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2024 Melbourne to Apollo Bay Notice of Race



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About the 2024 Melbourne to Apollo Bay Yacht Race

This popular event is a short coastal race starting off Queenscliff and going out of Port Phillip Heads before turning right along the coast to Apollo Bay.

This is an ideal race for those new to ocean racing with its shorter length and proximity to the coast.

The race is often won or lost by navigators and tacticians in their decisions to sail a seaward course or hug the shoreline in search of better breeze.

As the concluding ocean race on the season calendar, the 52 nautical mile dash to Apollo Bay often decides the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria Coastal Championship.

The Apollo Bay race first ran on 26 December 1954. The 2024 race will be the 71st Apollo Bay race.

Berthing is available in the Apollo Bay Boat Harbour and there are excellent facilities in the town for meals and post-race refreshment.

This race is part of the ORCV Coastal Championships.



The 2024 ORCV Melbourne to Apollo Bay 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. Race

- 1.1. This is a Category 3 Race. It will be conducted on the waters of Bass Strait from a start off Queenscliff, through Port Phillip Heads and West along the Victorian coast to the finish off Apollo Bay Boat Harbour.
- 1.2. The Race Start Date and Time is Saturday 25 May 2024 at 0900 hrs, with the warning signal at 0855 hrs.
- 1.3. The details of the course for the Race will be given in the Sailing Instructions.

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).
 - 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. Race Categories and Handicap Systems

3.1. The Race will be conducted with the following Race Categories and Handicap systems:

Race Category	PHS	AMS	ORC
Monohull Including 4+autohelm	Yes	Yes	Yes
Double Handed – Monohull only	Yes	No	No
Cruising – Monohull only	Yes	No	No
Multihull including 4+ autohelm	Yes	No	No

- 3.2. Yachts in the Monohull Race Category may race fully crewed, “4 plus autohelm” or Double Handed.
- 3.3. Yachts in the Multihull Race Category may race fully crewed or “4 plus autohelm”.
- 3.4. Entry in the Double Handed Race Category constitutes a separate Race entry and is additional to the entry of the yacht in the Monohull Race Category.
- 3.5. The Cruising Race Category is for monohulls only.
- 3.6. The Race Committee may split the Monohull Race Category into multiple divisions having regard to the number of entries and the performance characteristics of competitors.
- 3.7. Yachts entering ORC must hold either an ORCi Rating Certificate or an Endorsed ORCc Rating Certificate based on data submitted to Australian Sailing by an accredited measurer.
- 3.8. Non-Spinnaker and Two-Handed rating certificates are not used for the Handicap systems used for scoring.
- 3.9. Yachts entered in the AMS or ORC Handicap system of the Monohull Race Category 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 is defined as $0.5*FL*J$ measured in accordance with the AMS rules.
- 3.10. The Race Committee reserves the right to cancel any Race Category or Division with fewer than five entries.

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 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 whether a yacht and its 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, a yacht 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 TopYacht online entry system at www.orcv.org.au.
- 5.2. To enter the Race, a completed application for entry and payment of the race entry fee shall be received by the ORCV via the TopYacht online entry system by **2359 on Wednesday, 15 May 2024**.
- 5.3. The ORCV may, at its sole discretion, accept entries after that date but will not normally do so where a yacht was in a position to enter by the due date.
- 5.4. Each yacht shall submit to the ORCV, no later than **2359 on Wednesday, 15 May 2024**, the documentation listed in **Appendix D Entry Documentation**. Yachts which fail to meet this due date will be subject to a 20 minute time penalty, unless an alternative arrangement has been agreed with the Race Director,
- 5.5. **Privacy Note:** Personal information about crew members is contained in the 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.
- 5.6. The ORCV is not obliged to accept an application for entry.
- 5.7. 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.
- 5.8. Documentation 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 Wednesday, 22 May 2024**.

- 5.9. A yacht's rating certificate shall not be changed after **2359 on Wednesday, 16 May 2024** except as a result of a rating protest or to correct a rating office error.
- 5.10. **A yacht's crew list may be changed to correct errors via TopYacht, to reflect late crew changes, but shall not be changed later than 48 hours prior to the starting signal.** After any change to a crew list, the yacht shall satisfy **Appendix C: Crew eligibility requirements**. Changes to the crew or details of any crew member shall be notified by mobile phone to the race director's phone (0418 396 605).

6. Fees

- 6.1. The race fee shall be paid via the TopYacht online entry system. The entry fee includes Australian Goods and Services Tax (a tax invoice will be issued on request).
- 6.2. The race entry fee is for the Race and all Handicap Systems for which a yacht is eligible.
- 6.3. No additional fee applies where an eligible yacht enters the Double Handed Race Category.

Early Bird Entry (on or before 11/05/2024)	\$180
Normal Entry (after 11/05/2024 and before 2359 hours Thursday 23 May 2024)	\$220

- 6.4. ORCV and ABCC members receive a 15% discount on the race entry fee.
- 6.5. A yacht will not be considered a valid entry until the race entry fee is paid.
- 6.6. A crew fee of \$60 is payable for each crew member who is not a member of the ORCV or ABSC.
- 6.7. Crew who do not have an Australian Sailing Number are also required to purchase a Coastal Pass membership via the ORCV website (<https://www.orcv.org.au/club/crew-and-passes>) at an additional cost of \$60. The crew fee is in addition to the cost of the Ocean Pass.
- 6.8. The ORCV wishes to encourage entry to its events. However, races are expensive to organise and run. While every effort is made to keep the costs of race events to a minimum, there are significant administration and race preparation costs that have been incurred well before the Race date.
- 6.9. The ORCV cancellation and refund policy in respect of this Race is as follows:
- If a yacht cancels their entry in the Race before 23:59 on Wednesday, 15 May 2024, the yacht is entitled to a 75% refund of the race entry and 100% of crew fees paid.
 - Otherwise, if a yacht cancels its entry in the Race, it is entitled to a 50% refund of the race entry fee.
 - If the ORCV cancels the Race due to exceptional circumstances, such as very bad weather, each yacht is entitled to a 50% refund of the race entry fee.
 - Otherwise, there is no refund of race entry or crew fees.

- If you require a refund payment, please email the ORCV office (orcv@orcv.org.au) providing BSB and account number details for direct crediting of the refund.

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 a Race if the Race is shortened.

8. Trophies and Mementos

- 8.1. 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
- 8.2. All trophies or mementos are awarded subject to there being sufficient starters in the particular Handicap System 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.
- 8.3. Line Honours follow the same rules, except that all yachts are counted regardless of Handicap System.
- 8.4. If there are fewer than three starters in the Double Handed Division, then no 2nd or 3rd place trophies or mementos are awarded.
- 8.5. The Sam Ferrier Perpetual Trophy is awarded to overall 2nd PHS
- 8.6. 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.

9. Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing

- 9.1. **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.
- 9.2. **RRS 44.2:** Two Turns Penalty will apply for breaking a rule of RRS, Part 2 in Port Phillip.
- 9.3. **RRS 44.3:** A Scoring Penalty will apply for breaking a rule of RRS, Part 2 outside Port Phillip Heads.
- 9.4. **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.
- 9.5. **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 and Multihull Race Categories 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.
- 9.6. **RRS 61.3:** There is no time limit on protests by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee.
- 9.7. **RRS 64.2:** Scoring Penalties may apply at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
- 9.8. **RRS 78.2:** Valid rating/class certificates shall be produced by the due date specified in this Notice of Race.
- 9.9. **RRS 90.3:** No time limit will apply for the correction of incorrect published results.

10. Changes to AS Category 3 Special Regulations

- 10.1. A yacht equipped with internal combustion engines shall start the 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) * 3.3.
- 10.2. A yacht equipped with electric propulsion engines shall start the Race with sufficient power, by use of batteries and generating capacity, to proceed under motor with an effective range of 90 nm.
- 10.3. 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.
- 10.4. ORCV Strongly recommend all crew are equipped with a Personal Location Beacon. All the details shall be provided on the TopYacht Entry System for each crew person.

11. AIS

- 11.1. **AIS transmitters shall be in operation at all times when racing.** This transmission shall include the yacht's name and MMSI.

12. Event Classification and Advertising

- 12.1. Advertising on a yacht shall comply with the requirements of WS Regulation 20 (WS Advertising Code) for Category C.
- 12.2. 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.
- 12.3. 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.

13. Trademarks and Copyright

- 13.1. “Melbourne to Apollo Bay Yacht Race” and “M2AB” are trademarks 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.
- 13.2. This document is Copyright © Ocean Racing Club of Victoria, Inc 2024.
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14. Media Rights and Restrictions

- 14.1. 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 Melbourne to Apollo 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 the crew prior to, during and after each Race.
- 14.2. 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.
- 14.3. Entrants acknowledge and accept the media restrictions referred to in this section by completing the entry form.
- 14.4. 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.

15. Disclaimer

- 15.1. 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.
- 15.2. 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 theirs 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 it 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 it 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 it 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 Race.

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 — AUS 141 Australia South Coast - Victoria - Plans in South West Victoria~Warrnambool <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 the Race.

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 this Race.
✓	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. All crew should declare their experience using the “offshore experience” section on their personal TopYacht “my sailor” profile
✓	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. The expiry date of First Aid or equivalent certificates shall be included in each crew member’s TopYacht profile
✓	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. The radio

Check	Category	Requirement
		licence details shall be included as part of each crew members top yacht profile
✓	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 Race. 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 **20** minutes may be applied to entrants who have not submitted the required documentation by the due date.

Check	Documentation	Notes
✓	Colour photograph of the yacht under sail suitable for search and rescue purposes. This shall be a copyright free digital photograph of a size not less than 6cm by 6cm with a resolution not less than 75 DPI.	Uploaded using the online TopYacht entry system
✓	Crew List (Online), correctly and fully completed with all associated personal details. Yachts are responsible for accuracy and currency. Due 2359 Wednesday 22 May 2024	Updated using the online TopYacht entry system
✓	A completed Category 3 Australian Sailing Safety Equipment Audit Form.	Uploaded using the online TopYacht entry system
✓	406 EPIRB Certificate(s) or evidence of registration and currency.	Updated using the online TopYacht entry system
✓	Insurance Policy Certificate of Currency	Uploaded using the online TopYacht entry system
✓	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, also 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.	Uploaded using the online TopYacht entry system
✓	Skipper's Race Entry Compliance Declaration (using the form supplied by ORCV)	Uploaded using the online TopYacht entry system