

NOTICE OF RACE

2020 COCK OF THE BAY YACHT RACE



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BLAIRGOWRIE YACHT SQUADRON

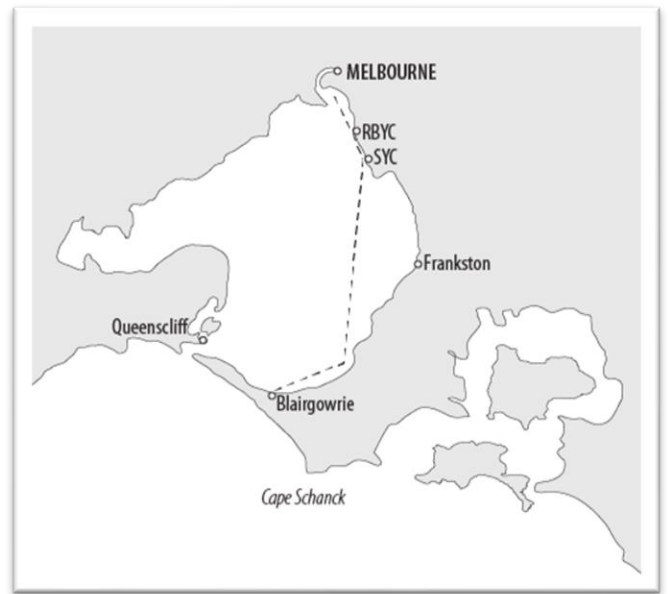
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This hugely popular 34 nautical mile race on Port Phillip is held each year on Boxing Day and, with a course designed to sail past major bay locations, is popular with sailors and spectators alike. Some say there is no better way to work off the excesses of Christmas the day before.

Besides being a great race in its own right, the event serves as a feeder for the Melbourne to Devonport Rudder Cup which starts the next day from Portsea.

This race, is open to yachts racing fully crewed, "4 plus autohelm" or Double Handed.

Berthing at the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron (BYS) will be available on arrival although the traditional BYS hospitality may be constrained by Government Health Regulations.



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THE 2020 ORCV COCK OF THE BAY YACHT RACE WILL BE CONDUCTED IN PORT PHILLIP BAY. OWNERS OF ELIGIBLE YACHTS ARE INVITED TO ENTER THIS RACE UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF THIS NOTICE OF RACE. THE RACE IS ORGANISED AND CONDUCTED BY THE OCEAN RACING CLUB OF VICTORIA (ORCV) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BLAIRGOWRIE YACHT SQUADRON (BYS).

1. RACE

- 1.1. The warning signal for the race will be displayed at 1025 Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT) on Saturday, 26 December 2020.
- 1.2. This is a Category 5 race, starting in the vicinity of Station Pier and finishing at Blairgowrie.
- 1.3. The details of the course including any marks of the course will be in the Sailing Instructions for the race.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The race will be governed by the current versions of:
 - the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS),
 - the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing,
 - the ORCV Special Regulations published on the ORCV website (www.orcv.org.au),
 - where applicable, the rules and regulations of the Australian Measurement System (AMS) and the IRC Rule Parts A, B and C;except as amended by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for the race.
- 2.2. The ORCV reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race. Amendments will be published on the ORCV website and existing entrants will be notified.
- 2.3. By entering this race, the owner of a yacht agrees that this Notice of Race (including amendments) and the entry form, the rules and regulations referred to in NoR 2.1 and the Sailing Instructions shall be complied with by the yacht and the person in charge.
- 2.4. The Sailing Instructions will be issued through the ORCV website (www.orcv.org.au).

3. DIVISIONS & CATEGORIES

- 3.1. Subject to clause 3.6, the race will be conducted with the following Divisions and Handicap Categories:

Unrestricted Monohull (IRC, AMS, ORCc, PHS)
Double Handed (IRC, AMS, ORCc, PHS)
Cruising Non-Spinnaker (PHS)
Multihull Racing (OMS)
- 3.2. A Yacht may enter any Division or Handicap Category for which she is eligible and any combination thereof.
- 3.3. Entries to the Double Handed Division constitute a separate race entry and are additional to the entry of the yacht in the Unrestricted Monohull Division.
- 3.4. The Race Director may create one or more additional divisions within any Handicap Category having regard to the number of entries and the performance characteristics of the competitors.
- 3.5. Non Spinnaker and Two-Handed rating certificates are not used and yachts racing under ORC must use validated ratings.
- 3.6. The Race Committee reserves the right to cancel any Division or Handicap Category with fewer than five entries. In the case of Handicap Categories, this right will be exercised if there are less than 3 entries in the relevant Category. This includes the race as a whole, in which case entry fees will be refunded.

4. COVID SAFE REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1. The owner of the yacht shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that all of the yacht's crew comply with all Victorian Government Health Regulations and social distancing requirements applicable at the time of the race. Guidelines, including possible restrictions on crew numbers, may be issued by ORCV closer Race Day.

5. ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1. The race is open to yachts of a thoroughly seaworthy nature, which are entered by a member of a yacht club recognised by Australian Sailing.
- 5.2. Each yacht shall comply with the eligibility requirements listed in *Appendix A Yacht Eligibility Requirements*.
- 5.3. The ORCV may require remeasurement of any yacht prior to the yacht racing.
- 5.4. A decision of the ORCV or the Race Committee as to any matter under this clause 5, including as to whether yachts and crew meet the eligibility criteria, is final and binding and will not be grounds for a request for redress.

6. APPLICATION FOR ENTRY

- 6.1. An application for entry, including crew details, must be made on the online entry system at www.orcv.org.au.
- 6.2. To enter the race, a completed application for entry and payment of entry fees must be received by 0900 on 18 December 2020.
- 6.3. The ORCV may consider entries after that date but late entries that are accepted may not appear in any race publications or be included in any berthing allocations.
- 6.4. In the event of crew changes, skippers are required to update their initial entries at least one day before the start of the race.

Privacy Note: Personal information about crew members may be contained in crew lists. That information is obtained for use in search and rescue situations and contact tracing which may result in public release.

A condition of entry is that crew members are to be informed of, and accept, this possibility.

- 6.5. The ORCV is not obliged to accept an application for entry.
- 6.6. In accordance with RRS 76.1, the ORCV may reject or cancel the entry of a yacht that does not comply with the conditions of this Notice of Race.
- 6.7. A yacht's rating certificate shall not be changed after 0900 on Friday 18 December 2020 except as a result of a rating protest or to correct a rating office error.

7. FEES

- 7.1. Race fees which include GST shall be paid by credit card via the Top Yacht entry system by 0900 18 December 2020.

7.2. Race Entry

The race entry fees are for the race and one Handicap Category within one Division. A fee is payable for each additional Handicap Category over the initial one.

Monohull yachts racing double handed must enter, and will be scored in the Unrestricted Multihull Division but may also enter and race in the Double Handed Division.

The Double Handed Division is an additional entry and subject to an additional fee which covers all Handicap Categories in that Division (subject to eligibility).

Race Entry.....\$95
Each Additional Handicap Category \$15
Double Handed Division.....\$15

All ORCV members receive a 15% discount on the race entry fee.

A yacht will not be considered a valid entry before all fees are paid.

7.3. Refund Policy

Entry fee refunds after the closure of entries is at the discretion of the Sailing Captain after submission of written application but will in any event be subject to a cancellation fee of \$30.

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

8. SCORING

- 8.1. The scoring system will not be subject to protest or dispute (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)).
- 8.2. Prorated positions may be used to determine a result for the race if the race is shortened.

9. TROPHIES

- 9.1. The Cock of the Bay Trophy is awarded to the winner of the Unrestricted Monohull Division in the IRC, AMS or ORCc Handicap Category with the largest number of entries (combined where additional divisions have been created in a Category pursuant to clause 3.4). If there are an equal number of starters in two measurement Handicap Categories and one of those categories is IRC or ORCc, the handicap category with the largest number of starters shall be deemed to be the category with the largest number of current certificates on a global basis.

9.2. Trophies are presented to competitors for the following achievements, subject to the number of starters qualifications noted below:

- Line Honours – First yacht to cross the finish line in each Division (combined if additional divisions have been created under clause 3.4).
- First placegetters in each Division on corrected time using PHS, OMC and each of the two measurement Handicap Categories with the greatest number of starters.

9.3. All trophies are awarded subject to sufficient starters in the particular Handicap Category and Division as follows:

- Fewer than seven starters, no 3rd place trophy is awarded.
- Fewer than five starters, no 2nd or 3rd place trophies are awarded.
- Fewer than three starters, there is no race for that Handicap Category or Division and no trophies are awarded for the Category and Division.
- Line honours follow the same rules except all yachts are counted regardless of Handicap Categories.

9.4. The presentation of trophy mementos will be at the 2021 ORCV Presentation Night at a date, time and location to be announced. Trophy recipients will be awarded a single memento listing all eligible trophies won in the race.

10. CHANGES TO RULES

Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing

RRS 41: While racing, a boat may retrieve weather forecasts and data from any website but excluding information which is specific to a boat, a competitor or the race.

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 Australian Sailing. Special Regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability to the extent permitted by their stability rating.

RRS 52: The rule shall be modified:

- to allow self-steering equipment to be used by yachts sailing in the Double-Handed Division and in the Unrestricted

Monohull division with a maximum of four (4) persons on board;

- to allow the adjustment of movable water ballast or canting keels on any yacht and the use of stored power to do so, and
- to allow the use of stored power for sail handling and sail trimming on any yacht.

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

RRS 60.1 & 62.1: The scoring system will not be subject to protest or dispute.

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

RRS 78.2: Valid rating/class certificates shall be produced by the due date specified in this Notice of Race.

11. EVENT CLASSIFICATION & ADVERTISING

11.1. Advertising on a yacht shall comply with the requirements of WS Regulation 20 (WS Advertising Code) for Category C.

11.2. The ORCV shall be advised of all advertising that a yacht intends to carry. The ORCV shall be advised of all changes to that advertising.

11.3. The ORCV may decline to accept an application for entry of a yacht which, in its opinion, is carrying advertising which conflicts with government regulations. If in doubt, the ORCV should be consulted as soon as practicable.

12. TRADEMARKS & COPYRIGHT

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13. MEDIA RIGHTS & RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1. 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 Cock of the Bay Yacht Race 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.
- 13.2. 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, any sponsor and their 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.
- 13.3. Entrants acknowledge and accept the media restrictions referred to in this clause by completing the entry form.

- 13.4. 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.

14. DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in the race do so at their own risk and responsibility.

Crew acknowledge this and release the ORCV and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members, from all liability by entering their names on the crew list.

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"

15. MOORING ARRANGEMENTS

Berthing is expected to be available at Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron although some limitations may apply and clubhouse and bar facilities may be limited to BYS members only. Further details will be provided closer to the event. Yachts requiring berthing should contact the ORCV office by email to orcv@orcv.org.au.

APPENDIX A YACHT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

YACHTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS LAID OUT IN THIS APPENDIX TO BE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRY TO THE RACE.

Check	Category	Requirement
	General	Yachts shall be built in accordance with the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1, Section 3.03 and Appendix C as applicable.
		The Safety Regulations shall be those of Australian Sailing Special Regulations, Part 1, Category 5.
	Insurance	The owner of a yacht entered in the race shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the yacht, current at the time of the race, with a sum insured of not less than A\$10 million. The insurance policy shall state that the yacht is covered for the race or that it is covered for yacht races of a length greater than the race length.
	IRC Yachts	A yacht may only be entered in IRC if the yacht: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has a current, valid IRC Certificate issued by RORC; • has been weighed on scales by an RORC approved measurer; and • complies with all of the current IRC Rules and Regulations, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).
	AMS Yachts	A yacht may only be entered in AMS if the yacht: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has a current, valid AMS Certificate issued by YRSA Inc; and • complies with all the current AMS Rules and Regulations, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).
	ORCc Yachts	A yacht may only be entered in ORCc if the yacht: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has a current, validated, ORCc Certificate issued by ORC; and • complies with all the current ORCc Rules and Regulations, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).
	Membership	All persons sailing on competing yachts shall be members of a AS-affiliated club or an international equivalent.
	Radio	Each competing yacht shall carry a VHF transceiver with channels 12, 16, 67, 73 and 82.