

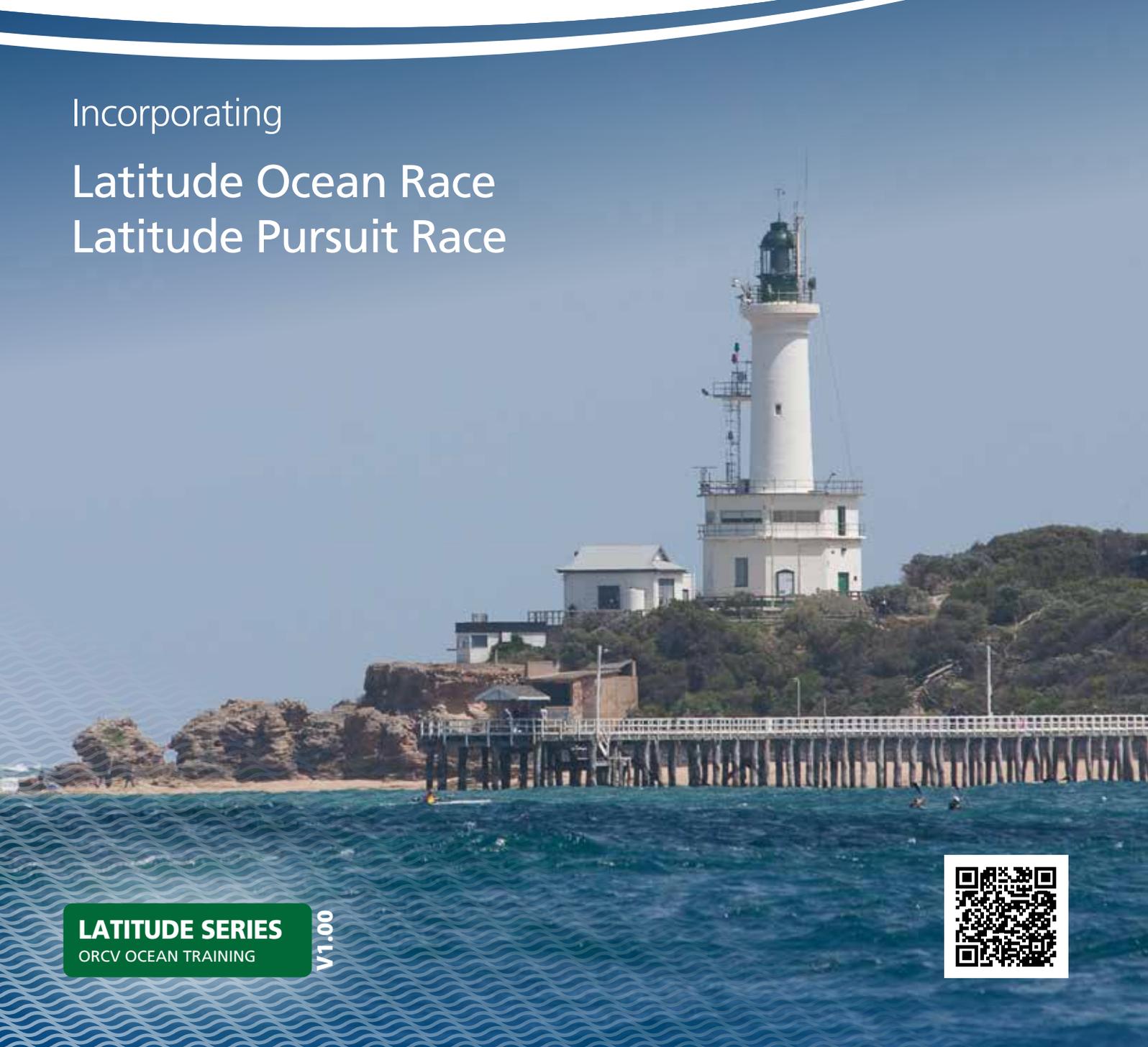


Notice of Race

2018 Latitude Series

Incorporating

Latitude Ocean Race
Latitude Pursuit Race



LATITUDE SERIES
ORCV OCEAN TRAINING

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THE LATITUDE SERIES

The Latitude Series is an innovative series of on-water activities to help those new to ocean sailing get started. It also provides a vehicle for established ocean sailors to develop crew members into positions of responsibility in an ocean racing team. In the years the ORCV's Beyond the Bay program is run, the series forms part of the on-water component of the program.

The Latitude Series provides a set of tactical and navigational challenges for ocean sailors of all levels coupled with a competitor support program and mentoring support for ocean sailing beginners. The ORCV ocean sailing calendar also has a well designed range of short, medium and long distance ocean races for competitors to continue their progression.

The Latitude Series of races further enhances the racing calendar and is also a last chance for yachts and

crews to get some ocean miles under their belt before the Devonport and Hobart races at the end of the year.

The competitor support program includes advice from our experienced team on making the transition from Bay sailing and racing to ocean racing on:

- Safety Requirements
- Yacht Preparation
- Crew Management
- Ocean Racing Evolution

Mentoring is available from experienced ocean sailors, both off and on the water and pre, during and post race. The Latitude Series is composed of the following races:

- ORCV Latitude Ocean Race
- ORCV Latitude Pursuit Race

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LATITUDE OCEAN
ORCV OCEAN EVENT

LATITUDE PURSUIT
ORCV BAY EVENT



NOTICE OF RACE

THE 2018 LATITUDE SERIES WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE WATERS OF PORT PHILLIP AND BASS STRAIT. OWNERS OF ELIGIBLE YACHTS ARE INVITED TO ENTER THESE RACES UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF THIS NOTICE OF RACE. THE SERIES IS ORGANISED AND CONDUCTED BY THE OCEAN RACING CLUB OF VICTORIA (ORCV) INC WITH THE COOPERATION OF BLAIRGOWRIE YACHT SQUADRON.

1. THE LATITUDE SERIES RACES

1.1 Race 1: **Latitude Ocean Race**

The warning signal for this race will be displayed at 0955 hours (Australian Eastern Daylight Time) on Saturday, 24 November 2018. This is a Category 3 race conducted from Queenscliff, out of Port Phillip Heads to a designated "line" of latitude based on the yacht's handicap and back to Portsea Pier.

1.2 Race 2: **Latitude Pursuit Race**

The warning signal for the race will be displayed at 0855 (Australian Eastern Daylight Time) on Sunday, 25 November 2018. This is a Category 6 race conducted from Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron to Sandringham Yacht Club. Yachts will be allocated starting times according to their handicap.

1.3 The details of courses including marks will be in the Sailing Instructions for each race.

2. RULES

2.1 The race will be governed by the current versions of:

- The 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the World Sailing (WS), together with the prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS);
- The Special Regulations of the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria (ORCV);
- The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea;

Except as amended by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for each race.

2.2 The ORCV reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race. Amendments will be published on the race website (www.orcv.org.au).

2.3 By entering this series, the owner of a yacht agrees that this Notice of Race (including amendments) and the entry form, the rules and regula-

tions referred to in paragraph 2.1 and the Sailing Instructions shall be complied with by the yacht and by the owner.

2.4 The Sailing Instructions will be issued through the race website (www.orcv.org.au).

3. CATEGORIES & DIVISIONS

3.1 The Latitude Series will be conducted using Performance Handicaps

3.2 The Race Committee may, at its discretion, allocate yachts to divisions within this handicap category.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 The races are open to yachts of a thoroughly seaworthy nature, which are entered by a member of a yacht club recognised by a State Yachting Authority.

4.2 Each yacht shall comply with the eligibility requirements listed in *Appendix B Yacht Eligibility Requirements*.

4.3 The ORCV may require re-measurement of any yacht prior to the yacht taking part in the races.

4.4 The crew of each yacht must meet the eligibility requirements listed in *Appendix C Crew Eligibility Requirements*.

4.5 Mentors

Novice skippers, defined as skippers who have not previously been in charge of a yacht taking part in an event or race outside Port Phillip or Westernport, may request allocation of an experienced mentor to join their crew.

Mentors will be permitted to advise on course and tactics and may help with various jobs around the yacht but shall not helm or navigate.

4.6 A decision of the ORCV or the Race Committee as to any matter under this clause (4), including as to whether a yacht and her crew meet the eligibility criteria for entry in the race, is final and binding and will not be grounds for a request for redress.

4.7 All safety equipment shall be on board and available for inspection. On request by the Race Committee, yachts shall be made available for spot inspection to audit safety regulation compliance. Spot checks may be carried out prior to the warning signal and may be carried out after a yacht finishes.

5. APPLICATION FOR ENTRY

5.1 An application must be made on the ORCV's on-line entry system at www.orcv.org.au.

5.2 A completed application for entry for the series must be received by the ORCV by 1200 on Wednesday, 14 November 2018.

5.3 The ORCV will consider entries after this date but the entry may not be accepted. Any late entries that are accepted may not appear in any fleet guide and might not be eligible to receive any crew shirts and other paraphernalia if provided.

5.4 For race 1, each yacht shall submit to the ORCV, no later than 1200 on Wednesday, 14 November 2018, the documentation in *Appendix D Entry Documentation*.

Privacy Note: Personal information about crew members is obtained in crew lists. That informa-

tion 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.

5.5 The ORCV is not obliged to accept an application for entry.

5.6 In accordance with RRS 76.1 the ORCV will reject or cancel the entry of a yacht that does not comply with the conditions of this Notice of Race.

5.7 Documentation supplied to or held by the ORCV under this Notice of Race for race 2 (other than crew lists) shall not be changed (except to correct errors or after protest) after 1700 on 23 November 2018.

5.8 A yacht's crew list may be changed to correct errors, to reflect late crew changes or after protest, but shall not be changed later than one hour prior to the starting signal. After any change to a crew list, the yacht shall still satisfy the general requirements of paragraph 4.4. Changes to the crew or details of any crew member shall be notified on the ORCV web site or by mobile phone or radio call on the day of each race.

6. FEES

6.1 Race fees may be paid by credit card, cheque, EFT or bank draft on submission of the entry form or late documentation, as appropriate. All fees include Australian Goods and Services Tax (a tax invoice will be issued on request).

6.2 Race Entry

Latitude Series (2 Races)	\$110
Latitude Ocean Race	\$95
Latitude Pursuit Race	\$35

6.3 ORCV members receive a 15% discount on these fees.

6.4 A crew fee of \$25 is payable for each crew member in Race 1 (Latitude Ocean Race) who is not a member of the ORCV.

For crew who require an Ocean Pass membership, the crew fee is in addition to the Ocean Pass fee.



6.5 Refund Policy

The ORCV wishes to encourage entry to its races. However, races are expensive to organise and run, requiring a cancellation fee to be charged to cover administration costs.

A cancellation fee will apply where an entry to a race is cancelled within fourteen (14) days of the race. For Category 3, 5N and 6 yacht races, the cancellation fee is \$30.

In addition, any costs that the Organising Authority has incurred for crew merchandise, e.g. shirts, caps etc. will be charged if they have been incurred before the entry is cancelled.

When cancelling an entry, please provide account details (BSB, A/C Number) for refunding the entry fee balance.

7. SCORING

7.1 For Race 1, turning latitudes for the Outside Course will be determined for each yacht based on their Performance handicap. The first yacht over the finish line will be declared the winner. Each succeeding yacht will be allocated their finishing position as their score.

7.2 For Race 2, start times will be determined for each yacht based on their Performance handicap. The first yacht over the finish line will be declared the winner. Each succeeding yacht will be allocated their finishing position as their score.

7.3 Series

Points shall be awarded in each race according to finishing position as follows: 1st - 1 point, 2nd - 2 points, 3rd - 3 points and so on.

Yachts not starting or being disqualified on any race shall receive points for that race equal to the number of Latitude Series entrants for the race + 2.

Yachts starting but not finishing in any race shall receive points for that race equal to the number of Latitude Series entrants for the race + 1.

Yachts who enter Races 1 and 2 will be eligible for Latitude Series trophies.

Ties shall be broken in favour of the yacht with the highest placing in Race 1.

7.4 The scoring system will not be subject to protest or dispute (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)).

7.5 Prorated positions may be used to determine a result if the race must be shortened.



8. TROPHIES

8.1 Trophies are presented to competitors for the following achievements:

- First, Second and Third placegetters in each race, subject to the number of entries qualifications noted below.
- For the Latitude Ocean race, Novice Skipper as judged by the Race Committee across various factors.

8.2 The following perpetual trophies may be won by competitors, subject to the number of entries qualifications noted below:

- The Ian McKenzie Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the lowest scoring yacht in the Latitude Ocean Race.

8.3 All trophies, including perpetual trophies, are awarded subject to sufficient entries in the particular race as follows:

- Less than seven entries, no 3rd place trophy is awarded.
- Less than five entries, no 2nd or 3rd place trophies are awarded.
- Less than three entries, there is no race for that race and no trophies are awarded.

8.4 Trophy Presentations

A results presentation for Race 1, the Latitude Ocean Race, will be made at Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron as soon as possible after the conclusion of the race.

8.5 All trophy winners are acknowledged with a bottle of wine from sponsors Chirping Bird Wines.

8.6 All 1st placegetters will be awarded a single trophy memento listing all eligible trophies won during the season. Winners of perpetual trophies will also have the yacht and skipper names inscribed on the respective perpetual trophy.

8.7 The presentation of trophies will be at the 2019 ORCV Annual General Meeting at a date, time and location to be announced.

9. CHANGES TO RULES

9.1 Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing

RRS 41: Whilst taking part in an race a yacht may retrieve data from any page of the race website details of which are provided in the Sailing Instructions, even if that page is not publicly available.

RRS 50.2 and 50.3: Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits will be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.

RRS 51: A yacht with movable ballast or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the Special Regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.

RRS 52: Shall be modified:

- to allow self-steering equipment to be used by yachts sailing Two-Handed,
- to allow the adjustment of movable water ballast or canting keels on any yacht, and
- to allow use of stored power for the adjustment of movable water ballast or canting keels on any yacht.

RRS 55: The rule is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: *However, discarding bands when setting a sail will not be considered a breach of rule 55.*

RRS 61.3: There is no time limit on protests by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee.

9.2 Alternative Penalties

RRS 44.2 - Two Turns Penalty will apply for breaking a rule of RRS, Part 2 in Port Phillip.

RRS 44.3 - Scoring Penalty will apply for breaking a rule of RRS, Part 2 outside Port Phillip Heads.

RRS 64.1 - Scoring Penalties may apply at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

The scoring penalties will be applied in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

10. EVENT CLASSIFICATION & ADVERTISING

10.1 Advertising on a yacht shall comply with the requirements of WS Regulation 20 (WS Advertising Code) for Category C. The ORCV may decline to accept an application for entry of a yacht which, in its opinion, is carrying advertising which conflicts with governmental regulations. If in doubt, the ORCV should be consulted as soon as practicable.

10.2 An application for entry shall contain brief details of all advertising that a yacht intends to carry. The ORCV shall be advised of all changes to that advertising.

11. TRADEMARKS & COPYRIGHT

11.1 "Beyond the Bay", "Latitude Series", "Latitude Ocean Race" and "Latitude Pursuit Race" are trademarks of the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria and the use of the trademarks is absolutely restricted and limited to use by or with the consent of the ORCV.

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12. MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

12.1 It is a condition of entry that the owner of the yacht and all crew members:

- acknowledge that the ORCV owns all media rights to the Latitude Series 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 yacht and its crew prior to, during and after the race.

12.2 Crew members of yachts may, prior to, during and after the race, speak or provide material to any media representatives accredited by the ORCV, regarding the race and the prospects, performance or strategy of yachts entered or participating in the race, subject to any comments and material not undermining or interfering with, or having a detrimental impact on, the ORCV and its officers and employees, the Race 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 yacht or media representative at any time.

12.3 Entrants acknowledge and accept the media restrictions referred to in this clause (12) by completing the entry form.

12.4 Any breach of these conditions may, at the discretion of the ORCV or the Race Committee, lead to the rejection of an entry, the cancellation of an entry or the disqualification of a yacht (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.

13. DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in the race do so at their own risk and responsibility. Crew members must acknowledge this and release the ORCV and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members, from all liability.

Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states:

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone

This applies to any type of sailing event including those covered by this Notice of Race.

14. MOORING ARRANGEMENTS

Blairgowrie Marina: As directed by BYS Officials.

APPENDIX A STABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The requirements specified in this appendix apply to all yachts intending to enter regardless of any category in which they intend to enter.

RESISTANCE TO CAPSIZE

A yacht shall provide evidence as follows to demonstrate that it achieves:

- an ORCi Stability Index of 103 or greater for the configuration in which the yacht proposes to take part,
- an IRC SSS Base Value of 16 or greater for the configuration in which the yacht proposes to take part,
- an ISO 12217-2 Design Category or IRC Category A or B,
- a Screening Value (SV) of 10 or less subject to AS Special Regulations Part 1 Appendix B paragraph B.5.1, or
- a Righting Moment Index (RMI) of 1.4 or greater.

CERTIFICATE CURRENCY

A yacht without a current valid ORCi or IRC Certificate but with a previously valid (but not current) certificate shall supply its most recent previously valid (but not current) certificate with a Stability Index or SSS Base Value with a satisfactory margin to the minimum stability requirement for Category 3 races for the configuration in which the yacht proposes to sail, accompanied by a completed Stability Declaration supplied by the Organising Authority.

MOVABLE OR VARIABLE BALLAST

A yacht with movable or variable ballast shall provide evidence that it achieves not less than a Knockdown Recovery Factor of 0.8 under International Standard ISO 12217-2, calculated in accordance with ISO 12217-2 paragraph 6.4.4 with the lesser of FKR_{90} and FKR_{-90} used. Special Regulations Appendix B.7.2.2 shall apply

FALSIFIED DOCUMENTATION

Competitors found to be falsifying documentation, deliberately invalidating certificates or otherwise misleading the race committee with regard to stability of their yacht are subject to action under RRS 69.1. If found guilty the penalty could include disqualification. The incident would also be reported to Australian Sailing.

A determination by the Organising Authority or the Race Committee as to the suitability of supplied documentation in demonstrating a yacht's compliance with the stability requirements, as to whether there is a satisfactory margin as required by this Appendix or as to a yacht's compliance with the stability requirements is final and binding.

APPENDIX B YACHT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Check	Category	Requirement
	General	Yachts shall be built in accordance with the Special Regulations Part 1, Section 3.03 and Appendix C as applicable.
	Insurance	The owner of a yacht entered in the race shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the yacht current when taking part in the race, with a sum insured of not less than A\$10 million. The insurance policy shall state that the yacht is covered for each race entered, individually or as a series, or that it is covered for yachting races of a length greater than each of the race lengths.
	Radio	Each competing yacht shall carry a fixed VHF transceiver with channels 12, 16, 67, 71, 73 and 82 and complete any VHF radio check as outlined in the Sailing Instructions. Yachts must be capable of monitoring multiple channels using the radio dual watch or scan capability or by carrying multiple radios.
	Additional	Additional Requirements for Race 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifelines • One bilge pump • Spare VHF antenna or handheld VHF radio • Jackstays or clipping points - helm, winch stations, mast • IRPCS (Collision Regulations) • One lifebuoy with drogue and light • Safety harnesses and tethers sufficient for the crew

APPENDIX C CREW ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Check	Category	Requirements
	Membership	All persons sailing on competing yachts shall be members of a AS-affiliated club or an international equivalent. AS membership numbers or their international equivalents must be included on the crew list.
	Age	(Race 1 only) The minimum age of any person on board is 16 years, with a majority of the crew being of a minimum age of 18 years. Crew aged between 16 and 18 years must provide evidence to the Sailing Office demonstrating past sailing experience and hold a current SSSC certificate. The Race Committee may, at its absolute discretion, refuse to allow any crew members aged between 16 and 18 years of age to participate in the race.
	Experience	(Race 1 only) At least one crew member including any mentor shall have sufficient experience, declared on the entry form and accepted as such by the ORCV.
	First Aid	(Race 1 only) At least one crew member on a yacht shall hold a <i>HLDT003 Provide First Aid Certificate</i> or equivalent qualification or be a practising medical practitioner. Copies of the crew members' Certificate or other qualification shall be provided.
	Radio	At least one crew member on a yacht shall hold a <i>Short Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency (SROCP)</i> marine radio qualification issued by a relevant authority or higher qualification. Copies of the crew member's Certificate or other qualification shall be provided.

APPENDIX D ENTRY DOCUMENTATION

Check	Documentation	Notes
	Crew List (Online), correctly and fully completed with all associated personal details. Boats are responsible for its accuracy and currency.	
	Completed Safety Equipment Compliance Declaration (Category 3)	
	<i>HLDT003 Provide First Aid Certificates</i> or acceptable equivalents.	
	<i>Short Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency (SROCP)</i> marine radio qualification or acceptable higher qualification. Submitting the certificate number online is sufficient.	
	406 EPIRB Certificate(s) or evidence of registration and currency.	
	Current Insurance Policy	
	Evidence of Stability (see <i>Appendix A Stability Requirements</i>)	
	Stability Declaration (as issued by the ORCV that no changes have been made to the yacht since the issue of the Evidence of Stability)	
	Colour photograph of the yacht under sail, no older than 12 months and suitable for search and rescue purposes. This may be a copyright free digital photograph of a size not less than 6cm by 6cm with a resolution not less than 75 DPI.	