



2026 Melbourne to Devonport Rudder Cup Race

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS No.1: Issuance of Version 2 of M2D Sailing Instructions

This Notice to Competitors is to inform competitors that an amended version of the Sailing Instructions (Version 2.0) has now been issued and is available on the ORCV website.

Version 2 of the SI's provides further details in the following areas:

1. **A3** Is amended to the following:
"SP is an abbreviation for satellite phone, but in the context of ORCV events, it also includes other forms of satellite communication such as Starlink, Iridium Go, & Iridium Exec".
2. **A11.2. & A11.3** Provide further details about satellite coms via internet-based systems such as Starlink/Iridium Go
A11.2. Adds: "Boats using Starlink or an Iridium Go/Exec will report their position via the **ORCV M2D Race Communications** group on WhatsApp by 0815 or 2015. As per the table above".
A11.3. Adds: "The **ORCV 26M2D Race Communications** group on WhatsApp is to be used for formal race communications and safety broadcasts between the RD and the fleet, and for safety-related communications between participating boats and the RD. It is not to be used for any other purpose".
3. **C4 Yolla & Trefoil Gas Field Exclusion Zones**
C4.1. Provides notification about the **expansion** of the Yolla Gas Field exclusion zone & the addition of a **new exclusion zone for the Trefoil Well** (introduced in July 2026).
C4.4 Mark Location table provides updated coordinates and diagrams for both exclusion zones.
4. **D8** Removal of out-of-date diagrams of Mersey Yacht Club Access.
Updated instructions on the Mersey River & access to MYC will be provided to all competitors during the race briefing and for downloading from the ORCV M2D website, prior to the race.

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