



**2023 WIGS & GOWNS
SQUADRON SAILING DAY**
Hosted by
Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron
NOTICE OF RACE

1. Organising Authority

- 1.1. The Organising Authority for Wigs and Gowns Squadron and Red Pants day (the “Event”) is Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron (RMYS).

2. Rules

- 2.1. All races shall be governed by:
- The rules as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024 and Australian Sailing (AS) prescriptions,
 - The 2021-2024 Special Regulations Part 1 keelboats,
 - The RMYS Sailing Instructions 2022-2023 and amendments,
 - The Yachting Victoria Handicap System (PHS) where applicable,
 - The requirements of the Port of Melbourne Corporation (PoMC) Regulations, and any published amendments.
- 2.2. Crew declarations must be completed before the Event. Crew declarations MUST be completed electronically via the Member Point app.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The races are open to all yachts that:
- 3.1.1. Are on the RMYS yacht register, or an AS affiliated yacht club,
 - 3.1.2. Have submitted a valid Safety Equipment Audit form of at least to category 6 in their home club
 - 3.1.3. Have shown proof of appropriate third party and personal insurance cover, with a minimum of AUD \$10,000,000 public liability; and
 - 3.1.4. 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.
- 3.2. Eligible yachts must enter by completing the online entry form by 9am on Thursday 9 February on the RMYS website [HERE](#). Entries after the closing dates will be accepted at the discretion of the Office.
- 3.3. All entrants shall ensure a Sail Pass membership has been purchased by all visiting crew.

4. Divisions and Handicapping

- 4.1. The Event is a pursuit handicap, with the handicap assigned by the club handicapper. The first boat over the finish line having sailed the course correctly is the winner.

5. Safety

- 5.1. The Event is safety categories 6.
- 5.2. A compliant and functional marine grade VHF radio shall be carried and monitored, for all races. This modifies AS Special Regulations sub-clause 3.25.
- 5.3. Lifejackets shall be worn when on deck at night and at times of heightened risk. Marine Safety Victoria regulations regarding Life Jackets will always apply.
- 5.4. Boats must comply with Victorian Safety Regulations, with attention drawn to the requirement to carry flares and fire extinguishers.
- 5.5. No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or any part outboard.
- 5.6. Boats failing to comply with this Notice of Race may be scored DNC without a hearing.

6. Fees

- 6.1. All participants are charged \$35 which includes lunch.

7. Schedule

- 7.1. The Event is held on Sunday February 12.
- 7.2. A briefing at the marina entrance is held at 11:00am
- 7.3. Warning signal is at 11:40am
- 7.4. Luncheon in the harbour room approximately 1:30pm.

8. Sailing Instructions

- 8.1. RMYS Sailing Instructions, Notices to Competitors and Amendments are available from the RMYS Website. <https://www.rmys.com.au/sailing/racing/documents/>

9. Venue

- 9.1. Races will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip.

10. Courses

- 10.1. The courses to be sailed are included in the Sailing Instructions.

11. Radio Communication

- 11.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all competitors.
- 11.2. Competitors shall monitor their VHF radio on the advised race channel and channel 16.

12. Prizes and Trophies

- 12.1. Trophies will be awarded for the best start and first over the line.

13. Disclaimer of Liability

- 13.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in an increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

14. Further Information

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