

2026-2027 Double Handed Championship Notice of Series



Amendments

Number	Sections Changed	Summary of Amendment

Key Information		
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The Double Handed Championship is awarded to the best performed boat in the Monohull Double Handed Race Category, determined using PHS handicap results. Boats in this Race Category are Double Handed.

The Double Handed Championship is subject to the provisions of this Notice of Series and the NOR of the races from which a boat's score is drawn.

1. Points System and Designated Races

- 1.1. Race Points will be awarded to each boat entered and the Double Handed Championships is based on the results in the Double Handed PHS Handicap System of each Designated Race in which the boat starts, using a weighted Low Point system defined as follows:

$$\text{Race Points} = (\text{Race Score as per RRS}) * (\text{Race Weight})$$

- 1.2. The Designated Races and their Race Weights for the purposes of scoring are:

Race	Start Date	Race Weight
Melbourne to Devonport	Friday 30 October 2026	2
Melbourne to Hobart	Sunday 27 December 2026	1
Melbourne to King Island	Friday 5 March 2027	2
Melbourne to Wilson's Promontory	Friday 12 February 2027	2
Coastal Sprint Race 1	Saturday 19 September 2026	4
Coastal Sprint Race 2	Saturday 05 December 2026	4
Coastal Sprint Race 3	Saturday 17 April 2027	4
Melbourne to Apollo Bay	Saturday 22 May, 2027	3

2. Scoring

- 2.1. The Double Handed Championship will be awarded to the boat that achieves the lowest number of Race Points based on each boat's PHS handicap system results.
- 2.2. Each race must have at least 2 Double Handed Monohull starters to count as a race towards a series result
- 2.3. If a boat does not start in a race in the series, its score will be one point plus the number of starters for that race.
- 2.4. If all 8 designated races are conducted, 2 drops will be allowed.
- 2.5. If 7 races are conducted, 2 drops will be allowed.
- 2.6. If 6 races are conducted, 1 drop will be allowed.
- 2.7. If 5 races are conducted, 1 drop will be allowed
- 2.8. If 4 or fewer races are conducted, no drops will be allowed.
- 2.9. If only one designated race is conducted, then the Championship is cancelled.
- 2.10. For the ORCV Double Handed Championship:
 - The results will be drawn from the Double Handed Race Category PHS Handicap.
- 2.11. A tied Double Handed Championship score will be resolved using the Race Points from the Melbourne to Hobart Race with the lowest PHS result. If the tied boats did not compete in the Melbourne to Hobart Race, the Melbourne to Devonport race will be used.
- 2.12. The ORCV website will provide an updated series score on the completion of each of the designated races.

3. Trophies Awarded

- 3.1. A Double Handed Championship Trophy, together with a memento, will be presented at the next ORCV Annual Awards Evening.

4. Other Conditions

- 4.1. The ORCV reserves the right to amend this Notice of Series. Any amendments will be published on the ORCV website www.orcv.org.au and existing entrants will be notified.
- 4.2. The owner of a boat must comply with the requirements and conditions of the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for each of the Designated Races the boat has entered.

5. Entries

- 5.1. The boat will be automatically entered into the Double Handed Championship Series once the boat has entered one of more of the races designated as part of this series.
- 5.2. No additional entry fee is required for the Double Handed Championship.

6. Trademarks and Copyright

- 6.1. "ORCV Double Handed Championship" is a trademark of the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria, Inc and the use of the trademark is absolutely restricted and limited to use by or with the consent of the ORCV.
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7. Recent Winners of the ORCV Double Handed Championship

Year	Winner	Skipper
2025-2026		Not Awarded
2024-2025	Maverick	A. Hammond
2023-2024	Maverick	A. Hammond
2022-2023	Alex	J. Macadie
2021-2022	Blue Water Tracks	G. Dunoon/N. Rose
2020-2021	Maverick	A. Hammond
2019-2020		Not Awarded
2018-2019	Maverick	R. Smallman