



## 2024 Melbourne to Apollo Bay Race

### NOTICE TO COMPETITORS No.3: Change to the Start Time and Start Line

The weather conditions have been assessed and based on the light wind conditions forecasted during Saturday and the predicted finishing time of the fleet at Apollo Bay, the following changes have been made to the NOR and SIs:

1. The Start time is changed from Saturday 25 May at 0900 hrs AEST to a **new time of 0600 hrs AEST.**
2. Start line will be the alternative start line outside the heads in the proximity of the Canberra wreck and Barwon Heads.
3. Due to the Special Purpose Buoys not being present, a pink inflatable mark will be used for the start line pin end. The start line will be between this pink inflatable mark and the Queenscliff Coast Guard Vessel. The start line will be in an approx. North South direction with the starting direction towards the West from the East side,

Based on the current weather forecast and swell conditions in Bass Strait, the rip conditions will be flat and there will be an Ebb tide which will assist yachts in exiting the heads.

#### Cruising Division

1. Yachts may change their entry from racing to cruising with Spinnakers at any time during the race by SMS's the Race Director before the finish.

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024. 10am

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