



# 2025 Bass Strait Coastal Sail

## Notice of Event



## Amendments

Number	Sections Changed	Summary of Amendment

Key Information	
Entries Close	2359 Sunday 5 October 2025
Event Date and start time and finish time	Bass Strait Coastal Sail Start: 1200 Saturday 11 October 2025 Finish approx. 1700 Saturday 11 October 2025
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The ORCV Bass Strait Coastal Sail is designed to provide both an introduction to ocean sailing for participants of our Beyond the Bay Program and to provide an opportunity for established crews to improve their sailing skills in a challenging environment.

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. The ORCV Bass Strait Coastal Sail is conducted from Queenscliff, out of Port Phillip Heads to a virtual turning mark based on a yacht's handicap and then back to Queenscliff.

## 2. Event Details

- 2.1. Start of the Event will be 1200 on Saturday 11 October, 2025
- 2.2. This is a Category 4+ event.
- 2.3. The Sailing Instructions will be issued through the ORCV website ([www.orcv.org.au](http://www.orcv.org.au)).
- 2.4. On completion of the Bass Strait Coastal Sail, all yachts are invited to the QCYC for a presentation for all participants. Self Catering and a bar will be open at QCYC for the Saturday evening. All yachts are welcome to stay the night at QCYC with a bookings to be made with a overnight fee for yachts and crew.

## 3. Rules

- 3.1. All sailing will be governed by the current versions of:
  - The 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of Australian Sailing (AS)
  - The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS)
  - The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (ColRegs)except as amended by this Notice of Event and the Sailing Instructions for this Event
- 3.2. The ORCV reserves the right to amend this Notice of Event. Amendments will be published on the ORCV website ([www.orcv.org.au](http://www.orcv.org.au)) and entrants at the time of any such amendment will be notified.
- 3.3. By entering this sailing event, the owner of a yacht agrees that this Notice of Event (including amendments) and the entry form, the rules and regulations referred to in Condition 2.1 and the Sailing Instructions must be complied with by the yacht and by the owner.

## 4. Eligibility

- 4.1. The event is only for yachts participating in the 2025 Beyond the Bay program.
- 4.2. The Event is open to monohull or multihulls yachts of a thoroughly seaworthy nature, which are entered by a member of a yacht club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 4.3. Each yacht must comply with the eligibility requirements listed in Appendix A: Yacht Eligibility and Entry Requirements.

- 4.4. A decision of the ORCV as to any matter under this Condition 4, including as to whether a yacht and its 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. Application for entry must be made on the TopYacht online entry system at [www.orcv.org.au](http://www.orcv.org.au).
- 5.2. To enter this event, a completed application for entry, including crew details, must be received by 2359 Sunday 5 October 2025.
- 5.3. The ORCV may consider entries after that date but late entries that are accepted may not appear in any event publications.
- 5.4. Any crew changes must be done in the TopYacht Entry System up until 2359 on Thursday 9 October 2025, after which TopYacht Entry System will be locked out for any further crew changes. After this date and time any crew changes are to be sent to the Event Director via email [race.director@orcv.org.au](mailto:race.director@orcv.org.au).
- 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 Event.

## 6. Fees

- 6.1. There is no event fee as only the yachts registered for the 2025 Beyond the Bay program are eligible to enter this event.

## 7. Event Classification & Advertising

- 7.1. Advertising on a yacht must comply with the requirements of WS Regulation 20 (WS Advertising Code) for Category C.
- 7.2. The ORCV must be advised of all advertising that a yacht intends to carry. The ORCV must be advised of all changes to that advertising.
- 7.3. 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.

## 8. Sustainability

8.1. The ORCV is dedicated to promoting and upholding the principles of environmental stewardship in ocean sailing. 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 Event. Participants 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.

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## 10. Media Rights & Restrictions

10.1. 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 Bass Strait Coastal Sail 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 Event.

- 10.2. Crew members of yachts may, prior to, during and after the Event, speak or provide material to any media representatives accredited by the ORCV, regarding the Event and the prospects, performance or strategy of yachts entered or participating in the Event, 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 Event 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.
- 10.3. Entrants acknowledge and accept the media restrictions referred to in this clause by completing the entry form.
- 10.4. Any breach of these conditions may, at the discretion of the ORCV 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.

## 11. Disclaimer

- 11.1. All those taking part in this Event do so at their own risk and responsibility. Crew acknowledge this and release the ORCV and its respective officers, employees, volunteers and members, from all liability by entering their names on the crew list.
- 11.2. Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3, which states:  
*"The responsibility for a yacht's decision to participate in a event or to continue sailing in this event is theirs alone".*

## 12. Crew Behaviour

- 12.1. All participants are reminded that they are expected to comply with ORCV's Member Protection Policy and Code of Conduct. For more information refer to <https://www.orcv.org.au/club/inclusion-diversity-and-protection>
- 12.2. Skippers are reminded that crew behaviour is both the skipper and all the crew's responsibility to manage at all times, including during any deliveries or pre and post event social activities.

# 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 Event.

Check	Category	Requirement
	<b>General</b>	<p>Yachts must be built in accordance with the AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 3.03.</p> <p>The Safety Regulations are those of AS Special Regulations, Part 1, Category 4+ (refer ORCV BTB program Cat 4+ form).</p>
	<b>Insurance</b>	<p>The owner of a yacht entered in the Event must hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the yacht, with a sum insured of not less than A\$10 million.</p>
	<b>Membership and crew list</b>	<p>All persons sailing on participating yachts in this Event must be members of a AS-affiliated club. Day passes are available from the ORCV website for an AS membership for this event. Refer to Entry Category for the crew list requirements.</p>
	<b>Radio</b>	<p>Each participating yacht must carry a VHF transceiver with channels 12, 16, 67, 71, 73, 77 and 82. ORCV requires that all yachts provide a continuous monitoring of channel 16 and the event channel with the preference of using dual watch capability.</p>
	<b>Entry</b>	<p>Entry is via the ORCV website, and the yachts details are to be filled in using the TopYacht Entry System.</p> <p>Crew List (Online), correctly and fully completed with all associated personal details. The skipper is responsible for its accuracy and currency.</p>