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About the Melbourne to Hobart race

The Melbourne to Hobart (Westcoaster) is a prestigious and challenging yacht race. It has a rich history, having surpassed its 50th-year milestone. The race covers 435 nautical miles and is considered a blue-water ocean classic. It is open to well-prepared yachts that can perform effectively in all wind and sea conditions.

The race starts with a 125 nm passage across the Bass Strait, a stretch of water between the Australian mainland and Tasmania. This passage can be affected by tides, and the yachts navigate through the gap between King Island and Northwest Tasmania, venturing into the Southern Ocean. The fleet sails 200 nm south along Tasmania's West Coast before rounding Maatsuyker Island. The yachts then change direction, heading east to Southeast Cape and finally turning northeast towards the more sheltered waters of Storm Bay and the Derwent River, which leads them to Hobart.

The Southern Ocean segment of the race is known for offering spectacular sailing conditions, often characterized by reaching (sailing with the wind coming from the side) down the coast and sometimes running (sailing with the wind coming from behind) under spinnaker across the bottom of Tasmania. Long rolling swells originating in the deep south are a common feature of this part of the race.

The diversity of conditions throughout the race necessitates the use of handicapping systems to level the playing field for different yacht designs and performance capabilities. The challenging nature of the race also puts the seamanship and tactical skills of the crews to the test, making it a true test of sailing prowess. The ultimate prize for the victors is the prestigious yellow cap of the Westcoaster Racer.

Over the years, the Melbourne to Hobart Westcoaster has achieved an impressive safety record, with more than 900 yachts and over 7000 crew members successfully completing the event without major incidents. This achievement is credited to the excellent training programs provided by the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria (ORCV), effective race direction, and the competency of the participating crews.

The race holds significant importance within the ORCV's Offshore Championship, being the highest-ranking race in the series. It offers opportunities for full crews, "4 plus autohelm" (a crew of four with the assistance of an autohelm), or double-handed entries, catering to various sailing preferences and crew sizes.



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, Inc with the co-operation of the Derwent Sailing Squadron.

ORCV acknowledges our sponsor Strait Link for their continued support transporting our Race Van and Container from Melbourne to Tasmania and return.

1. Race

- 1.1. The warning signal for the Race will be displayed at **0955 (Australian Eastern Daylight Time) on Friday 27th December 2024**. Race start time will be **1000 AEDT**.
- 1.2. This is a Category 2 race, except as noted in paragraph 9.2, conducted from the start off Portsea, through Port Phillip Heads, across Bass Strait, down the West Coast of Tasmania, rounding Maatsuyker Island before heading east to Storm Bay and the finish at Battery Point in the Derwent River.
- 1.3. The Westcoaster is part of the ORCV Offshore Championship and is open to monohull and mulihull yachts racing fully crewed or “4 plus autohelm” or Double Handed.
- 1.4. The details of the course including any marks 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),
 - 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 for the Race.
- 2.2. The ORCV reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race. Amendments will be published on the club 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. 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	Yes	No	No
Multihull including 4+autohelm	Yes	No	No

3.2. Yachts in the Monohull Category may race fully crewed, “4 plus autohelm” or Double Handed.

3.3. Yachts in the Multihull Category may race fully crewed or “4 plus autohelm”.

3.4. Double Handed yachts shall have 2 crew. They are also automatically entered and scored in the Monohull Race Category in all eligible Handicap Systems.

3.5. The Race Committee may split the Monohull Category into multiple divisions having regard to the number of entries and the performance characteristics of competitors.

3.6. 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.

3.7. Non-Spinnaker and Two-Handed rating certificates are not used for the Handicap Systems used for scoring.

3.8. Yachts entered in the AMS and ORC Handicap systems of the Monohull 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.

3.9. 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. A yacht shall have a Hull Length (HL) of not less than 9.0 metres; and a Loaded Waterline Length (LWL) as defined in the Australia Sailing Special Regulations not less than 7.3 metres.

4.3. Each yacht shall comply with the eligibility requirements listed in Appendix A: Stability requirements.

4.4. Each yacht shall comply with the eligibility requirements listed in Appendix B: Yacht eligibility requirements.

4.5. The ORCV may require remeasurement of any yacht prior to the yacht racing.

- 4.6. The crew of each yacht shall meet the eligibility requirements listed in Appendix C: Crew eligibility requirements.
A decision of the ORCV or the Race Committee as to any matter under this Section (0
- 4.7. Yachts in the Monohull Category may race fully crewed, “4 plus autohelm” or Double Handed.
- 4.8. Yachts in the Multihull Category may race fully crewed or “4 plus autohelm”.
- 4.9. Double Handed yachts shall have 2 crew. They are also automatically entered and scored in the Monohull Race Category in all eligible Handicap Systems.
- 4.10. The Race Committee may split the Monohull Category into multiple divisions having regard to the number of entries and the performance characteristics of competitors.
- 4.11. 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.
- 4.12. Non-Spinnaker and Two-Handed rating certificates are not used for the Handicap Systems used for scoring.
- 4.13. Yachts entered in the AMS and ORC Handicap systems of the Monohull 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.
- 4.14. The Race Committee reserves the right to cancel any Race Category or Division with fewer than five entries.
- 4.15. Eligibility), including as to whether a yacht and its crew meet the eligibility criteria for entry in the Race, is final and binding and will not be grounds for a request for redress.
- 4.16. 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 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 Thursday, 21 November 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. To qualify for the Early Bird Entry Fee, a completed application for entry and **full entry fee payment** shall be received by the ORCV by 23:59 on **Sunday, 10 November 2024**.
- 5.5. Each yacht shall submit to the ORCV, no later than **2359 on Thursday, 21 November 2024**, the documentation listed in Appendix D Entry Documentation. Yachts which fail to meet this due date will, unless an alternative arrangement has been agreed with the Race Director, be subject to a 20 minute time penalty.
- 5.6. **Privacy Note:** Personal information about crew members is obtained 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. The ORCV is not obliged to accept an application for entry.
- 5.8. 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.
- 5.9. 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 Thursday, 21 November 2024.**
- 5.10. A yacht's rating certificate shall not be changed after **2359 on Thursday, 21 November 2024** except as a result of a rating protest or to correct a rating office error.
- 5.11. **A yacht's crew list may be changed to correct errors, 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 still satisfy the general requirements of paragraph 4.6 Changes to the crew or details of any crew member shall be notified by mobile phone to the Race Director's mobile phone (0418 396 605).

6. Fees

- 6.1. The race entry fees are for all eligible Race Categories and all Handicap Systems.

Race Entry Fees	ORCV/DSS Member	Non ORCV/DSS Member
Early Bird Entry (on or before 10/11/2024)	\$638	\$750
Entry (after 10/11/2024)	\$765	\$900

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

- 6.5 A crew fee is payable for each crew member sailing in the race as follows:

ORCV or DSS Members - \$60

Non-Members - \$120

This fee includes the cost of a race shirt and the yellow "Westcoaster" cap. Delivery of these items prior to the race cannot be guaranteed for yachts whose entries are received after Thursday 21 November 2024.

The crew fee does not include the purchase of ORCV Ocean Pass membership which may be required for crew who are not members of an Australian Sailing Affiliated Club.

- 6.6 Crew who do not have an Australian Sailing Number are also required to purchase an Ocean 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.
- 6.7 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. The ORCV use its cancellation and refund policy in respect of this Race is as follows:
- If a yacht cancels its entry in the Race before 23:59 on Thursday, 21 November 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.
 - There is no refund in respect of crew merchandise that has been ordered and produced.
 - Unless otherwise requested, the ORCV will hold any refunds as a credit against future race entry and crew fees for the yacht.
 - 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 the Race in the event that the Race is shortened.

8. Trophies

- 8.1. Perpetual trophies are awarded, subject to the number of starters qualifications specified in clause 8.2 below, as follows:-
- The **Heemskerk Perpetual Trophy** for first place on **AMS**, combined if multiple Divisions exist.
 - The **Edward Henty Perpetual Trophy** for second place overall on **AMS**, combined if multiple Divisions exist.
 - The **Batman Perpetual Trophy** for third place overall on **AMS**, combined if multiple Divisions exist.
 - The **Zeehan Trophy** for the Navigator of the Heemskerk Trophy Winner.
 - The **Wrest Point Abel Tasman Trophy** for the Monohull Line Honours Winner.
 - The **Port Phillip Sea Pilots Trophy** for the first yacht to exit Port Phillip Heads, passing through an imaginary line between Point Lonsdale and Point Nepean.

- The **City of Melbourne Perpetual Trophy** for first Monohull on corrected time in the Performance Handicap Category, combined if multiple Performance Handicap Divisions exist.
- The **Alan Collins “Rookie Skipper” Prize**, awarded to the best performing “first time” Skipper as assessed by the Race Committee.

8.2. All Trophies and Mementos are awarded subject to sufficient entries in the particular Race 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, there is no Race for that Handicap System and/or Division and no trophies are awarded.
- Line honours follow the same rules except all eligible yachts are counted regardless of handicap Systems.

8.3. Additional non perpetual Mementos are presented to competitors for the following achievements, subject to the qualifications noted above:

- Line Honours – First monohull yacht and multihull to cross the finish line.
- First, Second and Third placegetters on corrected time under the AMS, ORC and PHS Handicap Systems, subject to the “number of starters” qualifications noted below.

8.4. Double Handed Race Category mementos are not subject to the above “fewer than 3 starters” provision.

8.5. Results and Perpetual trophy presentation in Hobart will be announced at a venue, date and time to be announced.

8.6. The presentation of mementos will be at the next ORCV Annual Presentation Night at a date, time and location to be announced. Handicap System first placegetters and line honours winners will be awarded a single trophy memento listing all eligible trophies won during the season.

9. Changes to rules and Category 2 Special Regulations

9.1. Changes/Clarifications to the Racing Rules of Sailing

RRS 41: While racing, a boat may retrieve data from any page of the ORCV website, details of which are provided in the Sailing Instructions, 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 Race Category with 4 plus Autohelm.

- 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.

RRS 55: Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits will be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.

RRS 61.3: There is no time limit on protests by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee.

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

9.2. Changes to Category 2 Special Regulations

- 9.2.1. Yachts equipped with internal combustion engines shall start the Race with not less than the recommended fuel specified in Special Regulations 3.24.5(c) for a Category 1 event (required fuel in litres = LWL/0.135).
- 9.2.2. Yachts 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 220 NM.
- 9.2.3. A yacht equipped with an HF radio shall use that equipment for the communications specified in the Sailing Instructions for the Race. Yachts equipped with both HF and Satellite Phone communications (complying with 9.2.5) shall decide which device is to be used for position schedules. This will be done by filling out the satellite phone declaration form.
- 9.2.5 A yacht not having an HF radio shall use a satellite phone subject to the following additional conditions:
- The Satellite Phone shall be powered up from the yacht's house battery and monitored at all times while racing.
 - The Satellite Phone shall be fitted with a permanent external antenna.
 - Speed dialling capability to the Race Director shall be demonstrated.
 - Demonstrated ability to send and receive text messages,
 - The yacht shall have a fully functional DSC VHF radio with the yacht's own MMSI number configured and a GPS receiver connected for position information.
- 9.2.6. Multihull entries in the race shall:
- Have a minimum waterline length of 12m and comply with the hull construction requirements specified in 3.03.2 of the World Sailing Special Regulations noting that the ORCV will accept a signed statement from an appropriate naval architect or person familiar with standards that the boat meets the requirements of ISO 12215 for Category A events.
 - Shall demonstrate compliance with Category A events
 - Shall also demonstrate compliance with the Design Category A Multihull Stability requirements of ISO 12217 – 2:2015 clauses 7.8, 7.9 and 7.10.
- 9.2.7. As specified in 6.01.1 this race requires Race Category 1, that is at least 50% of the crew on a yacht, with a minimum of three, shall have completed an Australian Sailing Safety and Sea Survival Course (SSSC qualified) or an ORCV approved equivalent.

9.2.8. A Double Handed yachts and 4 plus Autohelm shall be fitted with a fully operational AutoHelm or AutoPilot. The Auto Pilot controller unit output shall only act on the Rudder rotation and no other part of the yacht.

9.3. Alternative Penalties

RRS 44.2: Two Turns Penalty will apply for breaking a rule of RRS, Part 2 in Port Phillip.

RRS 44.3: A Scoring Penalty will apply for breaking a rule of RRS, Part 2 outside Port Phillip Heads.

RRS 64.1: Scoring Penalties may apply at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

The scoring penalties will be applied in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

10. Tracking devices and AIS

- 10.1. AIS transmitters shall be in operation at all times when racing, this transmission to include the boats name and MMSI.
- 10.2. A yacht may be required to carry a tracking device supplied by the ORCV.
- 10.3. A yacht on which a tracking device fails or ceases to operate will be required to provide additional position reports by radio or satellite phone in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.4. A yacht that interferes with the normal operation of a tracking device or fails to comply with an ORCV request in regard to tracking devices will be subject to protest by the Race Committee.
- 10.5. An owner or charterer shall be solely responsible for the loss of or damage to a tracking device supplied by the ORCV, including the return of the device to the ORCV upon return to Port Phillip.

11. Sustainability

- 11.1. The ORCV is dedicated to promoting and upholding the principles of environmental stewardship in ocean racing. The event will be conducted in accordance with the Clean Regattas framework established by Sailors for the Sea. It is our intent to implement as many best practices as possible throughout the duration of the race. Competitors are strongly encouraged to conscientiously consider their environmental impact both at sea and upon arrival at the destination by:
 - Eliminating single-use plastic bottles – opt for refillable and store water using jerries or tanks on board.
 - Containing and sorting rubbish, disposing appropriately at destinations or upon arrival home (e.g., recycling and organics, and reduce the amount sent to landfill).
 - Picking up litter, especially in marinas or around clubs.
 - Provisioning and storing food to reduce food and packaging waste, eg using reusable storage containers.
 - Preventing oil, chemicals and microplastic pollution going to sea by inspecting and maintaining a clean bilge.

12. Race Briefing

- 12.1. **A compulsory pre-race briefing for entrants will be held at 7pm on 23 December, 2024. Details including venue shall be provided via SMS and/or email to all skippers.**
- 12.2. The skipper and one other crew member shall attend the whole of this briefing, unless an alternative arrangement has been made with the ORCV.
- 12.3. A yacht which is not represented at the above briefing shall not be eligible to race.
- 12.4. An online weather briefing will also be provided on the day before the race, time and online link to be advised.

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 its opinion, is carrying ad-vertising which conflicts with Government regulations or ORCV policies. If in doubt, the ORCV should be consulted as soon as practicable.

14. Trademarks and copyright

- 14.1. "Melbourne to Hobart Yacht Race", "Westcoaster" and "M2H" 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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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 to the Melbourne to Hobart 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.

- 15.2. 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.
- 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 the Race do so at their own risk and responsibility. Crew acknowledge this and, by having their names entered on the crew list, release the ORCV and DSS and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members, from all liability.
- 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 theirs alone”

17. Mooring arrangements

- 17.1. **Melbourne:** Visiting yachts seeking moorings in Melbourne should contact the ORCV office at the time of their race entry.
- 17.2. **Blairgowrie:** Yachts may raft up in the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron (BYS) Marina for the night of 26 December under the direction of BYS officials. Yachts requiring individual berthing should contact the ORCV as soon as practical to arrange a berthing at a cost.
- 17.3. **Hobart:** Alongside pontoons in the vicinity of Elizabeth Pier at the direction of the DSS in Hobart.

Appendix A: Stability Requirements

The requirements specified in this appendix apply to all yachts

A1 Resistance to capsize

A monohull yacht shall provide evidence as follows to demonstrate that it achieves not less than:

- an ORCi Stability Index of 110 or greater for the configuration in which the yacht proposes to race; or
- ISO 12217-2 Design Category A.

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 Proof of Stability

A yacht without a current valid ORCi but with a previously valid (but not current) certificate shall supply its most recent previously valid (but not current) certificate with a Stability Index with a satisfactory margin to the minimum stability requirement for Race Category 2 events for the configuration in which the yacht proposes to race, accompanied by a completed Stability Declaration supplied by the ORCV.

A3 Movable or variable ballast

A yacht with movable or variable ballast shall provide evidence that it achieves not less than a Knockdown Recovery Factor of 0.9 under International Standard ISO 12217-2, calculated in accordance with ISO 12217-2 paragraph 6.4.4 with the lesser of FKR90 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 regarding 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.

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

Appendix B: Yacht eligibility requirements

Yachts shall comply with the requirements laid out 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 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 Australian Sailing Special Regulations, Part 1, Category 2 except as modified in this NOR Section 9 above.</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>
✓	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 — The requirements of Clause 3.6 have been satisfied, — 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 (refer RRS 78.1).
✓	ORC	<p>A yacht may only be entered in ORC if the yacht:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Has a current, valid endorsed ORCi or ORCc Certificate, — The requirements of Clause 3.6 have been satisfied, — 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).

Check	Category	Requirement
✓	Equipment Audit	<p>Each yacht shall have a Cat 2 Safety Equipment Compliance Audit Form Inspected no more than 12 months from the race start date by an AS Accredited National Auditor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — In addition, a signed copy of the Cat 2 Safety Equipment Compliance Form (confirming the safety equipment on board at the time of the race) shall be on board and available for inspection by ORCV upon request. — Details and guidance on the safety audit process may be found in the ORCV Web Site or obtained from the ORCV office.
✓	Radio Check	<p>Primary radio support will be provided by Tas Maritime Radio (TMR) using the call sign TasMaritime. If a yacht has an HF radio installed and it has chosen HF radio for position skeds, it shall carry out and pass a radio check/voice test with TMR on the race radio frequencies in the period 0900 Saturday 30 November 2024 to 1800 Sunday 15 December 2024 inclusive. Race frequencies will be chosen from HF 4146, 6227 and 8294 kHz, all operated in simplex mode. These frequencies are in common usage, but skippers should check that they are set up correctly in their yacht's HF radio configuration.</p> <p>Radio checks with TMR need to be prearranged. Please arrange for a suitable time for your radio check by phoning TMR on 03 6231 2276 between 0900 and 1200 or 1500 and 1700 (to avoid clashing with TMR scheduled broadcast times).</p> <p>Successful completion of a radio check by a yacht shall be confirmed, via email, to the ORCV office.</p> <p>A yacht not recorded as having adequate radio signal strength and readability will not be eligible to start.</p>
✓	Satellite Phone	<p>For yachts using satellite phone in lieu of HF, a phone check shall be carried out using that Satellite phone to the race director's phone (0418 396 605) in the period 0900 Saturday 30 November 2024 to 1800 Sunday 15 December 2024 inclusive.</p>

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✓	Qualifying Race or Passage	<p>A yacht shall complete (shown in race results online) a qualifying race of not less than 160 nm within 6 months of the start of the Race or, with the prior written approval of the ORCV complete a nonstop 24-hour passage within 6 months of the start of the Race. A yacht granted this dispensation shall submit a detailed log of the passage with the Pre-Start Documentation.</p> <p>For a yacht carrying out a qualifying passage, the following requirements shall be undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to departure, the yachts skipper shall contact the ORCV race director to provide details of their qualifying passage including schedule of departure, proposed route and ETA of returning to their home port. • At least 75% of the crew shall be the race crew. • A communication schedule be prepared including radio skeds with Marine Rescue Victoria or TMR. • All safety equipment on the yacht shall meet the requirements of this Notice of Race. • A shore contact shall be arranged for the duration of the passage with a frequent predetermined communication schedule. • The Yachts detailed log to include logging on and off with Marine Rescue Victoria or equivalent. • The detailed log to include at least two hourly log input of position, wind conditions and other relevant information. • A snapshot from the Chart plotter track to be provided with the qualifying passage information.

Check	Category	Requirement
✓	Charts and Navigational Equipment	<p>The following charts shall be carried by competing yachts:</p> <p>AUS 144 The Rip</p> <p>AUS 487 Bass Strait</p> <p>AUS 789 King Island</p> <p>AUS 177 Approaches to Macquarie Harbour</p> <p>~ Strahan</p> <p>~ Hells Gates</p> <p>Additional paper or ENC charts showing the full length of the course from Port Phillip to Storm Bay at a scale of 1:300,000 or less. Currently available charts meeting this requirement are:</p> <p>AUS 487 Bass Strait</p> <p>AUS 790 Stokes Point to Rocky Cape</p> <p>AUS 791 West Point to Granville Harbour</p> <p>AUS 792 Trial Harbour to Low Rocky Point</p> <p>AUS 793 Low Rocky Point to South West Cape</p> <p>AUS 794 South West Cape to South East Cape</p> <p>AUS 795 South Cape to Storm Bay</p> <p>AUS 796 Tasman Head to Cape Frederick Hendrick</p> <p>The following additional charts are recommended:</p> <p>AUS 143 Australia South Coast - Victoria - Port Phillip</p> <p>AUS 158 Australia South Coast - Victoria - Port Phillip South and West Channels</p> <p>AUS 788 Australia South Coast - Victoria - Cape Otway to Cape Schanck</p> <p>World hydrographic offices are discontinuing paper charts over time in favour of Electronic Nautical Charts (ENC's – S-57 & S-63) and then towards S-100. As such, some paper charts which were used in the list for charts for the previous editions of the race are no longer available. It is recommended the use of ENC's as the primary navigation system.</p> <p>Paper charts may be used but they must be updated to the latest Notice to Mariners (NtM) within 1 month of the start of the race. Evidence shall be supplied of the NtM updates from the Edition date or Publication date</p>

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		<p>printed on the chart. A guide to updating the charts is shown on the following link;</p> <p>https://hydro.gov.au/factsheets/FS_PNC-updating_paper_nautical_charts.pdf</p> <p>An electronic Chart Plotting device shall be a dedicated chart plotter or a computer with chart plotting type software running ENC type charts</p>

Appendix C: Crew eligibility requirements

Crew shall comply with the requirements laid out in this appendix to be considered eligible for entry to the race.

Check	Category	Requirements
✓	Membership	All persons sailing on competing yachts shall be members of a AS-affiliated club. AS membership numbers shall be included on the online TopYacht crew list. Crew with no AS membership shall obtain an Ocean Pass from (https://www.orcv.org.au/club/crew-and-passes)
✓	Age	The minimum age of all crew is 16, with a majority of the crew being of a minimum age of 18 years. Crew aged between 16 and 18 years must provide evidence to the Race Committee demonstrating past sailing experience, provide parental consent to participate in the race and shall hold a current SSSC qualification. The Race Committee may, in its absolute discretion, refuse to allow any crew member aged between 16 and 18 years of age to participate in the race. For Double Handed Race Category, the minimum age is 18.
✓	Minimum crew Number	For Monohull and Multihull Race Categories, the minimum crew number is four (including Autohelm as 4+Autohelm). If No Autohelm is available, the minimum crew is six unless also racing in the Double Handed Race Category. For the Double Handed Race Category, the crew number is two.
✓	Experience	In accordance with AS Special Regulation 2.04, at least 50% of the crew (three persons if crew size is less than six) including the skipper and/or sailing master shall have sufficient experience , declared online via the TopYacht entry system (https://topyacht.com.au/myty/mytyLogin.php)
✓	Training	At least 50% of the crew on a yacht, with a minimum of three, shall have completed an Australian Sailing Safety and Sea Survival Course (SSSC qualified) or an ORCV approved equivalent. Crew to update their TopYacht sailing profile to reflect their training qualifications (https://topyacht.com.au/myty/mytyLogin.php) The skipper or sailing master must be SSSC qualified. It is recommended that the skipper or sailing master have a recognised Australian Sailing certificate (or equivalent) of at least an Offshore Skipper certification.

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		<p>Refer to the ORCV training courses available on https://www.orcv.org.au/training/sea-safety-and-survival-course-full</p> <p>For Double Handed yachts both crew shall be SSSC qualified</p>
✓	First Aid	<p>At least one crew members on a yacht shall be first aid qualified and also SSSC qualified. That is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Hold a current Senior First Aid Certificate or equivalent qualification. — Or be a practising medical practitioner. — Crew shall update their TopYacht Sailor Profile to reflect their qualification with link to https://topyacht.com.au/myty/mytyLogin.php
✓	Radio	<p>At least two crew members shall be radio qualified. That is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — For a yacht using HF radio, a crew member shall hold a Long-Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency (LROCP) or higher qualification issued by a relevant authority. — Where a satellite phone is used instead of an HF radio, a crew member shall hold a Short-Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency (SROCP) or Australian Waters Qualification or higher qualification issued by a relevant authority. <p>A copy of each crew member's Certificate or other qualification shall be provided.</p>
✓	Double Handed	<p>For the Double-Handed Division, both crew members shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 18 years of age or over, — Sufficiently experienced and completed at least one Category 2 race, — SSSC qualified, — First aid qualified, — Radio qualified, — Must wear a life jacket at all times on deck — Two crew are required.

Appendix D: Entry documentation

The documentation listed below shall be supplied by **2359 ON THURSDAY 21 November 2024**.

Check	Documentation	Notes
✓	Crew List (Online), correctly and fully completed with all associated personal details. The skipper is responsible for its accuracy and currency.	Updated using the online TopYacht Entry System (TES)
✓	Audited Category 2 Special Regulations Equipment form.	Updated using the online TopYacht Entry System (TES)
✓	<p>Verification of Hull Construction Standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Where a yacht relies on compliance with the EC Recreational Craft Directive for Category A, a certificate demonstrating that compliance. — Where a yacht relies on compliance with ABS, the yacht’s ORCi Rating Certificate recording an ABS plan approval or, alternatively, statements signed by the designer and builder confirming that they have respectively designed and built in accordance with the ABS Guide. — Where a yacht relies on compliance with ISO 12215 Category A, a certificate demonstrating that compliance, with written statements signed by the designer and builder which confirm that they have respectively designed and built the yacht in accordance with that ISO standard. 	Updated using the online TopYacht Entry System (TES)
✓	Evidence of Stability (see Appendix A Stability Requirements)	Updated using the online TopYacht Entry System (TES)
✓	Details, on Top Yacht, of crew members holding Australian Sailing Safety and Sea Survival Course Certificates, including the relevant expiry dates.	Details entered online with TopYacht Entry System (TES)

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✓	Provide Senior First Aid Certificates details or acceptable equivalents.	Details entered online with TopYacht Entry system
✓	Long-Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency (LROCP) or acceptable higher qualification.	Details entered online with TopYacht Entry system
✓	406 EPIRB Registration Details	Details entered online with TopYacht Entry system
✓	Current Life Raft Inspection Certificate(s)	Details entered online with TopYacht Entry system
✓	Current Insurance Certificate of currency- 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.	Uploaded using the online TopYacht entry system
✓	Skipper's Declaration form – filled out and signed. Available online from the TopYacht entry system	Downloaded form and filled out form uploaded using the online TopYacht entry system
✓	Evidence of Stability (see Appendix A: Stability Requirements)	Uploaded using the online TopYacht entry system
✓	Colour photograph of the yacht under sail, suitable for search and rescue purposes. This should 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 (TES)
✓	For yachts using a satellite phone, the ORCV Satellite phone declaration form shall be filled out and the phone number confirmed with the Race Director during the phone check.	Uploaded using the online TopYacht entry system
✓	If requested, entrants in AMS shall provide a copy of their current AMS certificate.	The ORCV will advise skippers by email if this is required

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✓	If requested, entrants in ORCc Handicap System shall provide a copy of their current Endorsed Rating Certificate (ORCc or ORCi).	The ORCV will advise skippers by email if this is required