



2020/21 Squadron Sundays Series
Sunday 22 November – Sunday 19 September
Hosted by Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron
NOTICE OF RACE

COVID Safe Sailing:

All competitors shall comply with the RMYS COVID Safe Keel Boat Plan, available from <http://www.rmys.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/RMYS-Keelboat-Racing-COVID-Safe-Plan.pdf>
Non-compliance with the requirements of the plan is subject to a protest by the Race Committee.
Penalty for non-compliance will be a disqualification from the race, and potentially a cancellation of entry for all future races.

There is a range of important information to take note of that relates to the return to racing as set out below:

1.5m social distancing must be adhered to while sailing for 90% of the time (Hiking/sitting shoulder to shoulder on the rail/ in the cockpit is NOT acceptable). Outside of key manoeuvres all crew must be able to social distance while sailing. It is recommended that crew numbers are reduced to allow adherence to this requirement.

Masks must be worn at all times (both on and off the water), unless sailing single-handed or with someone from your place of residence.

Rigging space, marina & dock separation should be maintained while ashore. Groups of 10 people maximum keeping 1.5 meters social distance

Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron invites entries from keelboats currently on the register of an Australian Sailing (AS) affiliated yacht club to the Squadron Sundays Series.

1. Organising Authority

- 1.1. The Organising Authority for the 2020/21 Squadron Sundays Series is Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron.

2. Rules

- 2.1. All races shall be governed by:

- 2.1.1. The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and Australian Sailing (AS) prescriptions,
- 2.1.2. The special regulations of AS Part 1 for racing boats,
- 2.1.3. The Sailing Instructions of Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron (RMYS) and the Sailing Instructions of host clubs conducting events on behalf of RMYS,
- 2.1.4. The Yachting Victoria Handicap System (PHS) where applicable,
- 2.1.5. The requirements of the Port of Melbourne (POMC) Regulations,

and any published amendments.

- 2.2. Crew declarations must be completed before each race. Crew declarations may be completed
 - electronically via the MemberPoint App

Failure to do so may result in the Race Committee scoring the boat DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

3. Advertising

- 3.1. The Summer Squadron Sunday Season races are classified Category C in accordance with RRS 80. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. The races are open to all yachts that:
 - 4.1.1. Have lodged an Australian Sailing 2020/21 Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form and affixed a 2020/21 safety category sticker to the transom (if supplied); and
 - 4.1.2. Have shown proof of appropriate third party and personal insurance cover, with a minimum of AUD \$10,000,000 public liability; and
 - 4.1.3. Can ensure that while the yacht is racing, equipment necessary to comply with the relevant safety prescriptions is carried and the appropriate level of insurance cover is maintained.
- 4.2. Eligible yachts must enter by completing the online entry form on the RMYS website) <https://www.rmays.com.au/sailing/racing/entrants-results/>
- 4.3. Telephone entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee or Sailing Committee.
 - 4.3.1. Casual race entry must be completed by using the online entry system on the RMYS website <https://www.rmays.com.au/sailing/racing/entrants-results/>
 - 4.3.2. Telephone entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee or Sailing Committee.
 - 4.3.3. Casual Entrants will not be included in the series scores.
- 4.4. Series entry will close at midnight on Thursday 19 November 2020.
 - 4.4.1. Casual Entry will close at midnight on the Thursday prior to the race.
- 4.5. Yachts must complete a crew declaration in accordance with RMYS Sailing Instructions 4.9 and 4.10 and paragraph 2.2 above.
 - 4.5.1. A yacht on the RMYS register with an owner/part owner or crew member with an account in arrears or without a temporary member day pass may be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1. (RMYS Sailing Instructions 5.4)

5. Fees

- 5.1. Yachts on the register of RMYS will not incur an entry fee.
- 5.2. Yachts on the register of another Australian Sailing affiliated club shall be charged \$30 per race.
- 5.3. A late entry fee of \$30 may be charged at the discretion of the Race Committee.

6. Schedule

6.1. 2019/20 Squadron Sunday Summer Series

Date	Briefing	Warning Signal	Type
Sunday 22 November 2020	0915	1025	Pursuit
Sunday 28 March 2021	0915	1025	Pursuit
Sunday 18 April 2021	0915	1025	Pursuit

6.2. 2021 Squadron Sunday Winter Series

Date	Briefing	Warning Signal	Type
Sunday 30 May 2021	0915	1025	Pursuit
Sunday 27 June 2021	0915	1025	Pursuit
Sunday 25 July 2021	0915	1025	Pursuit
Sunday 29 August 2021	0915	1025	Pursuit
Sunday 19 September 2021	0915	1025	Pursuit

7. Sailing Instructions

- 7.1. RMYS Sailing Instructions V6.0 and amendments are available from the RMYS Office or the RMYS website.

8. Venue

- 8.1. The races will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip.

9. Courses

- 9.1. The courses to be sailed and their locations are detailed in the RMYS Sailing Instructions and Amendments.

10. Radio Communication

- 10.1. 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.
- 10.2. Competitors shall monitor their VHF radio on the advised race channel and emergency channel 16.
- 10.3. The Race Committee shall operate on VHF Ch. 72.

11. Prizes

- 11.1. Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 11.2. The Napier Cup will be awarded to the first boat skippered by a Junior member in the race on 29 March 2020.

12. Scoring

- 12.1. Series scoring
 - 12.1.1. For a series that is held over a period of time longer than a regatta, a boat that came to the starting area but did not *start*, did not *finish*, retired after *finishing*, or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place once more than the number of boats entered in the series.

13. Disclaimer of Liability

- 13.1. Competitors participate entirely at the own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the races.

14. Insurance

- 14.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD 10 million per incident or the equivalent.

Further Information

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