



2026 KISS Rally Sailing Instructions



Amendments

Number	Instruction Changed	Summary of Amendment
001	New SI Version 2 Issued on 28/07/26	Change to mark location for T1
002	Published location in SI's V.2 for T1 in Appendix. Course and Marks	New Lat/Long for T1 published

Key Information		
	Rally Date and Warning Signal	0925 Saturday 1 st August 2026
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Sailing Instructions

The 2026 ORCV KISS Rally will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip. The Race is organised and conducted by the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria Inc (ORCV), in cooperation with Royal Brighton Yacht Squadron and the Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club.

1. Rally

- 1.1. The KISS Passage Rally will be held on the waters of Port Phillip starting in the area of Brighton and sailing to Queenscliff via the West Channel.

2. Rules

- 2.1. The Rally 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 Notice of Event, except as amended by these Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2. All times in these Sailing Instructions are Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) unless otherwise stated.

3. Notices to Competitors

- 3.1. Notices to Competitors (NTCs), including changes to Sailing Instructions, will be posted on the ORCV website www.orcv.org.au
- 3.2. Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be:
- posted on the ORCV website (www.orcv.org.au) before 0700 on the day of the Race
 - advised to competitors on VHF Channel 82 at the commencement of the Sign On Schedule. See Appendix A: Rally Communications.

4. Class Flag

The Class Flag for all divisions will be the ORCV Burgee.

5. The Start

The Start is as described in Appendix B: Start.

6. The Course

The Course is as described in Appendix C: Course.

7. The Finish

The Finish is as described in Appendix D: Finish.

8. Time Limit

- 8.1. The time limit for all boats to finish is 1500.
- 8.2. Boats will be allowed to use their motor in order to maintain their ETA for the finish line, but must record the time interval for motor sailing in the vessel's Logbook as to when the motor was started and when it was shut down and the interval time for which it was running.

9. Boats Retiring

- 9.1. Boats retiring must inform the Rally Director as described in A6: Boats Retiring.

10. Safety Regulations

- 10.1. The Safety Category and regulations are as set out in the Notice of Event.
- 10.2. Boats must keep clear of all commercial shipping (vessels more than 35 metres in length) while within Port Phillip, as required by Port of Melbourne Corporation Harbour Master's Directions. Ships are restricted in their ability to manoeuvre while in the entrance of Port Phillip and boats must take any necessary avoiding action early.
- 10.3. In the event of avoiding action becoming necessary, a boat may start their engine and motor to avoid a shipping hazard, on a course perpendicular to the ship's track, for as long as necessary.
- 10.4. A boat that takes such action must return to the location the boat started motoring, cease motoring and resume racing as soon as possible. The details of any such action must be reported to the Rally Director on finishing.
- 10.5. Any boat found to have impeded the progress of a commercial vessel will be disqualified.
- 10.6. A boat or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Special Regulations, Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.
- 10.7. The Rally Director may, at their absolute discretion, disqualify a boat from participating or continuing to participate in the rally if the Rally Director believes that it is unsafe for that boat to commence or continue to rally.

11. Unsuitable Conditions

- 11.1. After commencement of the rally, the rally can be terminated at the Rally Director's discretion.
- 11.2. The Rally Committee may deem the rally to be abandoned, rescheduled to another time or shortened.
- 11.3. Any termination of the rally will be advised by radio on VHF Channel 82.

12. Rally Communications

- 12.1. Rally communications procedures are detailed in Appendix A: Rally Communications.

13. Disclaimer of Liability

- 13.1. All those taking part in this rally do so at their own risk and responsibility.
- 13.2. Acceptance of a boat as an entrant in the rally is not to be taken as express or implied acceptance on the part of the ORCV and/or any of its Flag Officers, committee members, volunteers, Equipment Auditors or any other members, of the fitness of any boat or any equipment on such boat to safely compete in the rally, and/or deal with any and all eventualities of the contemplated passage. It is the responsibility of each skipper of each competing boat to decide whether their boat is fit and suitably crewed for the intended purpose, and neither the ORCV nor any club, person or company connected with the organisation of the rally is responsible for the seaworthiness of any boat whose entry is accepted.
- 13.3. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 3 “Decision to Race” of the RRS which states:
“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a Race or to continue racing is hers alone”.

14. Crew Behaviour

- 14.1. 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>
- 14.2. 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-rally social events.

15. Appendices

The following Appendices A, B, C, D and E form part of these Sailing Instructions.

Appendix A: Rally Communications

This Appendix describes the radio and other communications procedures to be followed during this Rally.

A1 Emergency and Urgent Safety Messages

Urgent safety messages for the Rally Director may be transmitted at any time on VHF Channel 82. The Rally Director can be phoned on +61 418 396 605.

A2 General

- A2.1. While participating in this rally, a boat must neither make nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones and satellite phones.
- A2.2. Failure to sign on before the end of the Sign-On Schedule will result in the boat being scored DNS.
- A2.3. Boats must not give false or misleading position reports.
- A2.4. Boats must monitor VHF Channel 16 and 82 at all times. ORCV recommends dual channel setup on VHF radios be used to allow Channel 16 monitoring at all times.

A3 Scheduled Communications

Time	Action	Channel or phone	Station
0830 - 0915	Pre-Rally sign-on sked Alterations to Sailing Instructions Postponement if Applicable	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing
0925-0930	Starting Sequence	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing
Rounding T1	Position Schedule	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing
5 minutes before finish	Call Ocean Racing to advise 5 minutes from the finish line	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing
Monitor	Unscheduled Announcements	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing
	Shortened course	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing
	Retirement, if applicable	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing
		0418 396 605	Rally Director
1500	Time Limit – All boats to Finish		

A4 Sign-On Schedule

Rally Director will call Boats in alphabetical order to confirm “Boat (name) is a starter. (Number) POBs.”

Boats to confirm their own determined start time.

Boats to give their ETA for the finish line.

Boat to notify any crew changes and details.

Boats to notify any changes of lead crew roles (helm/navigator/radio operator)

A5 Finishing Reports

When approximately 5 minutes from the finishing line, each boat must call the Rally Director, Ocean Racing, on VHF Channel 82.

A6 Boats Retiring

A6.1. If a boat retires from the race, every effort must be made to advise Ocean Racing as soon as possible and to give the following information:

- Time & position at the time of retirement
- Reason for retirement
- The state of the crew
- The port to which the boat is returning.

A6.2. A boat that retires must maintain their routine monitoring of VHF Channels 82 and 16 until such time as they reach a safe harbour.

Upon arrival at a safe harbour, contact must be made with Ocean Racing by phone (0418 396 605) or VHF Channel 82 to confirm safe arrival. Failure to comply with this requirement may prejudice acceptance of an entry in future races.

A7 Return passage from QCYC to Home Clubs

All boats participating in the KISS Rally and returning to their home clubs are required to contact the Rally Director via SMS or email:

- On departure from QCYC with Boat name, number of POBs onboard and names of crew.
- On arrival of the boat and crew at their home port to confirm their safe return.

Appendix B: Start

This Appendix contains information about the starting line and the starting procedures.

B1 Start Time

- B1.1. The warning signal is scheduled for 0925 (AEST) Saturday 01 August 2026 but may be postponed at the Rally Director's discretion. There will be a long start signal for the 0930-start signal.
- B1.2. All competitors will have 30 minutes to start the Rally from the start signal.

B2 Starting Line

- B2.1. The Start will be from the Royal Brighton Yacht Club Control tower start. The start line is between the tower and RBYC mark 6, starting in a South direction.



B3 Postponements

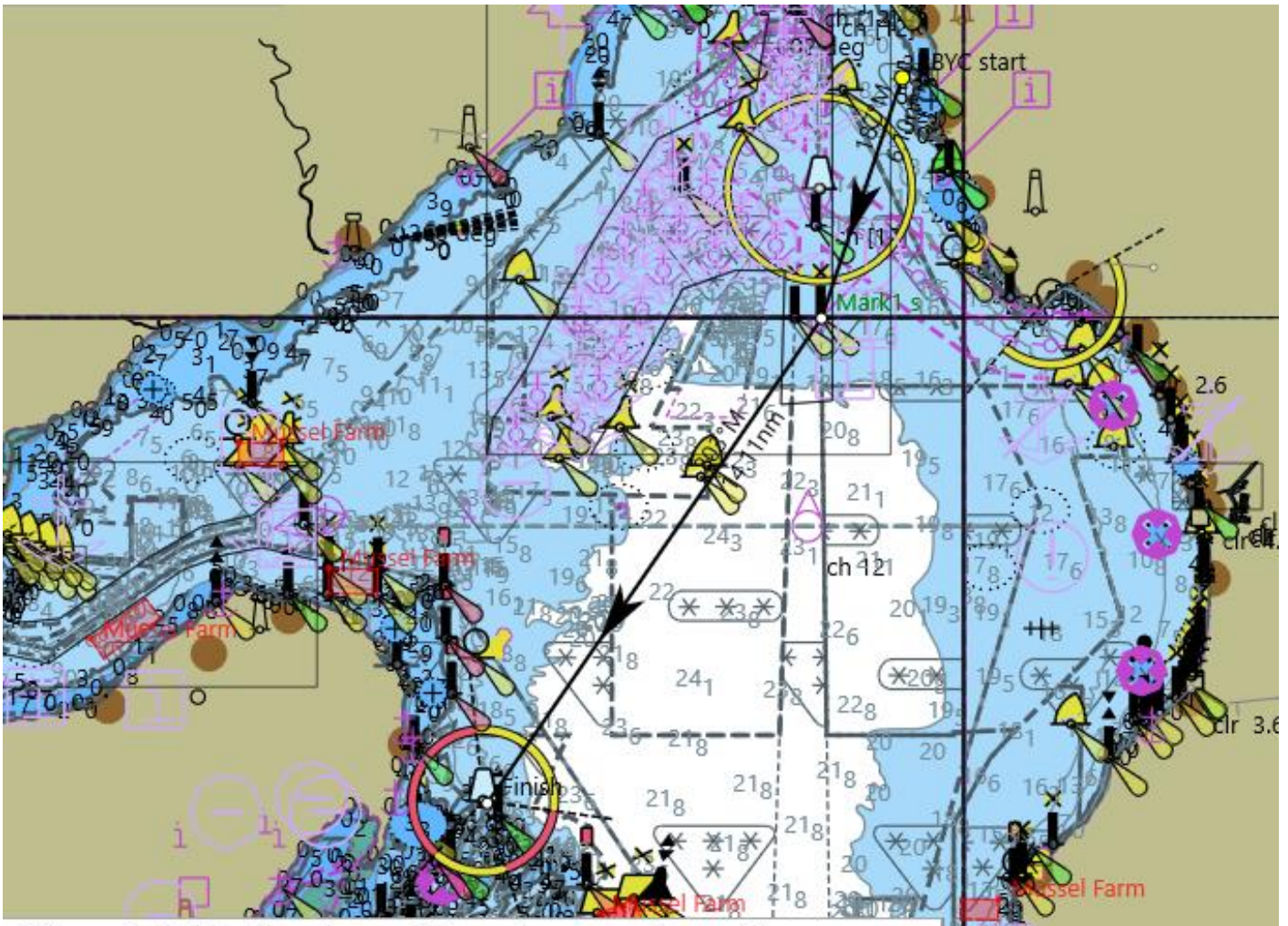
- B3.1. Any postponement will be signalled by displaying the Answering Pennant with one sound. An announcement may be made on the Rally Channel (See Appendix A: Rally Communications). This amends RRS 27.3.
- B3.2. One minute before the postponed starting sequence commences, the Answering Pennant will be lowered with one sound. This amends RRS 27.3.
- B3.3. A postponement may apply if a Bureau of Meteorology Gale Warning is forecast for any part of the course.

Appendix C: Course and Marks

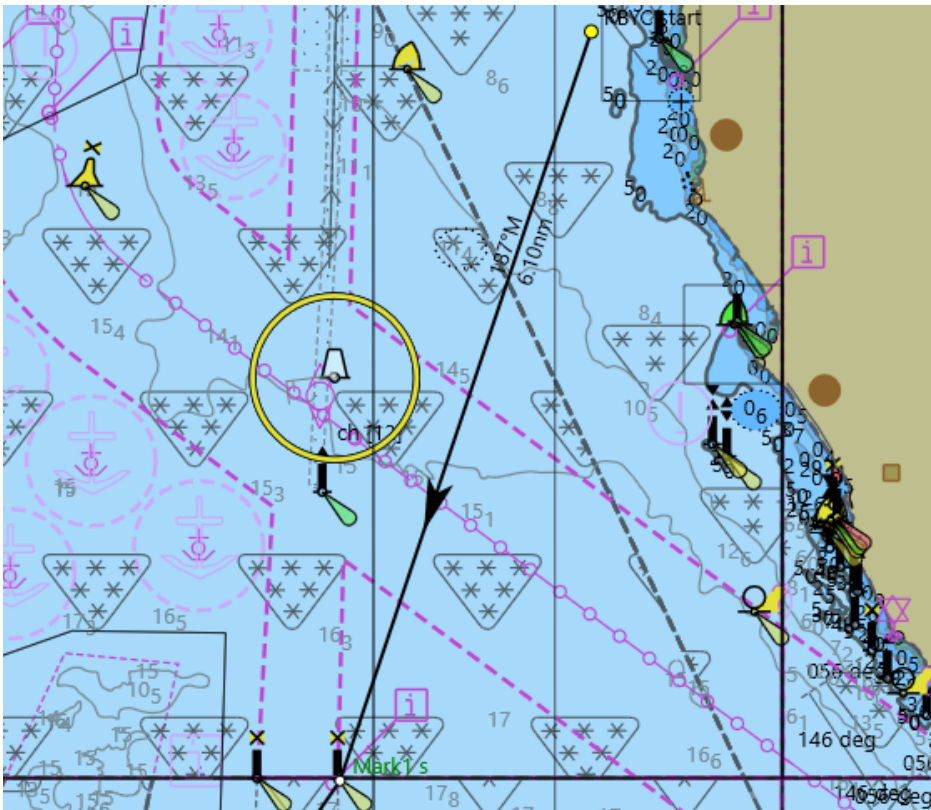
This Appendix describes the course and how it is to be sailed.

Course	Mark	Leave to	Lat/Long
Start Line	RBYC 6 fixed yellow mark and the RBYC Tower	Start in a Southerly direction	
	Amalfi	Starboard	Will be positioned in the vicinity of RBYC No.6 after the start
Mark 1	T1 Port Melbourne Channel	Starboard	38°00.0S 144°55.66E
Finish Gate	West Channel Pile	Starboard	38°11.6S 144°45.4E
	Amalfi boat on station	Port	

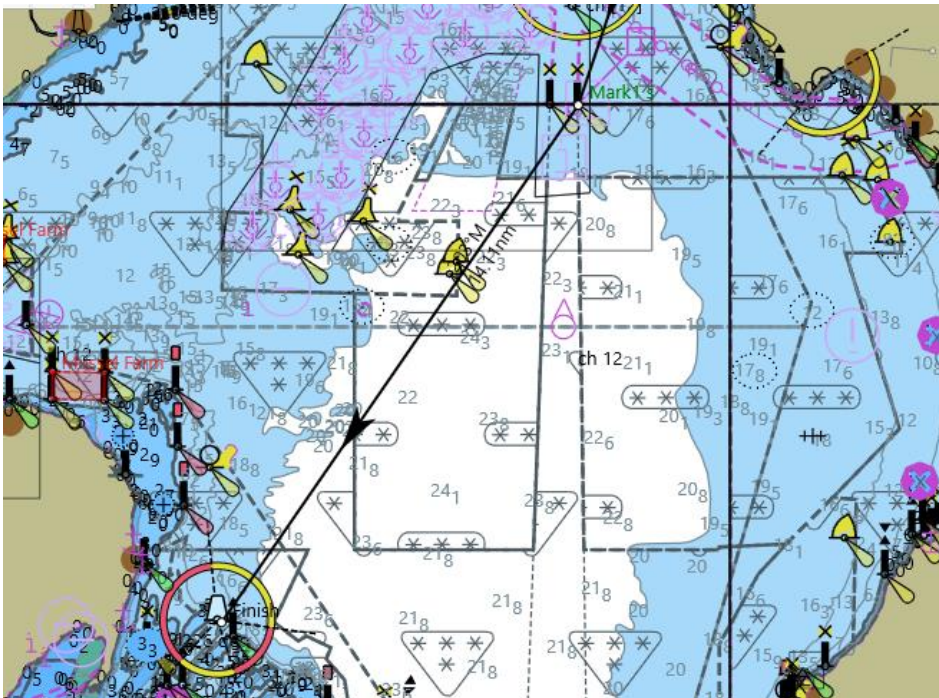
Overall Course Chart



First Leg Course Chart



Second Leg Course Chart



Appendix D: Finish

This Appendix describes the finishing line and the finishing procedures.

D1 Finishing

D1.1. When approximately 5 minutes from the finishing line, each boat must call the Rally Director, Ocean Racing, on VHF Channel 82, and continue monitoring when finishing.

D2 The Finish Line

D2.1. The Finish Line will be between –

West Channel Pile mark to starboard and an orange flag being displayed on Rally vessel Amalfi to port. (see table in Appendix C)

D2.2. An alternate finish line may be advised by radio if the Rally Director considers it necessary to shorten course. The alternate Finish Line may be at T1.

D2.3. Following the finish, boats shall proceed to the QCYC.

D3 Cautions Approaching Queenscliff

Beyond the Boat	CAUTIONS
Crossing approach to Geelong channels	Visual and AIS watch for ships. Listening watch on VHF 12 (Lonsdale VTS for any shipping heading to or from Geelong.
QA channel marker area	Take down sails. Set up mooring lines and fenders (tied on inside of lifelines)
Queenscliff channel	Stay close to the port channel marker as you approach as very shallow water North of the channel
SeaRoad Ferries Queenscliff and Sorrento	Hourly departure services from Queenscliff– Sat 1 & Sun 2 August - 8am-6pm. Arriving Queenscliff from Sorrento 40minutes after the hour.
Pilot boats, dive boats, fishing boats	Beware fast moving Pilot boats exiting and entering Queenscliff Harbour (orange or yellow hulls)

D4 Finishing Times

- D4.1. Unless circumstances prevent it, the finishing times of all boats will be taken by the finish boat
- D4.2. As a back-up, boats must record their own finishing times using GPS time, accurate to 1 second, and inform the Rally Director of this time if requested.
- D4.3. The boat in front and behind must also be recorded by the finishing boat and provided to the Rally Director if requested.

D5 Logbooks

- D5.1. All participating boats are required to submit Logbooks from the nominated Navigator and nominated Radio Operator on arrival to the QCYC Base Radio Operator. Only one book for each category per boat.