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DYSC Marine Supplies Winter Series and Novice Return Series Races

Notice of Race



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WINTER SERIES
AND NOVICE RETURN SERIES

Amendments

Number	Condition Changed	Summary of Amendment

Key Information	
Entries Close (Winter and Novice Return Series)	2359 Sunday 14 June 2026
Entries Close (Individual Races)	2359 Wednesday before each Race
Race Dates and Warning Signals	See Condition 1
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About the Series

The DYSC Marine Supplies Winter Series program for racing and cruising is based on passage style racing within Port Phillip Bay. The Series comprises 4 races including a destination race to Blairgowrie, a destination race to Geelong and 2 short passage races around fixed marks.

In addition to the DYSC Marine Supplies Winter Series, the Novice Return Races are scheduled to provide the opportunity for crew and team development.

The races start in the vicinity of Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC) and Royal Brighton Yacht Club (RBYC). Shorter course options have been included in all races to cater for the range of conditions which may be experienced during the winter months.

Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron (BYS) and Royal Geelong Yacht Club (RGYC) are generously providing their traditional overnight hospitality and camaraderie for the destination races.

The traditional ORCV on-water distress flare drill will be held prior to Race 1. Details will be provided via a Notice to Competitors.



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The 2026 ORCV “DYSC Marine Supplies Winter Series” and “Novice Return Series” Yacht Races will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip and Outer Harbour. Owners of eligible boats are invited to enter one or both Series or any Race in either Series under the conditions of this Notice of Race. The DYSC Marine Supplies Winter Series and Novice Return Series are organised and conducted by the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria (ORCV).

1. Series of Races

- 1.1. The race program comprises 6 Category 5 races for monohull keelboats and multihulls, except as noted in Condition 9.2. It will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip and Corio Bay.
- 1.2. Races are scheduled to be sailed as follows:

Race Number	Date	First Warning Signal	Course Type
Winter-1	Saturday 20 June 2026	1025	Fixed Marks (SYC start)
Winter-2	Saturday 04 July 2026	0925	Destination, Blairgowrie (RBYC start)
Novice-1	Sunday 05 July 2026	0925	Novice Return from Blairgowrie
Winter-3	Saturday 18 July 2026	1025	Fixed Marks (SYC start)
Winter-4	Saturday 15 August 2026	0925	Destination, Geelong (Point Gellibrand start)
Novice-2	Sunday 16 August 2026	0925	Novice Return from Geelong

- 1.3. The fixed marks will start in the vicinity of SYC. The Blairgowrie destination races will start in the vicinity of RBYC. The Geelong destination race will start off Point Gellibrand. The Novice Return Races will be started in the vicinity of the corresponding destination.
- 1.4. All fixed marks and Novice Return Series Races will finish at the Sandringham Yacht Club tower finish line.
- 1.5. The destination races will finish at the corresponding destination club finish line.
- 1.6. The details of the courses, including any marks of the courses, and finish lines will be in the Sailing Instructions.

2. Rules

- 2.1. All races 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,
- except as amended by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for the Races.

- 2.2. The ORCV reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race. Amendments will be published on the ORCV website (www.orcv.org.au) and entrants at the time of any such amendment will be notified.
- 2.3. By entering any Race in either series, the owner of a boat agrees that this Notice of Race (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 boat 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. Each race in the DYSC Marine Supplies Winter Series 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	Yes	No	No	No
Cruising Non-Spinnaker	Yes	No	No	No
Multihull including 4+autohelm	Yes	No	No	Yes

3.2. The following Novice Return Series Race Categories and Handicap Systems are provided:

Race Category	PHS	AMS	ORC	OMR
Monohull	Yes	No	No	No
Multihull	Yes	No	No	No

- 3.3. Boats in the DYSC Marine Supplies Winter Series Monohull Race Category may race fully crewed, “4 plus autohelm” or double handed.
- 3.4. Boats in the DYSC Marine Supplies Winter Series Multihull Race Category may race fully crewed or “4 plus autohelm”.
- 3.5. Boats in the Multihull Race Category are automatically entered into the Multihull PHS Handicap system. They are entered into the OMR Handicap system if they meet the requirements of Appendix A.
- 3.6. Double Handed boats must have 2 crew. They are also automatically entered and scored in the Monohull Race Category in all eligible Handicap Systems.
- 3.7. The Cruising Race Category is for Monohulls only.
- 3.8. The Race Director may split a Race Category into a number of Divisions having regard to the number of entries and the performance characteristics of the entrants.
- 3.9. A boat entered in the AMS and/or ORC Handicap Systems 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 area is defined as $0.5 * FL * J$ measured in accordance with the AMS rules.
- 3.10. A boat 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 for scoring.
- 3.11. Two-Handed measurement system handicaps (including ratings, TCF and/or allowances) are not used in the calculation of Race results.
- 3.12. The Race Committee reserves the right to cancel any Race Category, Division or Handicap Systems with fewer than 5 entries. In the case of Handicap Systems, this right may be exercised if there are fewer than 3 entries in the relevant Handicap System.
- 3.13. For the Novice Return Series Races, each boat must supply a Crew Roles and Experience Declaration (CRED), using the ORCV CRED form, to the Race Director by 2359 on the Wednesday before each Novice Return Series Race with a special PHS provided for each Novice Return Series Race. This CRED form will be provided in the Sailing Instructions. Alterations to CRED information will be accepted by the Race Director if any crew changes after this date until 2000 on the day before the each Novice Return Series Race.

- 3.14. Due to potential delays in the ORC Rating Certificate revalidations prior to race number Winter-2 (Destination Race to Geelong), the Race results for Winter-2 ORC Handicap System will be scored as provisional and boats will have until July 18 to provide an active Certificate to the ORCV to enable final results to be published. Any boat without an active Certificate by this date will be removed from the ORC Handicap System results.
- 3.15. A Division for the Monohull Race Category will be included for lower handicap boats (< 0.800 AMS or PHS) who do not meet the Special Regulations Category 3 racing requirements. In the case of the Races Winter-1 & Winter-3, additional shortened course options will be provided for lower handicap boats. Entrants from this Division in the longer destination races to Blairgowrie and Geelong should note that shortened course options available for these events are limited. Skippers should assess their ability to successfully compete in these events as they may be affected by conditions on the day of the race.

4. Eligibility

- 4.1. Each Race in the Series is open to boats of a thoroughly seaworthy nature, which are entered by a member of a yacht club affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 4.2. Each boat must comply with the eligibility requirements listed in Appendix A: Boat Eligibility and Entry Requirements.
- 4.3. The ORCV may require remeasurement of any boat prior to the boat racing.
- 4.4. A decision of the ORCV or the Race Committee as to any matter under this Condition 4, including as to whether boats and 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. An application for entry must be made on the TopYacht online entry system (TES) at www.orcv.org.au.
- 5.2. To enter either or both Series, a completed application for entry, including crew details, must be received by 2359 Sunday 14 June 2026.
- 5.3. To enter an individual Race in either Series, a completed application for entry, including crew details, must be received by 2359 on the Wednesday before the race date.
- 5.4. The ORCV may consider entries after that date but late entries that are accepted may not appear in any race publications.
- 5.5. Any crew changes must be done in TES up until 2359 on Thursday before each race, after which TES will be locked out for any further crew changes. After this date and time any crew changes are to be sent to the Race Director via email race.director@orcv.org.au.
- 5.6. A crew declaration must be completed using a TopYacht link. This link will be communicated via a Notice to Competitors no later than 48 hours before each Race.
- 5.7. 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.

- 5.8. The ORCV is not obliged to accept an application for entry.
- 5.9. In accordance with RRS 76.1, the ORCV may reject or cancel the entry of a boat that does not comply with the conditions of this Notice of Race.
- 5.10. A boat's rating certificate must not be changed after 1200 on the Thursday before each race except as a result of a rating protest or to correct a rating office error.

6. Fees

- 6.1. The Race or Series entry fees must be paid via the TopYacht Entry System. The entry fee includes Australian Goods and Services Tax (a tax invoice will be issued on request).
- 6.2. The Race or Series entry fee is for the races in one or more series and all Handicap Systems for which a boat is eligible.

Race Entry – DYSC Marine Supplies Winter Series	\$190
Race Entry – Fixed Marks Individual Race	\$45
Race Entry – Destination Race	\$85
Race Entry – Novice Return Series	NIL
Race Entry – Individual Novice Return Race	NIL
Berthing at BYS – to be booked directly with BYS	Various

- 6.3. ORCV members receive a 15% discount on any Series or Race entry fee.
- 6.4. A boat will not be considered a valid entrant until all fees are paid.
- 6.5. There is no designated crew fee. However, any crew member who does not hold an Australian Sailing number, or international equivalent, must purchase a temporary membership, in the form of an ORCV Bay Pass for each Race. This is done via the ORCV website (<https://www.orcv.org.au/club/crew-and-passes>), with a cost of \$20.
- 6.6. Refund Policy: Unless the Race or Series is cancelled, there are no refunds on the entry fee paid.

7. Scoring

- 7.1. Results for individual races will be published on the ORCV website and are expected to be at the completion of each day's racing.

- 7.2. A DYSC Marine Supplies Winter Series score will be provided for boats which have completed 2 or more races in this Series, drawing on results for each such Race.
- 7.3. A Novice Return Series score will be provided for boats which have completed both races, drawing on results for each such Race.
- 7.4. Each Series will be scored using the Low Point System (RRS Appendix A). Results for all races in the Series will be counted (no drops).
- 7.5. The scoring system will not be subject to protest or dispute.

8. Trophies and Mementos

- 8.1. The winner of the Lord Warden's Trophy will be the boat with the lowest DYSC Marine Supplies Winter Series score in the Monohull race category including 4+autohelm Race Category and the Measurement Handicap system which attracted the largest number of entries in the Destination and Fixed Marks Races as a whole (with no drops). If there are equal numbers of entries across the two measurement categories, AMS will be used.
- 8.2. Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the winners of the destination races to Blairgowrie (Blairgowrie Ice Bucket ORCV Winter Series Overall Winner Passage Race to Blairgowrie) and Geelong (Melbourne Geelong Corio Bay Bowl) in the most popular Measurement Handicap Category. If there are equal numbers of entries across measurement categories, AMS will be used.
- 8.3. The winner of the Novice Return Series Memento is the boat with the best Novice Return Series NRS score.
- 8.4. The Division for the Monohull Race Category for lower handicap boats as detailed in Condition 3.9 is not eligible to win the Lord Warden's Trophy.
- 8.5. If the Division for the Monohull Race Category for lower handicap boats as detailed in Condition 3.9 sails a shortened course in a destination race, they are not eligible for that Perpetual Trophy.
- 8.6. Mementos will be presented to competitors for the following achievements, subject to sufficient starters in each handicap system and division as follows:
 - Monohull Line Honours – First monohull boat to cross the finish line.
 - Multihull Line Honours – First multihull boat to cross the finish line.
 - First, second and third placegetters on corrected time within each Handicap System and Division
- 8.7. All trophies and mementos are awarded subject to sufficient starters in the particular Handicap System and Division as follows:
 - Fewer than 7 starters, no 3rd place trophy or momento is awarded.
 - Fewer than 5 starters, no 2nd or 3rd place trophies or momentos are awarded.
 - Fewer than 3 starters, there is no race result for that Handicap System or Division and no trophies or momentos are awarded for the Handicap System and/or Division.

- Monohull Line honours follow the same rules except all boats are counted regardless of Handicap System or Division.
 - Double Handed and Multihull Categories are not subject to the above “fewer than 3 starters” provision.
- 8.8. The presentation of trophies and momentos will be at the 2027 ORCV Awards Evening at a date, time and location to be announced.

9. Changes to Rules and Category 5 Special Regulations

9.1. Changes 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 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 is modified:
- to allow self-steering equipment to be used.
 - 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 60.3:** 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 Category 5 AS Special Regulations

Boats must have on board a VHF marine radio capable of communications with Ocean Racing over VHF Channels 12,16, 67, 71, 73 and 82 during the period of the Races and must have continuous monitoring capability for both 16 and 82.

10. Event Classification & Advertising

- 10.1. Advertising on a boat must comply with the requirements of WS Regulation 20 (WS Advertising Code) for Category C.
- 10.2. 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.
- 10.3. The ORCV may decline to accept an application for entry of a boat which, in its opinion, is carrying advertising which conflicts with governmental regulations. If in doubt, the ORCV should be consulted as soon as practicable.

11. Trademarks & Copyright

- 11.1. “DYSC Marine Supplies Winter Series” and “Novice Return Series” Yacht Races 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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12. Media Rights & Restrictions

- 12.1. It is a condition of entry that the owner of the boat and all crew members:
- acknowledge that the ORCV owns all media rights to the “DYSC Marine Supplies Winter Series” and “Novice Return Series” Yacht Races 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 its crew prior to, during and after the Races.
- 12.2. Crew members of boats may, prior to, during and after any Race in either Series, 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 Races, 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 boat or media representative at any time.
- 12.3. Entrants acknowledge and accept the media restrictions referred to in this clause by completing the entry form.
- 12.4. 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.

13. Disclaimer

- 13.1. All those taking part in any Race in either 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 entering their names on the crew list.
- 13.2. Crew acknowledge that by having their names entered on the crew list, they (and any guests or supporters they invite to an ORCV event) agree to abide by the ORCV Code of Conduct.

13.3. 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”.

14. Mooring

- 14.1. Melbourne: Visiting boats seeking moorings in Melbourne should contact the ORCV office at the time of their Race entry.
- 14.2. Blairgowrie: As directed by BYS officials. All skippers please book your mooring directly with BYS using the link: [BYS Berthing Enquiry](#)
- 14.3. Geelong: As directed by RGYC officials. Please let us know your intention to berth at RGYS using this form: [2026 Berthing request for Geelong race – Fill in form](#)

Appendix A: Boat Eligibility and Entry Requirements

Boats must comply with the requirements laid out in this Appendix to be considered eligible for entry to any Race in either Series.

Check	Category	Requirement
✓	General	<p>Monohull boats must be built in accordance with the AS Special Regulations Part 1, Race Category 5.</p> <p>Monohull boats are subject to meeting the rating requirements of Conditions 3.9, 3.10 and 3.11.</p>
✓	Insurance	The owner of a boat entered in any Race in either Series 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.
✓	AMS Boats	A boat may only be entered in AMS if the boat has a current, valid AMS Certificate issued by YRSA Inc.
✓	ORC Boats	A boat may only be entered in ORC if the boat has a current, valid endorsed ORCi or ORCc Certificate.
✓	OMR Boats	A boat may only be entered in OMR if the boat has a current, valid rating number.
✓	Membership and crew list	All persons sailing on competing boats must be members of an AS-affiliated club. Day passes are available from the ORCV website for an AS membership for this race. Refer to Entry Category for the crew list requirements.
✓	Radio	Each competing boat must carry a VHF transceiver with channels 12, 16, 67, 71, 73 and 82. All boats must be able to continuously monitor channel 16 and the race channel.
✓	Entry	<p>Entry is via the ORCV website, and the boats details are to be filled in using the TopYacht Entry System. A boat must have a TopYacht profile already setup to be able to enter this race online.</p> <p>On on-line crew List must be correctly and fully completed with all associated personal details. The skipper is responsible for its accuracy and currency.</p>