

# 2026 Melbourne to Apollo Bay Yacht Race

## Notice of Race



## Amendments

Number	Changes	Summary of Amendment

Key Information		
	Early Bird entries close	2359 Wednesday 29 April
	Entries close	2359 Wednesday 13 May
	Race date and Warning Signal	0555 Saturday 23 May
	ORCV office phone	0493 102 744
	Race Director phone	0418 396 605
	All times are AEST (Australian Eastern Standard Time)	

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### About the Apollo Bay Race

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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.

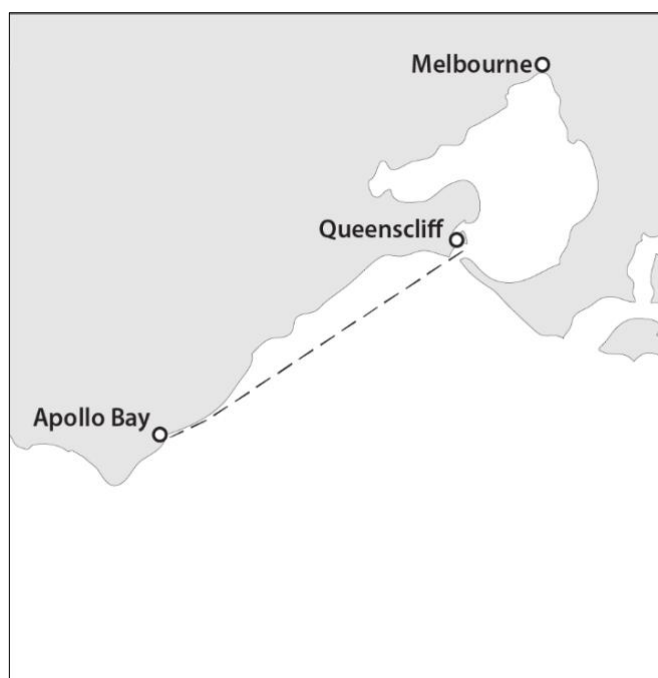
As the concluding race on the ORCV season calendar, the 52 nautical mile dash to Apollo Bay often decides the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria Coastal and Double-Handed Offshore Championships.

The Apollo Bay Race first ran on 26 December 1954.

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 and Double Handed Offshore Championships.

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The 2026 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. Owners of eligible boats 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 (ORCV).

## 1. Race

- 1.1. The warning signal for the Race will be displayed at 0555 Saturday 23 May 2026.
- 1.2. This is a Category 3 race, except as noted in Condition 9. It will be conducted from the start off Queenscliff, through Port Phillip Heads and west along the Victorian coast to the finish off Apollo Bay Boat Harbour.
- 1.3. The Apollo Bay Race is part of the ORCV Coastal and Double Handed Offshore Championships and is open to monohull boats racing fully crewed or “4+autohelm” or double handed, and multihull boats racing fully crewed or “4+autohelm”, and cruising boats.
- 1.4. The details of the course including any marks will be in the Sailing Instructions for the Race.
- 1.5. An alternative course may be used at the discretion of the Race Director.

## 2. Rules

- 2.1. The Race 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),
  - Where a boat is entered under AMS, the Rules and Regulations of the Australian Measurement System (AMS),
  - Where a boat is entered under ORC, the Rules and Regulations of the Offshore Rating Congress (ORC),
  - Where a boat is entered under OMR, the Rules and Regulations of the Offshore Multihull Rating (OMR) Specification developed by the Multihull Yacht Club Queensland,
  - The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (ColRegs).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. Any 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.
- 2.3. By entering this Race, the owner of a boat agrees that this Notice of Race (including amendments), the entry form, the Rules and Regulations referred to in this Condition 2 and the Sailing Instructions must be complied with by the boat and by the owner.
- 2.4. The Sailing Instructions will be issued through the ORCV website at [www.orcv.org.au](http://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	OMR
Monohull including 4+autohelm	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Double Handed – Monohull only	Yes	No	No	No
Cruising	Yes	No	No	No
Multihull including 4+autohelm	Yes	No	No	Yes

- 3.2. Boats in the Monohull Category may race fully crewed, “4 plus autohelm” or double handed.
- 3.3. Boats in the Multihull Category may race fully crewed or “4 plus autohelm”.
- 3.4. Double Handed Category boats must have 2 crew. They are also automatically entered and scored in the Monohull Category in all eligible Handicap Systems.
- 3.5. The Multihull Category boats will be entered into the PHS and OMR Handicap systems if they meet the requirements of Appendix B: Boat Eligibility Requirements.
- 3.6. The Cruising Race Category is for monohulls only.
- 3.7. 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.
- 3.8. Boats 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. The ORC All Purpose handicap will be used.
- 3.9. Non-Spinnaker and Two-Handed rating certificates are not used for the Handicap Systems used for scoring.
- 3.10. Boats entered in the AMS or ORC Handicap System of the Monohull Race Category must have a valid Rating Certificate which includes a spinnaker with a measured area of at least 130% of the area of the boat’s fore triangle where the fore triangle is defined as  $0.5 \cdot FL \cdot J$  measured in accordance with the AMS rules.
- 3.11. The Race Committee reserves the right to cancel any Race Category or Division with fewer than 5 entries.

## 4. Eligibility

- 4.1. The Race is open to boats of a thoroughly seaworthy nature, which are entered by a member of a yacht club affiliated with AS.

- 4.2. A monohull boat must 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. A multihull boat must have a minimum LWL as defined in the AS Special Regulations not less than 12.0 metres.
- 4.4. Each boat must comply with the eligibility requirements listed in Appendix A Stability Requirements.
- 4.5. Each boat must comply with the eligibility requirements listed in Appendix B Boat Eligibility Requirements.
- 4.6. The ORCV may require remeasurement of any boat prior to the boat racing.
- 4.7. The crew of each boat must meet the eligibility requirements listed in Appendix C Crew Eligibility Requirements.
- 4.8. A decision of the ORCV or the Race Committee as to any matter under Condition 4, including whether a boat and its crew meet the eligibility criteria for entry, is final and binding and will not be grounds for a request for redress.
- 4.9. All safety equipment must be on board and available for inspection. On request by the Race Committee, a boat must 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 boat finishes.

## 5. Application for Entry

- 5.1. An application for entry must be made on the TopYacht online entry system (TES) at [www.orcv.org.au](http://www.orcv.org.au).
- 5.2. To enter the Race, a completed application for entry and payment of the Race entry fee must be received by the ORCV via TES by 2359 Wednesday 13 May 2026.
- 5.3. The ORCV may, at its sole discretion, accept entries after that date but will not normally do so where a boat 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 must be received by the ORCV by 2359 Wednesday 29 April 2026.
- 5.5. Each boat must submit to the ORCV, no later than 2359 Wednesday 13 May 2026, the documentation listed in Appendix D: Entry Documentation. Boats 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 Sail Captain.
- 5.6. 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.
- 5.7. The ORCV is not obliged to accept an application for entry.

- 5.8. Documentation supplied to or held by the ORCV under this Notice of Race (other than crew lists) must not be changed (except to correct errors or after protest) after 2359 on Wednesday, 21 May 2026.
- 5.9. A boat's rating certificate must not be changed after 2359 on Wednesday, 13 May 2026 except as a result of a rating protest or to correct a rating office error.
- 5.10. A boat's crew list in TES may be changed to correct errors, to reflect late crew changes, but must not be changed within 48 hours prior to the starting signal. After any change to a crew list, the boat must satisfy Appendix C Crew eligibility requirements. Changes to the crew or details of any crew member must be notified by email ([race.director@orcv.org.au](mailto:race.director@orcv.org.au)) or SMS (0418 396 605) to the Race Director phone.

## 6. Fees

- 6.1. The Race fee must be paid using TES. 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 boat is eligible.
- 6.3. No additional fee applies where an eligible boat enters the Double Handed, Cruising or Multihull Categories.

<b>Early Bird Entry (on or before 29 April 2026)</b>	\$195
<b>Normal Entry (30 April 2026 to 13 May 2026)</b>	\$245
<b>Crew Fee for non-ORCV members (each)</b>	\$65
<b>Ocean Pass for crew without an active Australian Sailing Number (each)</b>	\$60

- 6.4. ORCV members receive a 15% discount on the Race entry fee.
- 6.5. A boat will not be considered a valid entry until the Race entry fee is paid.
- 6.6. A crew fee of \$65 is payable for each crew member who is not a member of the ORCV.
- 6.7. Crew who do not have an active 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.
- 6.8. 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. The ORCV cancellation and refund policy in respect of this Race is as follows:
  - If a boat cancels its entry in the Race before 2359 Wednesday 13 May 2026, the boat is entitled to a 75% refund of the Race entry fee and 100% of crew fees paid.
  - If a boat cancels its entry in the Race between 2359 Wednesday 13 May 2026 and 24 hours before the race start time, the boat is entitled to a 50% refund of the race entry fee, if paid.

- If a boat cancels its entry in the Race within the 24 hours before the Race start, a refund of up to 50% of Race entry fees paid may be granted at the discretion of the Sail Captain with consideration of the circumstances. The boat must apply for a refund by email to [orcv@orcv.org.au](mailto:orcv@orcv.org.au) and provide the circumstances leading to its cancellation.
- If the ORCV abandons the Race after the start of the Race, the race entry fee is not refundable.
- If a boat chooses to withdraw from the Race, where the Race Director has decided to delay, reschedule or conduct the race on an alternative course, the race entry fee is not refundable.
- If a crew member has purchased a non-AS member (Ocean Pass) and does not race, it will be fully refunded on request.
- Non-ORCV member crew fees are only incurred for non-ORCV members who participate in the Race and will be invoiced to the skipper after the Race.
- There is no refund for crew merchandise that has been ordered and produced.
- To enable a refund payment, please email the ORCV office ([orcv@orcv.org.au](mailto:orcv@orcv.org.au)) with BSB and account number details for direct crediting.

## 7. Scoring

- 7.1. The scoring system will not be subject to protest or dispute.
- 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, as follows:
  - The Apollo Bay Perpetual Cup is awarded to the overall winner in the Measurement Handicap System with the most entries.
  - The Sam Ferrier Perpetual Trophy is awarded to overall 2<sup>nd</sup> PHS.
- 8.2. All mementos are awarded subject to sufficient entries in the particular Race Category and Handicap System as follows:
  - Fewer than 7 starters, no 3<sup>rd</sup> place memento is awarded.
  - Fewer than 5 starters, no 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place mementos are awarded.
  - Fewer than 3 starters, there is no Race for that Handicap System and/or Division and no mementos are awarded. Double Handed and Multihull Race Category mementos are not subject to this Condition.
  - Line honours follow the same rules except all eligible boats are counted regardless of Handicap Systems.
- 8.3. Additional mementos are presented to competitors for the following achievements, subject to the qualifications noted below:
  - Line Honours – First monohull boat and first multihull to cross the finish line.

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placegetters on corrected time using combined division results under the AMS, ORC, OMR and PHS Handicap Systems, subject to the “number of starters” qualifications noted above.

- 8.4. A presentation will be held in Apollo Bay at a time to be announced.
- 8.5. The presentation of trophies and mementos will be at the 2026 ORCV Annual Presentation Evening at a date, time and location to be announced. A single memento will list all eligible achievements won during the season.

## 9. Changes to the Rules and Special Regulation Requirements

### 9.1. Changes/Clarifications to the Racing Rules of Sailing

- 9.1.1. **RRS 51:** A boat with movable ballast or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the AS Special Regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability to the extent permitted by their stability rating.
- 9.1.2. **RRS 52:** The rule will be modified:
- to allow self-steering equipment to be used by boats sailing in the Double Handed Race Category and, in the Monohull, and Multihull Race Categories with 4+autohelm.
  - to allow the adjustment of movable water ballast or canting keels on any boat and the use of stored power to do so.
  - to allow the use of stored power for sail handling and sail trimming on any boat.
- 9.1.3. **RRS 55:** Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits will be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.
- 9.1.4. **RRS 61.3:** There is no time limit on protests by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee.
- 9.1.5. **RRS 78.2:** Valid rating/class certificates must be produced by the due date specified in this Notice of Race.

### 9.2. Changes to the Australian Sailing Category 3 Special Regulations

- 9.2.1. A boat equipped with liquid fuel propulsion engines must 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)/0.4).
- 9.2.2. A boat equipped with electric propulsion engines must start the Race with sufficient power, by use of batteries and generating capacity, to proceed under motor with an effective range of 90 nm.
- 9.2.3. Multihull entries in the Race must:
- 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 or the ABS Guide for Category A events.
  - Demonstrate compliance with the Design Category A Multihull Stability requirements of ISO 12217 – 2:2015 clauses 7.8, 7.9 and 7.10.

9.2.4. ORCV strongly recommends all crew are equipped with a Personal Locator Beacon. All the details must be provided on the TopYacht Entry System for each crew person.

## 9.3. Penalties

9.3.1. **RRS 44.2:** Two Turns Penalty will apply for breaking a rule of RRS, Part 2 in Port Phillip. Multihulls are only required to take a One Turn Penalty.

9.3.2. **RRS A5:** The Protest Committee may apply a discretionary scoring or time penalty in lieu of disqualification for an infringement of a rule.

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

## 10. Tracking Devices

10.1. AIS transmitters must be in operation at all times when racing. This transmission must include the boat's name and MMSI.

## 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 intention 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. Event Classification and Advertising

12.1. Advertising on a boat must comply with the requirements of WS Regulation 20 (WS Advertising Code) for Category C.

12.2. The ORCV must be advised of all advertising that a boat intends to carry. The ORCV must be advised of all changes to that advertising.

12.3. The ORCV may decline to accept an application for entry of a boat 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.
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## 14. Media Rights and Restrictions

- 14.1. It is a condition of entry that the owner of the boat 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 boat and the crew prior to, during and after each Race.
- 14.2. Crew members of boats 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 boats 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 boat 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 boat (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 the Race do so at their own risk and responsibility. Crew acknowledge this and, but having their name on the crew list, release the ORCV and its respective officers, employees, volunteers and members, from all liability.
- 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 hers alone.”

## 16. Mooring arrangements

- 16.1. Melbourne: Visiting boats seeking moorings in Melbourne should contact the ORCV office at the time of their Race entry.
- 16.2. Apollo Bay: As directed by Apollo Bay Harbour officials.

## Appendix A: Stability Requirements

The requirements specified in this Appendix apply to all boats intending to enter, regardless of the Race Category in which they intend to enter.

### A1 Resistance to Capsize

A monohull boat must provide evidence as follows to demonstrate that it achieves:

- an ORCi Stability Index of 103 or greater for the configuration in which the boat proposes to race, or
- an IRC SSS Base Value of 16 or greater for the configuration in which the boat 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 boat must 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 boat without a current valid ORCi or IRC Certificate but with a previously valid certificate may supply the boat'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 boat 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 boat with moveable or variable ballast must 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 will apply.

### A4 Documentation

Competitors found to be falsifying documentation, deliberately invalidating certificates or otherwise misleading the Race Committee with regard to stability of their boat 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 boat's compliance with the stability requirements, as to whether there is a satisfactory margin as required by this Appendix or as to a boat's compliance with the stability requirements is final and binding.

### Appendix B: Boat Eligibility Requirements

Boats must comply with the requirements specified in this Appendix to be considered eligible for entry to the Race.

Check	Category	Requirement
	<b>General</b>	<p>A monohull boat must be built in accordance with the AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 3.03 and Appendix C as applicable.</p> <p>A multihull boat must be built in accordance with the hull construction requirements specified in 3.03.2 of the World Sailing Special Regulations.</p> <p>The Safety Regulations must be those of AS Special Regulations, Part 1, Category 3 except as modified in this Notice of Race.</p>
	<b>Insurance</b>	<p>The owner of a boat entered in any Race must hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat, current when racing, with a sum insured of not less than A\$10 million. The insurance policy must state that the boat is covered for the Race or that it is covered for boat races of a length greater than the Race length.</p>
	<b>AMS</b>	<p>A boat may only be entered in AMS if the boat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— has a current, valid AMS Certificate issued by YRSA Inc; and</li> <li>— satisfies, if any, the requirements of Condition 3, and</li> <li>— 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).</li> </ul>
	<b>ORC</b>	<p>A boat may only be entered in ORC if the boat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— has a current, valid endorsed ORCi or ORCc Certificate,</li> <li>— satisfies, if any, the requirements of Condition 3,</li> <li>— 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)</li> </ul>
	<b>OMR</b>	<p>A boat may only be entered in OMR if the boat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— has a current, valid endorsed OMR Certificate,</li> <li>— satisfies, if any, the requirements of Condition 3</li> </ul>

Check	Category	Requirement
	<b>Equipment Audit</b>	<p>Each boat must have a signed Cat 3 (or higher) Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form following inspection no more than 12 months from the race start date by an AS Accredited National Equipment Auditor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— In addition, a signed copy of the Cat 3 Pre-Race Equipment Checklist and Declaration Form (confirming the safety equipment on board at the time of the Race) must be on board and available for inspection by ORCV upon request.</li> <li>— Details and guidance on the safety audit process may be found in the ORCV Web Site or obtained from the ORCV office.</li> </ul>
	<b>Radio</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Each competing boat must carry a permanently installed VHF transceiver with channels 12, 16, 67, 71, 73, 80, 81 and 82. The VHF transceiver must be capable of monitoring Channel 16 simultaneously with any one of these other channels, e.g. dual watch or scanning.</li> </ul>
	<b>Charts</b>	<p>The following charts in electronic or paper form must be carried by competing boats.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <b>AUS 144</b> Australia South Coast - Victoria - The Rip</li> <li>— <b>AUS 788</b> Australia South Coast - Victoria - Cape Otway to Cape Schanck.</li> <li>— <b>AUS 141</b> Australia South Coast - Victoria - Plans in South West Victoria~Warrnambool</li> </ul>

### Appendix C: Crew Eligibility Requirements

Crew must comply with the requirements specified in this Appendix to be considered eligible for entry to the Race.

Check	Category	Requirement
✓	<b>Membership</b>	All persons sailing on competing boats must be members of a AS-affiliated club. AS membership numbers must be included on the TES crew list. Crew with no AS membership must obtain an ORCV Ocean Pass from ( <a href="https://www.orcv.org.au/club/crew-and-passes">https://www.orcv.org.au/club/crew-and-passes</a> )
✓	<b>Age</b>	The minimum age of all crew is 16, with a majority of the crew being of a minimum age of 18 years. Crew aged 16 or 17 years must provide evidence to the Race Committee demonstrating past sailing experience, provide parental consent to participate in the Race and must hold a current AS SSSC qualification. The Race Committee may, at its absolute discretion, refuse to allow any crew member aged 16 or 17 years of age to participate in the Race.  For the Double Handed Race Category, the minimum age is 18.
✓	<b>Experience</b>	In accordance with AS Special Regulation 2.04, at least 2 members of the crew including the skipper and/or sailing master must have sufficient experience, declared online via TES ( <a href="https://topyacht.com.au/myty/mytyLogin.php">https://topyacht.com.au/myty/mytyLogin.php</a> ).
✓	<b>Training</b>	It is recommended that at least 2 of the crew on a boat, including the person in charge, have completed an Australian Sailing Safety and Sea Survival Course (SSSC qualified) or an ORCV-approved equivalent. The expiry date of SSSC or equivalent certificates should 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.
✓	<b>First Aid</b>	It is recommended that at least 1 crew member on a boat must hold a current HLTAID011 Provide First Aid Certificate or equivalent qualification or be a practising medical practitioner. The expiry date of First Aid or equivalent certificates must be included in each crew member's TopYacht profile.

Check	Category	Requirement
✓	<b>Radio</b>	At least one crew member must hold a Short-Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency (SROCP) or higher qualification issued by a relevant authority. The certificate or other qualification must be updated on TopYacht.
✓	<b>Double Handed</b>	For the Double Handed Race Category, both crew members must be at least 18 years of age and be radio qualified. Double handed crew must always wear a life jacket when on deck.

### Appendix D: Entry Documentation

The documentation listed below must be supplied by **2359 Wednesday 13 May 2026**.

Check	Documentation	Notes
	Crew List (Online), correctly and fully completed with all associated personal details. Boats are responsible for accuracy and currency.	Updated using TES
	A completed Category 3 or higher Australian Sailing Safety Equipment Audit Form.	Uploaded using TES
	Insurance Policy Certificate of Currency	Uploaded using TES
	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 TES
	Colour photograph of the boat under sail suitable for search and rescue purposes. This must 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)
	Category 3 or higher Stability Declaration (in the form supplied by the ORCV) that no changes have been made to the boat since the issue of the above Evidence of Stability.	Uploaded using TES
	Category 3 Skipper's Race Entry Compliance Declaration (using the form supplied by ORCV)	Uploaded using TES