



# 2026 ORCV KISS Rally

## Notice of Event



## Amendments

| Number | Sections Changed                        | Summary of Amendment |
|--------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 7      | New Section "Trophies and Prizes" added |                      |
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| Key Information               |                               |  |
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| Entries Close                 | 2359 Sunday 26 July 2026      |  |
| Warning signal and Event Date | 09:25 Saturday 01 August 2026 |  |
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The ORCV KISS Rally is designed to provide an introduction to passage sailing for participants of our KISS Program.

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. The ORCV KISS Rally is conducted on Port Phillip with a designated course, starting in the vicinity of Royal Brighton Yacht Club and finishing in the vicinity of Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club.

## 2. Event Details

- 2.1. The start of the event will be 0930 on Saturday 01 August 2026.
- 2.2. This event requires a Category 6 safety equipment compliance.
- 2.3. The Sailing Instructions will be issued through the ORCV website ([www.orcv.org.au](http://www.orcv.org.au)).

## 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)
  - ColRegsexcept 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 boat agrees that this Notice of Event (including amendments) and the entry form, the rules and regulations referred to in Condition 3.1 and the Sailing Instructions must be complied with by the boat and by the owner.
- 3.4. The Sailing Instructions will be issued through the ORCV website ([www.orcv.org.au](http://www.orcv.org.au)).

## 4. Eligibility

- 4.1. The Event is open to monohull boats of a thoroughly seaworthy nature, which are entered by a member of a boat 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. A decision of the ORCV 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. 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 this event, a completed application for entry, including crew details, must be received by 2359 Sunday 27 July 2026.
- 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 TES up until 2359 on Thursday 30 July 2026, 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 Event Director via email [race.director@orc.org.au](mailto:race.director@orc.org.au).
- 5.5. A crew declaration listing all crew must be completed using the TopYacht link. This link will be published in the Sailing Instructions or by a Notice to Competitors.
- 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. 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 Event.

## 6. Fees

- 6.1. There is no event fee. Only boats registered for the 2026 KISS program are eligible to enter this Event.  
Crew who do not have a current Australian Sailing Number must purchase a Bay Pass for the Event: <https://www.orcv.org.au/club/crew-and-passes>.

## 7. Trophies and Prizes

All KISS participants are encouraged to submit their photos (unlimited number) of their passage to the WhatsApp group.

Presentation of prizes will commence at 1700hrs on Saturday 1 August at QCYC clubhouse.

### 7.1. 360Q KISS Passage Helm Perpetual 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. 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.

## **7.2. Searoad Ferries KISS Passage Navigators Perpetual 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 must be documented in the Boat Logbook with name, time commenced and time stopped and for the nominated primary helm, the full time spent on the helm
- Each Navigator must deliver their Logbook to the QCYC Base Radio Operator on arrival at the clubhouse for assessment

## **7.3. Queenscliff Maritime Museum KISS Passage Radio Operators Perpetual Trophy**

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

## **7.4. Yachtmaster Sailing School Encouragement Prize**

For the most diligent woman amongst all KISS teams, based on their commitment to the program with regular attendance at all events, training activities and demonstrating leadership. Boat owners and mentors will submit their individual nominations from each boat to determine the winner. This prize will be one of the Yacht Master Sailing School courses.

## **7.5. KISS 2026 Photography Prize**

A prize will be awarded for the best photo of the onboard action on KISS boats participating in the Rally. All KISS participants are encouraged to submit their photos (unlimited number) of their passage to the nominated What's app. group.

# **8. Event Classification & Advertising**

- 8.1. Advertising on a boat must comply with the requirements of WS Regulation 20 (WS Advertising Code) for Category C.
- 8.2. 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.
- 8.3. 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.

## 9. Sustainability

9.1. 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 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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## 11. Media Rights & Restrictions

11.1. 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 KISS Rally 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 Event.

- 11.2. Crew members of boats 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 boats 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 boat or media representative at any time.
- 11.3. Entrants acknowledge and accept the media restrictions referred to in this clause by completing the entry form.
- 11.4. 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 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.

## 12. Disclaimer

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

## 13. Crew Behaviour

- 13.1. 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>
- 13.2. 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.

## 14. Mooring Arrangements

- 14.1. Each boat must book overnight berthing at QCYC (<https://queenscliffcruisingyachtclub.org/booking-request-1>). If your boat is unable to berth at QCYC please contact the ORCV Office for assistance ([orcvc@orcvc.org.au](mailto:orcvc@orcvc.org.au)).

# 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 the Event.

| Check | Category                        | Requirement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|       | <b>General</b>                  | <p>Boats 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 6.</p>                                                                                     |
|       | <b>Insurance</b>                | <p>The owner of a boat entered in the event 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.</p> <p>Upload the Certificate of Currency to TES.</p>                    |
|       | <b>Membership and crew list</b> | <p>All persons sailing on participating boats in this Event must be members of an 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 boat must carry a VHF transceiver with channels 12, 16, 67, 71, 73, 77 and 82. ORCV requires that all boats 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 boats 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> |