

KISS 2026

PASSAGE PLANNING

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TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- Sponsor Showcase
- Rally Readiness
- Rally documents
- Crew preparation
- Passage Planning
- Boat preparation
- Pre Rally
- Questions



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You can choose from one of these options:

- Navigation
- Diesel Maintenance
- Prepare to charter
- Sea Safety Survival Course
- Boat handling course



NAVIGATION

Learn how to plan your route using Navionics.





BOAT HANDLING

Get one on one training to give you the skills to manage and control a boat safely and effectively.



SO ARE WE READY TO RALLY



With 24 days to go, let's revisit our preparation timeline

ORCV KISS RALLY INFORMATION

- The ORCV are the organising authority assisted by the KISS Committee.
- ORCV will release the Rally documents:
 - Notice of Rally Event
 - Sailing Instructions
 - Notice to Competitors

They will be available on the KISS Resources page.



NOTICE OF RALLY EVENT

- Entry via Topyacht.
- RBYC is the starting club. Free overnight berthing Friday 31/7 provided.
- Dinner at RBYC 31/7 – Give Lee a call to put your name on the list on 0407 880 574.
- QCYC is the destination club. Berthing booking via <https://queenscliffcruisingyachtclub.org/booking-request-1>. Must list all crew.
- Berthing and crew fees are covered by ORCV as part of your KISS Program fee.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions (SLs) are the official, legally binding rules that govern a specific yacht sailing event. They supplement the global Racing Rules of sailing (RRS) by providing the exact local details required to participate in the event. For this Rally event, the ORCV is the organising Authority (OA). Organise a time to go through the **SLs** with your Mentor and Boat Owner who can guide you through them.

Further explanation of the SLs is on the KISS Resources page on the ORCV website.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

KISS Passage Planning - Sailing Instructions explained

Item		SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)	Information	KISS LogBook reference
		SIs are the official, legally binding rules that govern a specific yacht sailing event. They supplement the global Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) by providing the exact local details required to participate in the event.		
1	RALLY	What is the event and when and where will it be held?	KISS 2026 Passage Rally RBYC - QCYC. Saturday 1 August 2026. Return cruise Sunday 2 August to home ports.	
2	RULES	Under what Rules of Sailing will the event be conducted?		
		2.1 The 2025-28 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS)	Racing Rules p11-25. AS Standard Sailing Instructions p159-162	p31
		2.2 The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Category 5	Cat 5 Audit done.	p39
		2.3 The Notice of Rally Event, except as amended by these Sailing Instructions.	Document in ORCV KISS private webpage	NOE
3	NTCs	Notices to Competitors	Communications to participants providing additional or amending information in previously published NOE or SIs.	
4	START	Where, when. Race signals	Race Signal flags explained	p33-34
5	CLASS FLAG	Identify the stated class flag by checking images in Phonetic alphabet table.	"5 minute" flag for the start sequence. Draw a coloured picture on your "cheat sheet".	p12
6	COURSE	Start - Marks - Finish line. Marks identified as latitude/longitude in SIs	Brighton Tower - T1 (Melb Channel) - West Channel pile (WCP)	Chart plotter
7	FINISH	Describes finish line position.	A yacht correctly passing through the finish line is deemed to have made a declaration on the part of her skipper that to the best of her knowledge no rules have been breached during the rally.	Record finish time in boat log book
8	TIME LIMIT	Time for which all boats must have completed the course and can safely reach their destination.	Cat 5 races are required to be completed in daylight.	p37

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SS Passage Planning - Sailing Instructions explained

Item		SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)	Information	KISS LogBook reference
9	RETIREMENT	If a boat retires from the rally, the Boat Radio Operator (BRO) must advise the Rally Director of the time and position of the retirement, the reason for retirement, and the ETA to the intended destination.	Regular radio updates re position are to be maintained until safe arrival at the boat's destination has been confirmed with the Rally Director	
10	RADIO COMMS	OA communications with fleet	All yachts are to maintain a listening watch during the event. Mandatory position reporting by radio to the Rally Director from all participating boats at fixed positions during the course. Radio Operators to log radio traffic.	p12-14
		Return passage from QCYC to Home Clubs	All boats are required to contact the Rally Director via sms or email - a. On departure from QCYC with Boat name, number of POBs onboard and names of crew. b. On arrival of the boat and crew at their home port to confirm their safe return.	
11	LOG BOOKS	Nominated Navigators and Radio Operators	Submit your Log Booklet on arrival at QCYC for judging. Only one booklet from each boat from nominated navigator and nominated radio operator	
12	SAFETY Regs	STV (Safe Transport Victoria) - Maritime requirements On water incidents Urgency/distress incident	Wearing of lifejackets. Keep clear of commercial shipping. Switch on boat AIS Call Rally Director if not an emergency. Broadcast on Ch16 and/or Ch 70 (DSC) if situation requires immediate support	p14 (DSC)

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KISS Passage Planning - Sailing Instructions explained

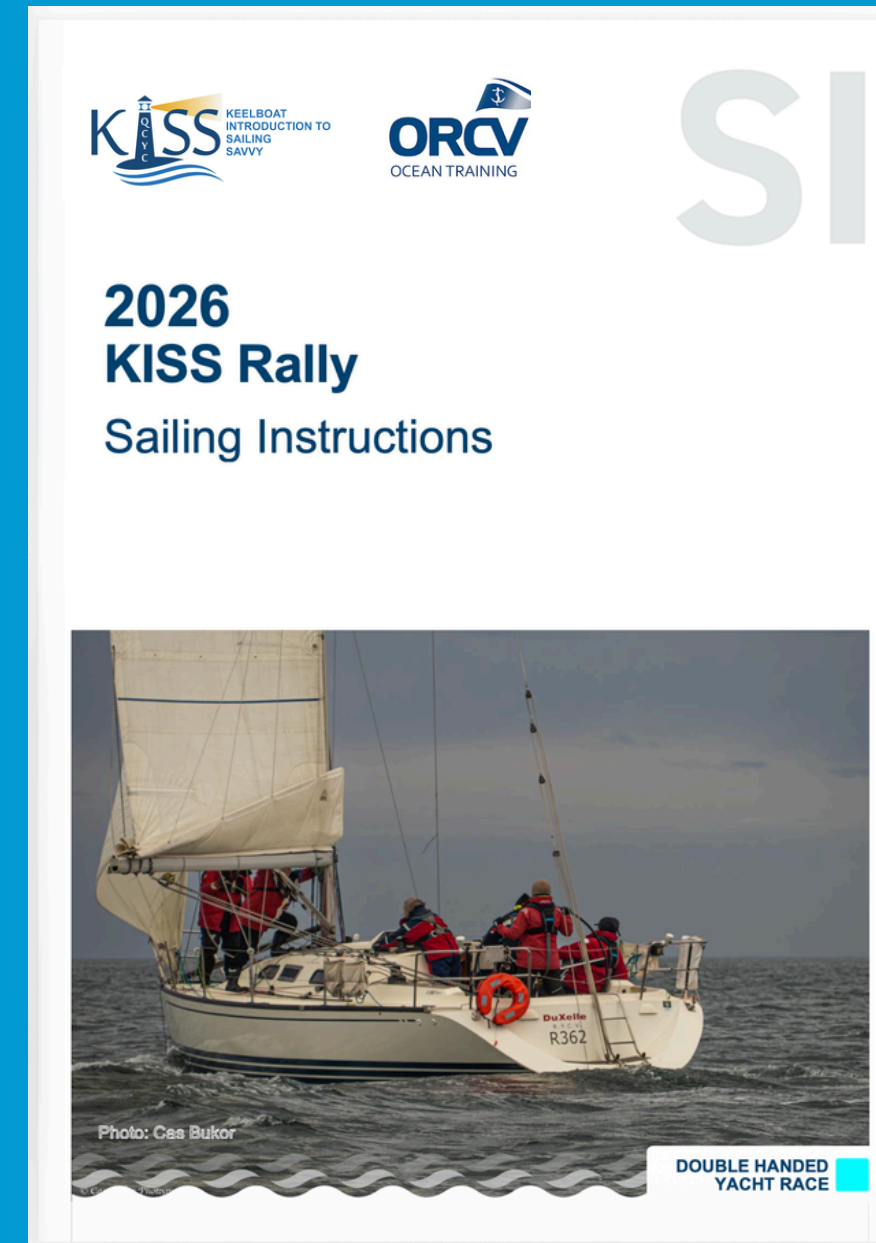
Item		SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)	Information	KISS LogBook reference
13	INSURANCE	Boat - valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per event or the equivalent.	Confirm current on entry form	
14	PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS		Notify Rally Director asap or at finish line if you intend to protest or seek redress	
15	APPENDICES	Additional information	Finish Line Cautions Approaching Queenscliff Vessel Tracking Stations Port Phillip Mandatory Reporting Schedule	

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

These are official announcements issued by Rally officials to inform participants of changes to the Rally, such as rules, rally schedules, start time, course changes and requirements.



ORCV RALLY DOCUMENTS



Please read, digest and ask questions.

CREW PREPARATION



BOAT TEAM MANAGER

- The Boat Team Manager should organise and lead a meeting to determine crew positions for primary helm, navigator and radio operator, first aid officer. Refer to pages 10 and 11 of the Logbook – Roles & Responsibilities.
- They must provide this information to KISS committee.
- Print Rally documents.

BOAT TEAM MANAGER

- Boat Entry form (as per NOE) completed by closing date.
- Crew lists with emergency contact details will also be required for all persons onboard.
- Housekeeping – food for 2 breakfasts, evening meal Rally and return home.
- Onboard accommodation arrangements
- RBYC pre rally berthing through RBYC
- RBYC Dinner booking – let Lee know on 0407 880 574.
- QCYC destination (berthing forms to be completed).
- Agree Muster Time for Rally Day.

BOAT TEAM MANAGER

To ensure that you don't leave anything undone....Rosie has prepared this fantastic Rally Checklist for you.

It's on the KISS Resources page and has the links you'll need for the Event Information, RBYC Start Club and QCYC.

<https://www.orcv.org.au/club-blog/5856-2026kiss-6789>



KISS 2026 Rally Checklist

	Category	Date 2026	Link	Completed
1	ORCV Event information		2026 KISS Rally Notice of Event	
	Boat Entry (link in NOE)	Published	Link to TopYacht Rally entry	
	Rally Sailing Instructions	coming soon		
	KISS 2026 Rally Lead Roles and Accomodation form	Sent 7 July	Form emailed to BTMs	
2	RBYC Start club			
	Pre Rally Overnight Berthing (free)	Friday 31 July	RBYC Regatta/Race Bookings	
	Pre Rally Dinner	Friday 31 July	Call Lee to confirm your seat at the table. 0407 880 574	
	Rally Start	Saturday 1 August		
3	QCYC Destination club			
	KISS Rally Presentation	Saturday 1 August	5pm QCYC Clubhouse	
	Post Rally Overnight Berthing	Saturday 1 August	QCYC Wharfage Booking	
	Departing QCYC for home port	Sunday 2 August	Message Rally director (mobile)	

BOAT TEAM MANAGER

Access to QCYC on Sand Island by car. Checkpoint 1 Bridge Street closes 7pm Saturday night and does not reopen until 7am Sunday so you cannot leave the island during these times.

Family and friends who wish to attend the Presentation at QCYC or collect crew must report to Checkpoint 1 and will be asked to show their physical drivers licence on arrival.

PASSAGE PLANNING



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PASSAGE PLANNING

Considerations:

- Weather
- Tides as per the BOM website
- Depths
- Distance & Time
- Hazards along the route
- Shipping Traffic
- Channels
- Pilotage along West Channel



PASSAGE PLANNING

Write everything down so that you can share and compare observations as a Boat Team.

Getting there

Distance = Time x Speed
Speed = Distance ÷ Time
Time = Distance ÷ Speed

SPEED		1 knot = 1 nm/ hour									
Speed(SOG) knots		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Distance nm/day		24	48	72	96	120	144	168	192	216	

TIME

Local	AEST	Australian Eastern Standard Time
Local	AEDT	Australian Eastern Daylight Saving Time
International G MT (UTC) Greenwich Mean Time		

DISTANCE	Nautical miles (nm)	Chartwork
1" Latitude	60' (minutes)	
1' (Minute)	60" (seconds)	
1" of Latitude	1 nautical mile (nm)	Tenths of one minute used instead of seconds
0.1 nm	1 cable = 185metres	
1 nm	1852 metres	



BEARINGS * Calculations

T True	Chart
V Variation	Earth's Magnetic field effect
M Magnetic	
D Deviation	Metal objects onboard affecting compass
C Compass	Steering compass

Variation/ Deviation EAST = Compass Least
Variation/ Deviation WEST = Compass Best

Log Entry Sheets

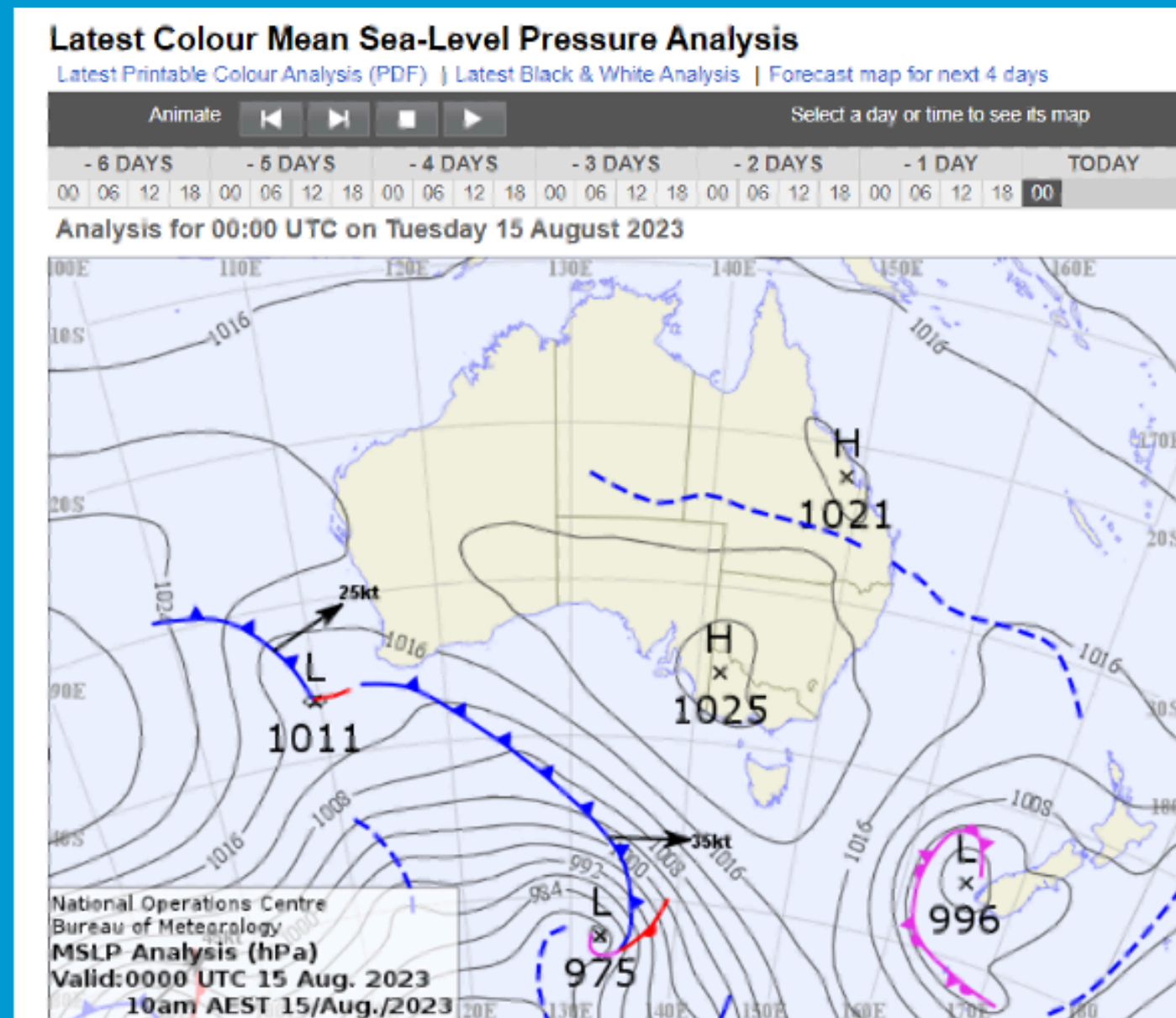
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MONITOR THE WEATHER

- Logbook page 29 for Weather resources
- KISS RALLY briefing - on- line 7.00pm 30 July 2026



NAVIGATION



What are the Hazards along the route?

Pilotage down the West Channel

Check the hazards at the approach to QCYC including ferries, pilot boats, etc.

KISS 2026 NAVIGATOR TROPHY



The Searoad Ferries KISS Passage Navigators Trophy will be awarded to the Navigator with the best documented:

- passage plan
- weather observations enroute
- observations of sea state, wind, traffic, barometric pressure
- recorded latitude and longitude of the 3 mandatory points
- any changes to the Helm

Each Navigator must deliver their Logbook to the QCYC Base Radio Operator on arrival.

KISS 2026 HELM TROPHY



The 360Q Helm Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the nominated primary helm on the boat with the most accurate ETA for the passage rally.

- The ETA given by each boat at the pre rally Sign on schedule is final time and will not be adjusted during the rally.
- The Rally finishes at the West Channel Pile.
- The nominated primary helm will be helmsperson for >60% of the race .
- Additional female KISS crew can share <40% of the remaining helm role.
- All times for changes of helm are to be documented in the Navigator's LogBook and will be verified by the KISS Rally judges.

SO ARE WE READY TO RALLY



Now only 3 days to go, are your ready?

BOAT PREPARATION



BOAT PREPARATION

Checklist

- ✓ Water, fuel, gas, batteries checked
- ✓ Fridge clean and operational
- ✓ Head clean and operational
- ✓ Remove additional tools & sails not needed
- ✓ Stow any loose items in lockers
- ✓ VHF Radio check performed with Marine Radio Victoria in the pen
- ✓ Locate mooring lines & fenders for use at QCYC



VHF MARINE RADIO



VHF MARINE RADIO CHANNELS

Monitored 24/7 by Marine Radio Victoria

DISTRESS AND CALLING 16 67

Recreational vessels
Commercial vessels
Commercial fishing vessels
Port operations
Search and rescue operations
VHF repeaters

phonetic alphabet

A	B	C
alpha	bravo	columbia
D	E	F
delta	echo	foxtrot
I	J	K
india	juliett	kilo
N	O	P
november	oscar	papa
S	T	U
sam	tango	uniform
X	Y	Z
x-ray	yankee	zulu

With the NATO alphabet that you will no longer see "10-10 in theory" being a repeat call with your words or calls including a word.

Marine Radio

KISS 2026 RADIO OPERATOR TROPHY

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The Queenscliff Maritime Museum KISS Passage Radio Operators Trophy will be awarded for the best adherence to radio protocols and their logging of all relevant radio calls: mandatory (**Sign on, T#1 and West Channel Pile Finish**) or otherwise.

Each Radio Operator must deliver their Logbook to the QCYC Base Radio Operator on arrival at the clubhouse for assessment.

PRE RALLY

- Arrive RBYC on Friday evening 31 July
- Free Overnight berthing for all Rally Boats
- Come and join us for dinner at RBYC Clubhouse
- On the boat
- Personal preparation
- Clothing, spare dry clothes, bedding
- Prepare Boat for Rally above and below decks
- Roles and responsibilities
- Stow Food purchases



PRE RALLY

MUSTER

- Review your SCONES – LogbookPage 36
- Check the batteries
- Health and wellbeing
- Stow food, water and personal gear
- Backstay flag up
- Prepare Logbook
- Weather briefing
- Navigation briefing
- Photos and social media



PRE RALLY

SCONES –Logbook page 36 Every Day Boat Checklist

S = Safety

C = Comms

O = Operations

N = Navigation

E = Emergencies

S = Snacks



QUESTIONS

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WELCOME TO PARADISE

