



2024 Winter Season
Hosted by
Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron

NOTICE OF RACE

The 2024 Winter Season will run from Wednesday 27th March 2024 until Wednesday 2nd October 2024.

Amendments

Date Issued	Amendment Number	Details

1. Organising Authority

- 1.1. The Organising Authority for the 2024 Winter Season is Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron (RMYS).
- 1.2. In addition to races conducted by RMYS, the yacht clubs listed below may conduct racing on behalf of the Organising Authority as indicated in Schedule 1.
 - Hobson's Bay Yacht Club (HBYC)

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 2023-2024 and amendments,
 - The Yachting Victoria Handicap System (PHS) where applicable,
 - The Australian Measurement System (AMS) where applicable,
 - Offshore Racing Congress Rating System (ORC Club) where applicable,
 - The requirements of the Port of Melbourne Corporation (PoMC) Regulations, and any published amendments.
- 2.2. Crew declarations must be completed before each race. Crew declarations MUST be completed electronically via the Member Point app.

3. Special Events

Races marked 'SE' in Schedule 1 have additional sailing instructions and requirements.

4. Advertising

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

5. Eligibility and Entry

- 5.1. The races are open to all yachts that:
 - 5.1.1. Are on the RMYS yacht register, or that of an AS affiliated yacht club;
 - 5.1.2. Have submitted a valid Safety Equipment Audit form of at least the level required for the race, which has been externally audited by an Australian Sailing Club or National Equipment Auditor. (Refer to [7.8](#));
 - 5.1.3. Have shown proof of appropriate third party and personal insurance cover, with a minimum of AUD \$10,000,000 public liability;
 - 5.1.4. 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; and
 - 5.1.5. Have submitted an RMYS MOB Declaration for the immediately prior summer season (2023-24) or the current season.
- 5.2. Eligible yachts must enter by completing the online entry form on the RMYS website <https://www.rmyns.com.au/sailing/racing/race-entry/>
- 5.3. Casual race entry must be completed by selecting the race entry option on the online entry system on the RMYS website <https://www.rmyns.com.au/sailing/racing/race-entry/>
- 5.4. Casual Entrants will not be included in the series scores.
- 5.5. Entries after the closing dates will be accepted at the discretion of the Office.
 - 5.5.1. Casual entry for Wednesday races will close at 5pm on the Monday prior to the race.
 - 5.5.2. Casual entry for RMYS conducted Saturday and Sunday races will close at 5pm on the Thursday prior to the race.
 - 5.5.3. Casual entry for non-RMYS hosted events will close at midnight on the Wednesday prior to the event.
- 5.6. All RMYS boat owners shall ensure a Sail Pass membership has been purchased by all visiting crew.

6. Divisions and Handicapping

- 6.1. Races may be conducted using the PurHC/PHS, AMS and ORCc systems.
- 6.2. Yachts may enter in the PurHC/PHS, AMS and ORCc divisions. Boats entering the AMS and ORCc divisions must have a certificate valid for each race.
- 6.3. PurHC/PHS handicaps will be assigned by the club handicapper.

7. Safety

- 7.1. Safety Categories for each race are specified in Schedule 1.
- 7.2. 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.
- 7.3. 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.
- 7.4. Boats must comply with Victorian Safety Regulations, with attention drawn to the requirement to carry flares and fire extinguishers.
- 7.5. No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or any part outboard.
- 7.6. Boats failing to comply with this Notice of Race may be scored DNC without a hearing. This alters RRS 63.1.

8. Fees

- 8.1. Yachts on the RMYS register will not be charged entry fees.
- 8.2. Yachts not on the RMYS register may be charged \$30 per race.
- 8.3. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority and may be charged a fee of \$30. (This applies to RMYS and non RMYS boats.)
- 8.4. RMYS yachts may need to pay a race entry fee for races run by other clubs.

9. Schedule

- 9.1. Refer to Schedule 1 for race dates and times.
- 9.2. Refer to Schedule 2 for series information.

10. Sailing Instructions

- 10.1. RMYS Sailing Instructions and Amendments are available from the RMYS Website.
<https://www.rmym.com.au/sailing/racing/documents/>
- 10.2. Sailing Instructions for races hosted by other clubs that appear in this Notice of Race will be made available on the RMYS website.
- 10.3. RMYS Notices to Competitors are available from the RMYS Website.
<https://www.rmym.com.au/official-notice-board/>

11. Venue

Races will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip.

12. Courses

The courses to be sailed are included in the Sailing Instructions. For races that are conducted jointly with other clubs, refer to the host club's current sailing instructions.

13. Scoring

Series scoring - Appendix A part A5.3 will apply.

14. Radio Communication

- 14.1. 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.
- 14.2. Competitors shall monitor their VHF radio on the advised race channel and channel 16.

15. Prizes and Trophies

- 15.1. A minimum of three starters is required for a race to be started.
- 15.2. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority based on the following guide:
- 1st prize only shall be awarded for races with three or four starters.
 - 1st and 2nd prize only shall be awarded for races with five to seven starters.
 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize shall be awarded for races with eight or more starters.
- 15.3. Trophies associated with races and events will be awarded as follows:
- Open – Yachts on the register of yacht clubs affiliated with Australian Sailing.
 - Club – Yachts on the RMYS register only.
- 15.4. Trophies to be awarded for each event will be as specified in Schedules 1 and 2.
- 15.5. Additional series prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

Trophy

Eric Wareing Trophy	Best 67% of races in the three Midweek Mariners Series Pursuit Non Spinnaker- PurHC
Justine Trophy	Best 28 of 28 races in the three Midweek Mariners Series Pursuit Non Spinnaker – PurHC (but not the winner of the Eric Wareing Trophy)
Ian Ewing Trophy	Awarded to winner of each Midweek Mariners Series Pursuit Non Spinnaker – PurHC
Doctors of Northcote	Best 28 of 28 races in the three Midweek Mariners Series Pursuit Spinnaker – AMS
Doctors of Northcote	Best 28 of 28 races in the three Midweek Mariners Series Pursuit Spinnaker – ORCc
Overnewton Trophy	Best 28 of 28 races in the three Midweek Mariners Series Pursuit Spinnaker – PurHC
Insight Midweek Spinnaker	Best 67% of races in the three Midweek Mariners Series Pursuit Spinnaker- PurHC
Insight Midweek Spinnaker	Best 67% of races in the three Midweek Mariners Series Pursuit Spinnaker- AMS
Insight Midweek Spinnaker	Best 67% of races in the three Midweek Mariners Series Pursuit Spinnaker- ORC
Lodders Trophy	Midweek Mariners 28 races Best Start
JH McDonald Trophy	JH McDonald Pursuit Series Non-Spinnaker - PurHC
Calamari Cup	Calamari Cup Pursuit Spinnaker Series - PurHC

16. Disclaimer of Liability

- 16.1. 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 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.**

17. Further Information

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SCHEDULE 1: DATES AND TIMES OF EVENTS
WEEKEND WINTER

Entry: Winter Weekend Spinnaker – WWS

Winter Weekend Non-Spinnaker – WWNS

Shading indicates Series

Date	Start Time	Host	Event Name	Course Type	Series	Entry	Safety Category
4/05/2024	13:10	HBYC	RMYS Winter Spinnaker Series Race 1 (Brass Monkey Race 1)	Laid start, fixed marks s	RMYS Winter Spinnaker Series	WWS	6
11/05/2024	11:00	RMYS	JH McDonald Trophy/Calamari Cup - Race 1	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	JH McDonald Trophy/Calamari Cup	WWS or WWNS	6
18/05/2024	13:10	HBYC	RMYS Winter Spinnaker Series Race 2 (Brass Monkey Race 2)	Laid start, fixed marks	RMYS Winter Spinnaker Series	WWS	6
25/05/2024	14:00	RMYS	JH McDonald Trophy/Calamari Cup - Race 2	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	JH McDonald Trophy/Calamari Cup	WWS or WWNS	6
1/06/2024	13:10	HBYC	RMYS Winter Spinnaker Series Race 3 (Brass Monkey Race 3)	Laid start, fixed marks	RMYS Winter Spinnaker Series	WWS	6
2/06/2024	9:30	RMYS	RMYS Two Handed Winter Series - Race 1	Squadron	RMYS Two Handed Winter Series		6
15/06/2024	13:10	HBYC	RMYS Winter Spinnaker Series Race 4 (Brass Monkey Race 4)	Laid start, fixed marks	RMYS Winter Spinnaker Series	WWS	6
22/06/2024	14:00	RMYS	JH McDonald Trophy/Calamari Cup - Race 3	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	JH McDonald Trophy/Calamari Cup	WWS or WWNS	6
29/06/2024	13:10	HBYC	RMYS Winter Spinnaker Series Race 5 (Brass Monkey Race 5)	Boat start/finish fixed marks	RMYS Winter Spinnaker Series	WWS	6
30/06/2024	9:30	RMYS	RMYS Two Handed Winter Series - Race 2	Squadron	RMYS Two Handed Winter Series		6
6/07/2024	14:00	RMYS	JH McDonald Trophy/Calamari Cup - Race 4	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	JH McDonald Trophy/Calamari Cup	WWS or WWNS	6
13/07/2024	13:10	HBYC	RMYS Winter Spinnaker Series Race 6 (Brass Monkey Race 6)	Boat start/finish fixed marks	RMYS Winter Spinnaker Series	WWS	6
20/07/2024	14:00	RMYS	JH McDonald Trophy/Calamari Cup - Race 5	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	JH McDonald Trophy/Calamari Cup	WWS or WWNS	6
27/07/2024	13:10	HBYC	RMYS Winter Spinnaker Series Race 7 (Brass Monkey Race 7)	Boat start/finish fixed marks	RMYS Winter Spinnaker Series	WWS	6
3/08/2024	14:00	RMYS	JH McDonald Trophy/Calamari Cup - Race 6	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	JH McDonald Trophy/Calamari Cup	WWS or WWNS	6

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4/08/2024	9:30	RMYS	RMYS Two Handed Winter Series - Race 3	Squadron	RMYS Two Handed Winter Series		6
10/08/2024	13:10	HBYC	RMYS Winter Spinnaker Series Race 8 (Brass Monkey Race 8)	Boat start/finish fixed marks	RMYS Winter Spinnaker Series	WWS	6
17/08/2024	14:00	RMYS	JH McDonald Trophy/Calamari Cup - Race 7	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	JH McDonald Trophy/Calamari Cup	WWS or WWNS	6
24/08/2024	13:10	HBYC	RMYS Winter Spinnaker Series Race 9 (Brass Monkey Race 9)	Boat start/finish fixed marks	RMYS Winter Spinnaker Series	WWS	6
31/08/2024	14:00	RMYS	JH McDonald Trophy/Calamari Cup - Race 8 (Final)	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	JH McDonald Trophy/Calamari Cup	WWS or WWNS	6
1/09/2024	9:30	RMYS	RMYS Two Handed Winter Series - Race 4	Squadron	RMYS Two Handed Winter Series		6
7/09/2024	14:00	RMYS	Spring Racing Spinnaker Series Race 1	Squadron	Spring Racing Spinnaker Series	WWS	6
14/09/2024	14:00	RMYS	Spring Racing Spinnaker Series Race 2	Squadron	Spring Racing Spinnaker Series	WWS	6
21/09/2024	14:00	RMYS	Spring Racing Spinnaker Series Race 3	Squadron	Spring Racing Spinnaker Series	WWS	6
28/09/2024	10:00	RMYS	Spring Racing Spinnaker Series Race 4	Squadron	Spring Racing Spinnaker Series	WWS	6

WEDNESDAY

Entry: MidWeek Mariner Spinnaker – MWS

MidWeek Mariner Non-Spinnaker – MWNS

Date	Start Time	Host	Event Name	Course Type	Series	Entry	Safety Category
27/03/2024	14:00	RMYS	Winter Midweek Series I - Race 1	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	Winter Midweek Series I	MWS or MWNS	6
3/04/2024	14:00	RMYS	Winter Midweek Series I - Race 2	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	Winter Midweek Series I	MWS or MWNS	6
10/04/2024	14:00	RMYS	Winter Midweek Series I - Race 3	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	Winter Midweek Series I	MWS or MWNS	6
17/04/2024	14:00	RMYS	Winter Midweek Series I - Race 4	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	Winter Midweek Series I	MWS or MWNS	6
24/04/2024	14:00	RMYS	Winter Midweek Series I - Race 5	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	Winter Midweek Series I	MWS or MWNS	6
1/05/2024	14:00	RMYS	Winter Midweek Series I - Race 6	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	Winter Midweek Series I	MWS or MWNS	6
8/05/2024	14:00	RMYS	Winter Midweek Series I - Race 7	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	Winter Midweek Series I	MWS or MWNS	6
15/05/2024	14:00	RMYS	Winter Midweek Series I - Race 8	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	Winter Midweek Series I	MWS or MWNS	6
22/05/2024	14:00	RMYS	Winter Midweek Series I - Race 9	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	Winter Midweek Series I	MWS or MWNS	6
29/05/2024	14:00	RMYS	Winter Midweek Series I - Race 10	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	Winter Midweek Series I	MWS or MWNS	6
5/06/2024	14:00	RMYS	Winter Midweek Series II - Race 1	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	Winter Midweek Series II	MWS or MWNS	6
12/06/2024	14:00	RMYS	Winter Midweek Series II - Race 2	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	Winter Midweek Series II	MWS or MWNS	6
19/06/2024	14:00	RMYS	Winter Midweek Series II - Race 3	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	Winter Midweek Series II	MWS or MWNS	6
26/06/2024	14:00	RMYS	Winter Midweek Series II - Race 4	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	Winter Midweek Series II	MWS or MWNS	6
3/07/2024	14:00	RMYS	Winter Midweek Series II - Race 5	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	Winter Midweek Series II	MWS or MWNS	6
10/07/2024	14:00	RMYS	Winter Midweek Series II - Race 6	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	Winter Midweek Series II	MWS or MWNS	6

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17/07/2024	14:00	RMYS	Winter Midweek Series II - Race 7	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	Winter Midweek Series II	MWS or MWNS	6
24/07/2024	14:00	RMYS	Winter Midweek Series II - Race 8	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	Winter Midweek Series II	MWS or MWNS	6
31/07/2024	14:00	RMYS	Winter Midweek Series II - Race 9	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	Winter Midweek Series II	MWS or MWNS	6
7/08/2024	14:00	RMYS	Winter Midweek Series III - Race 1	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	Winter Midweek Series III	MWS or MWNS	6
14/08/2024	14:00	RMYS	Winter Midweek Series III - Race 2	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	Winter Midweek Series III	MWS or MWNS	6
21/08/2024	14:00	RMYS	Winter Midweek Series III - Race 3	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	Winter Midweek Series III	MWS or MWNS	6
28/08/2024	14:00	RMYS	Winter Midweek Series III - Race 4	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	Winter Midweek Series III	MWS or MWNS	6
4/09/2024	14:00	RMYS	Winter Midweek Series III - Race 5	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	Winter Midweek Series III	MWS or MWNS	6
11/09/2024	14:00	RMYS	Winter Midweek Series III - Race 6	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	Winter Midweek Series III	MWS or MWNS	6
18/09/2024	14:00	RMYS	Winter Midweek Series III - Race 7	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	Winter Midweek Series III	MWS or MWNS	6
25/09/2024	14:00	RMYS	Winter Midweek Series III - Race 8	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	Winter Midweek Series III	MWS or MWNS	6
2/10/2024	14:00	RMYS	Winter Midweek Series III - Race 9	Pursuit Spin/Non Spin	Winter Midweek Series III	MWS or MWNS	6

SCHEDULE 2: EVENTS

To be held, each Aggregate or Series must have four or more entries, and each Regatta must have six or more entries. To score each race must have 3 starters..
Start Times for all events are as shown in Schedule 1.

Event	Safety Cat	Series Entry	Type	Handicap /Rating	Series	Status
Midweek Mariners Series I	6	Monday 8 April 2024	Pursuit - Non Spinnaker	PurHC	Races in series: 10 Races to constitute a Series: 5 Races to score 7	Club
Midweek Mariners Series II	6	Monday 12 June 2024	Pursuit - Non Spinnaker	PurHC	Races in series: 9 Races to constitute a Series: 5 Races to score 7	Club
Midweek Mariners Series III	6	Monday 19 August 2024	Pursuit - Non Spinnaker	PurHC AMS	Races in series: 9 Races to constitute a Series: 5 Races to score 7	Club
Doctors of Northcote & Overnewton Series I	6	Monday 8 April 2024	Pursuit - Spinnaker	PurHC	Races in series: 9 Races to constitute a Series: 5 Races to score 7	Club
Doctors of Northcote & Overnewton Series II	6	Monday 12 June 2024	Pursuit - Spinnaker	PurHC	Races in series: 9 Races to constitute a Series: 5 Races to score 7	Club
Doctors of Northcote & Overnewton Series III	6	Monday 19 August 2024	Pursuit - Spinnaker	PurHC	Races in series: 10 Races to constitute a Series: 5 Races to score 7	Club
JH McDonald	6	Wednesday 19 June 2024	Pursuit - Non Spinnaker	PurHC	Races in series: 8 Races to constitute a Series: 4 Races to score 6	Club
Calamari Cup	6	Wednesday 19 June 2024	Pursuit - Spinnaker	PurHC	Races in series: 8 Races to constitute a Series: 4 Races to score 6	Club
RMYS Winter Two Handed	6	Wednesday 31 July 2024	Squadron	PHS AMS ORCc	Races in series: 4 Races to constitute a Series: 2 Races to score 3	Open

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Winter Spinnaker (in conjunction with HBYC Brass Monkey Series)	6	Wednesday 29 May 2024	Laid start, fixed marks	PHS AMS ORCc	Races in series: 9 Races to constitute a Series: As per HBYC Notice of Race Races to score: As per HBYC Notice of Race	Club
Spring Series	6	Wednesday 18 September 2024	Squadron	PHS AMS ORCc	Races in series: 4 Races to constitute a Series: 2 Races to score 4	Club