in the Monohull Division.
- 3.5. The Race Director/Committee may create one or more additional divisions within any Handicap Category having regard to the number of entries and the performance characteristics of the 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. The race 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: Yacht Eligibility Requirements.
- 4.3. The ORCV may require remeasurement of any yacht prior to the yacht racing.
- 4.4. A decision of the ORCV or the Race Committee as to any matter under this clause 4, including as to whether yachts and crew meet the eligibility criteria, 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, including crew details, must be received by 2359 on Saturday, 16 December 2023.
- 5.3. The ORCV may consider entries after that date but late entries that are accepted may not appear in any race publications.
- 5.4. In the event of crew changes, skippers are required to update their initial entries at least one day before the start of the race.

Privacy Note: Personal information about crew members is obtained in crew lists. That information is obtained for use in search and rescue situations which may result in public release.

A condition of entry is that crew members are to be informed of, and accept, this possibility.

- 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 1200 on Saturday, 16 December 2023 except as a result of a rating protest or to correct a rating office error.

6. Fees

- 6.1. Race fees shall be paid by credit card, using the Race Entry system at www.orcv.org.au
- 6.2. All fees include Australian Goods and Services Tax.

6.3. Race Entry

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. The Double Handed Division is an additional entry and subject to an additional fee which covers all Handicap Categories in that Division (subject to eligibility).

Race Entry – Early Bird ORCV Member on or before 2nd December, 2023	\$80
Race Entry – Early Bird ORCV Non-Member on or before 2nd December, 2023	\$95
Race Entry – ORCV Member on before 16th December, 2023	\$98
Race Entry – ORCV Member on before 16th December, 2023	\$115
Each Additional Handicap Category	\$15
Double Handed Division	\$15

- A yacht will not be considered a valid entrant until all fees are paid.
- 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.
- The Yachts which have entered via top yacht the 2023 Melbourne to Hobart race will be provided free entry to the 2023 COB race if they have nominated entry into the Sovereign Series option.

6.4. Refund Policy

- Unless the race is cancelled, there is no refunds on entry fees.

7. Scoring

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

8. Trophies

- 8.1. The Ronstan Cock of The Bay Perpetual Trophy is awarded to the overall winner of the Monohull Division in the ORCc or AMS measurement Category with the largest number of entries (combined where additional divisions have been created in a Category pursuant to clause 3.4). If the numbers of entrants are equal in the leading Categories, the trophy shall be awarded to the winner under AMS.
- 8.2. Trophy mementos are presented to competitors for the following achievements, subject to the number of starters qualifications noted below:
 - Line Honours – First yacht to cross the finish line in each Division (combined if additional divisions have been created under clause 3.4).
 - First placegetters on corrected time within each Handicap Category and Division.
- 8.3. All trophy mementos are awarded subject to sufficient starters in the particular Handicap Category and Division as follows:
 - Fewer 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, or two in the case of the Double Handed and Multihull Divisions, 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.
- 8.4. Results will be announced via the ORCV social media and website platforms.
- 8.5. The presentation of trophy mementos will be at the ORCV Presentation Night at a date, time and location to be announced. Handicap category first placegetters and the line honours winner will be awarded a single trophy memento listing all eligible trophies won during the season.

9. Changes to Rules

9.1. 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 47: 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 47.*

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
- to allow the use of stored power for sail handling and sail trimming on any yacht.

- 9.2. **RRS 55:** Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits will be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.
- 9.3. **RRS 60.1 & 62.1:** The scoring system will not be subject to protest or dispute.
- 9.4. **RRS 61.3:** There is no time limit on protests by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee.
- 9.5. **RRS 78.2:** Valid rating/class certificates shall be produced by the due date specified in this Notice of Race.

10. Event Classification & Advertising

- 10.1. Advertising on a yacht shall comply with the requirements of WS Regulation 20 (WS Advertising Code) for Category C.
- 10.2. 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.
- 10.3. The ORCV may decline to accept an application for entry of a yacht which, in its opinion, is carrying advertising which conflicts with governmental regulations. If in doubt, the ORCV should be consulted as soon as practicable.

11. Trademarks & Copyright

- 11.1. “Ronstan Cock of The Bay” and “COB” 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 Ronstan Cock of The Bay 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.
- 12.2. 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.
- 12.3. Entrants acknowledge and accept the media restrictions referred to in this clause by completing the entry form.
- 12.4. 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.

13. Disclaimer

- 13.1. 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.
- 13.2. Crew acknowledge that by having their names entered on the crew list, they (and any guests or supporters they invite to an ORCV event) are agreeing to abide by the ORCV Code of Conduct.
- 13.3. 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”

14. Mooring Arrangements

- 14.1. There is no competitor moorings available at Mornington. Details for yachts racing in the Westcoaster and Petersville Regatta will be provided separately.

Appendix A: Yacht Eligibility and Entry 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 Special Regulations Part 1, Section 3.03 and Appendix C as applicable.</p> <p>The Safety Regulations shall be those of AS Special Regulations, Part 1, Category 5.</p>
	Insurance	<p>The owner of a yacht entered in the race 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.</p>
	ORCc Yachts	<p>A yacht may only be entered in ORCc if the yacht:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — has a current, valid endorsed ORCc Certificate — has been weighed on scales by an RORC approved measurer; and — 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). — If requested, entrants in ORCc Handicap Categories shall provide a copy of their current Endorsed Rating Certificate (ORCc or ORCi).
	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 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). — If requested, entrants in AMS shall provide a copy of their current AMS certificate.
	Membership and crew list	<p>All persons sailing on competing yachts shall be members of a AS-affiliated club. Day passes are available from the ORCV website for an AS membership for this race. Refer to Entry Category for the crew list requirements.</p>

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	Radio	Each competing yacht shall carry a VHF transceiver with channels 12, 16, 67, 71, 73 and 82. ORCV recommends that all yachts provide a continuous monitoring of channel 16 and the race channel using dual watch capability.
	Entry	<p>Entry is via the ORCV website and the yachts details are to be filled in using the TopYacht Entry System. A yacht must have a TopYacht profile already setup to be able to enter this race online.</p> <p>Crew List (Online), correctly and fully completed with all associated personal details. The skipper is responsible for its accuracy and currency.</p>