



2019 Australian Yachting Championships

NOTICE OF RACE

21 – 24 January, 2019 RMYS

IRC Div 1 incorporating 2018 Sydney to Hobart Race

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The Australian Yachting Championships will be held from 21 – 24 January, 2019 at St Kilda on Port Phillip, Victoria, Australia and will also incorporate a division 1 score from the 2018 Sydney – Hobart Yacht Race.

The Organising Authority is Australian Sailing (AS) Inc. Host Club Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron (RMYS).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in:
 - a) The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing;
 - b) IRC Rules Parts A, B and C where applicable;
 - c) ORCi Rating System Rules where applicable;
 - d) OMR Rating Rules where applicable;
- 1.2 Australian Sailing (AS) Prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 1 will apply.
- 1.3 Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing:
 - A) RRS 51: A boat with movable or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the Special Regulations) may move the ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability
 - B) RRS 52: RRS 52 does not apply to the adjustment and operation of sails or the adjustment of movable appendages on any boat.
 - C) RRS 55 is amended adding the following sentence to the rule: “However, discarding cotton, wool, or any other biodegradable material when setting a sail is permitted”.
- 1.4 IRC Division 1 will also include a division score from the 2018 Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to:
 - A) All single hull, self-righting keelboats that comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 6.
 - B) Multihulls that comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 6.
- 3.2 Boats entered in the IRC rating series shall have an endorsed IRC certificate, and comply with the IRC rating rule, Part C, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (Refer RRS 78.1)
- 3.3 Boats entered in the ORC International (ORCi) rating series shall have an ORCi certificate, and comply with the ORCi rating system rules save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (Refer RRS 78.1)
- 3.4 Boats entered in the Multihull Racing series shall have an endorsed Offshore Multihull Rule (OMR) rating.

An OMR crew weigh-in is required and will be held in the RMYS race office between 1700hrs and 1800hrs on Thursday 18th January 2019. Attire for the weigh-in shall be shorts or trousers and t-shirt, no shoes. Non-compliance will mean that an OMR rating cannot not be calculated and boats will not be eligible to race in the AYC Multihull Racing division under Offshore Multihull Rule.

If a crew member cannot attend at this time, the Race Committee must be notified prior to the scheduled weigh-in and an alternative time may be arranged at the discretion of the Race Committee.

4. ENTRY AND FEES

- 4.1 Eligible boats may enter the series via the [Australian Sailing website](#) before 1200 on Wednesday 19th December 2018. Late entries after this date may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority, subject payment of additional late fee.
- 4.2 A keelboat may enter in either or both of the IRC and ORCi ratings systems for the same fee.
- 4.3 All boats will also be scored in Performance Handicap (PHS) system.
- 4.4 The entry fee for all rating systems will be \$300. The additional late entry fee will be \$100.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Racing will take place on Wednesday 26th Dec 2018 for Division 1 within the 2018 Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race; Tuesday 22nd January 2019, Wednesday 23rd January 2019 and Thursday 24th January 2019 within the AYC at RMYS.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on each day at RMYS is 1025 hrs.
- 5.3 Subsequent races will be started as soon as possible after the completion of previous race, not necessarily in the same divisional sequence.
- 5.4 The regatta shall comprise of up to eight (8) races for the IRC / ORCi series and 6 races for all other divisions.
- 5.5 The number and type of races, depending on weather conditions, will be advised in the Notice to Competitors before 0900 on the morning of the race.
- 5.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

6. RATINGS AND HANDICAPS

- 6.1 Each boat shall have a valid rating certificate as issued by the relevant authority
- 6.2 IRC and ORCi ratings shall be as provided by the rule or rating authority at 1200 on Thursday 17th January 2019.
- 6.3 No alteration to the boat's rating will be permitted after this date and the completion of the series, except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct rating office errors.
- 6.4 Performance handicaps (PHS) will be assigned by the Race Committee and are not subject to protest or request for redress.
- 6.5 The Race Committee may make corrections to handicaps or ratings at any time.
- 6.6 Boats and their equipment may be inspected and/or check measured from 24 hours prior to the start of the first race, and in accordance with Rule 61.3 (Protest Time Limit) after the finish of the last race of the regatta at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 6.7 The boats will be assigned to divisions at the discretion of the Race Committee, depending on fleet size.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the [Australian Sailing website](#) on or before Monday 7th January 2019.

8. VENUE

All racing with the exception of the Sydney to Hobart race will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip, in the vicinity of Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron. Charts Aus143 and Aus155 cover the course area and are recommended.

9. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed on the day will be determined by the Race Committee and will consist of a combination of laid mark windward/leeward, fixed mark mid-distance or fixed mark longer distance-passage races as listed in the Sailing Instructions.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

The Organising Authority will appoint a National Jury for the championships and the decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 The IRC/ORCi series will consist of up to 8 races. 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

IRC Division 1 will include the boats extracted result from the 2018 Sydney Hobart Yacht Race re-scored to places 1, 2, 3, 4, etc. based on their finishing position in that race plus the boats results from the Australian Yachting Championship 2019.

- 11.2 The Multihull series will consist of up to 6 races. 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 11.4 When fewer than 6 (4 in the case of Multihulls) races are completed a boats series score shall be the total of her race scores with no exclusions.
- 11.5 IRC race results will be calculated by the application of the IRC Time Corrector (TCC) as printed on each boats IRC Certificate as a multiplier of the boat's elapsed time.
- 11.6 ORCi results will be calculated by the application of the Time-on-Time (ToT) Simplified Scoring Option, using the Offshore ToT rating as for the Passage Race(s) and Inshore Windward Leeward ToT rating for Windward Leeward races as printed on each boats ORCi Certificate as a multiplier of elapsed time.
- 11.7 Multihull results will be calculated by the application of the OMR rating (OMR) for each boat as a multiplier of the boat's elapsed time.
- 11.8 PHS results will be calculated by the application of a Time Correction Factor (TCF) as a multiplier of the boat's elapsed time. A boat's TCF may be adjusted after each race.

12 TROPHIES and PRIZEGIVING

Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third placing in each division. The prize giving will be held at the RMYS clubhouse following racing on Thursday 24th January 2019.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

14 MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

- 14.1 By participating in an event of the Australian Yachting Championships competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.
- 14.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority.
- 14.3 Competitors may be required for interviews or press conferences during the regatta.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority and/or Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron will not accept any liability for any material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16 INSURANCE

- 16.1 Each participating boat, including any chartered or borrowed boats, shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD10 million per event, with racing risk extension.
- 16.2 Third Party and Boat Insurance can be purchased via [Nautilus Marine](#)

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron on:
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Access to facilities

MOORING AND STORAGE ARRANGEMENTS

Moorings for interstate competing boats can be made available at RMYC for the period 0900 Thursday 17th January 2019 to 1100 Monday 28th January 2019 at no charge.

Boats wishing to arrive before Wednesday 16th January 2019 and/or leave after Monday 28th January should contact RMYC on 03 9534 0227 to book a berth for the extra days. This will incur an additional charge. Bookings should be done as soon as possible.

The RMYC marina caters for yachts with a draft up to 3m. Larger yachts can be accommodated at Royal Yacht Club of Victoria by prior arrangement through RMYC.

Boats wishing to arrange on-site storage of equipment during the regatta should also contact RMYC on 03 9534 0227.