



2023-2024 Summer  
Season  
Hosted by  
Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron

**NOTICE OF RACE**

The 2023-2024 Summer Season will run from Saturday 7th October 2023 until Saturday 27th April 2024.

**Amendments**

Date Issued	Amendment Number	Details
24/10/2023	1	Schedule updated for Melbourne Cup Day; Twilight Flit and Sprint ratings updated
10/11/2023	2	Updated Cactus Cup Safety Category – Tumblaren class
16/12/2023	3	20 December Twilight race included in Jo Johannesen and Summer Twilight Spinnaker Series
4/01/2024	4	Schedule updates
15/02/2024	5	Big Bay Challenge schedule update
<a href="#">09/04/2024</a>	<a href="#">6</a>	<a href="#">ANZAC Day Pursuit Schedule updated</a>

## 1. Organising Authority

- 1.1. The Organising Authority for the 2023-2024 Summer 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)
  - Royal Yacht Club of Victoria (RYCV)

## 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

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

## 4. Advertising

- 4.1. 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 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 and have a safety equipment sticker affixed to the transom. (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; and
  - 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.
  - 5.1.5. Have submitted an RMYS MOB Declaration for the current season.
- 5.2. Eligible yachts must enter by completing the online entry form on the RMYS website <https://www.rmys.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.rmys.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.
- 5.7. Series Entry Requirements

- 5.7.1. Long Distance Series entrants require a minimum Safety Category 5N.
- 5.7.2. Moonlight Flit Series entrants require a minimum Safety Category 5N.
- 5.7.3. All other series entrants require minimum Safety Category 6.

## **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. All boats need to lodge an RMYS MOB declaration with the RMYS office.
- 7.7. All boats shall submit a Safety Equipment Audit form and shall have it externally audited. Boats failing to comply with the audit shall be excluded from racing until compliance is achieved.
- 7.8. Boats failing to comply with this Notice of Race may be scored DNC without a hearing.

## **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.rmys.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.rmys.com.au/official-notice-board/>

## **11. Venue**

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

## **12. Courses**

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. Division 1 boats competing in a non-aggregate, weekend spinnaker race can elect to compete in an additional race immediately upon crossing the finishing line. The additional race will be a timed lap from the boat's completion of the first race to the completion of the additional race. Boats will only compete on PHS handicap for the additional lap.

- 12.3. The additional race will be scored separately from the first race and will not alter a boat's handicap.
- 12.4. Boats competing in the additional race must notify Squadron Tower on VHF 72 within 5 minutes of completing the first race. The additional race is only open to boats that have completed the first race of the day.
- 12.5. If finishing in:
- 12.5.1. a southerly direction, Squadron Divisional Division 1 boats shall sail additional legs A(S)-B(S)-C(S)-D(S)-Finish.
- 12.5.2. a northerly direction, Squadron Divisional Division 1 boats shall sail additional legs A(P)-C(P)-B(P)-E(P) Finish.
- 12.6. There will be no starting signals or recalls for the additional race. This changes RRS 26.

### 13. Scoring

- 13.1. Series scoring - Appendix A part A5.3 will apply.
- 13.2. All races in the Long Distance Series will score double points, except for the Port Phillip Sea Pilot's & Big Bay Challenge. This changes the Low Points Scoring System.

### 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 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.

### 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

RMYS Office  
03 9534 0227  
[boating@rmys.com.au](mailto:boating@rmys.com.au)

**SCHEDULE 1: DATES AND TIMES OF EVENTS**  
**WEEKEND SUMMER**

Entry: Summer Weekend Spinnaker – SWS

Summer Weekend Non-Spinnaker – SWNS

LDS – Long Distance Series

Date	Start Time	Host	Event Name	Course Type	Series	Entry	Safety Category
14/10/2023	13:45	RMYS	Bert Watts Trophy	Squadron	Charles Marshall Series Aggregate	SWS	6
14/10/2023	14:00	RMYS	Summer Saturday Non-Spinnaker Pursuit	Pursuit Non Spinnaker		SWNS	6
21/10/2023	13:45	RMYS	WT Crosbie Trophy	Laid	Edward Lumley Series Race 1 Aggregate	SWS	6
28/10/2023	13:45	RMYS	Non-Aggregate Race	Squadron		SWS	6
28/10/2023	14:00	RMYS	Summer Saturday Non-Spinnaker Pursuit	Pursuit Non Spinnaker		SWNS	6
11/11/2023	12:00	RMYS	Bert Ferris Cactus Cup	Squadron	Edward Lumley Series Race 2 Aggregate	SWS	6 7 – Tumlaren class
25/11/2023	9:00	RMYS	Ruth Nangle Trophy - Pursuit to Geelong	Pursuit Spinnaker		Separate Entry	6
26/11/2023	9:30	RMYS	Jeanette Turnbull Trophy (Geelong to RMYS)	Special Squadron	Long Distance Series Race 1	Separate Entry and LDS	6
2/12/2023	13:30	RYCV	Measurement Cup (Races 1 & 2)	Windward Leeward	Measurement Cup Aggregate	SWS	6
9/12/2023	10:45	RMYS	Doc Bennell Trophy	Squadron	Charles Marshall Series Race 2 Long Distance Series Race 2 Aggregate	SWS LDS	6
9/12/2023	11:00	RMYS	Summer Saturday Non-Spinnaker Pursuit	Pursuit Non Spinnaker		SWNS	6
16/12/2023	13:30	RMYS	International Cup/Trophy	Laid	Aggregate	SWS	6
13/01/2024	10:00	HBYC	John Neilson Passage Race to Mornington	HBYC		SWS	5
20/01/2024	13:45	RMYS	Non-Aggregate	Squadron		SWS	6

Date	Start Time	Host	Event Name	Course Type	Series	Entry	Safety Category
20/01/2024	14:00	RMYS	Summer Saturday Non-Spinnaker Pursuit	Pursuit Non Spinnaker		SWNS	6
29/01/2024	10:00	RMYS	Agar Wynne Trophy (Geelong to Melbourne)	Special Squadron	Long Distance Series Race 3	Separate Entry and LDS	5
3/02/2024	13:30	RYCV	Measurement Cup (Races 3 & 4)	Windward Leeward	Measurement Cup Aggregate	SWS	6
10/02/2024	13:45	RMYS	Non-Aggregate Race	Squadron		SWS	6
10/02/2024	14:00	RMYS	Summer Saturday Non-Spinnaker Pursuit	Pursuit Non Spinnaker		SWNS	6
17/02/2024	11:00	RMYS	Squadron Trophy and Plate	Fixed marks	Long Distance Series Race 4 Aggregate	SWS LDS	6
24/02/2024	18:00	HBYC	Big Bay Challenge/ Port Phillip Sea Pilots Overnight Race	HBYC Passage	Long Distance Series Race 5	LDS	5N
2/03/2024	13:45	RMYS	Moomba Cup	Squadron	Aggregate	SWS	6
2/03/2024	14:00	RMYS	Summer Saturday Non-Spinnaker Pursuit	Pursuit Non Spinnaker		SWNS	6
16/03/2024	13:45	HBYC	Dick Lean Trophy	HBYC	Charles Marshall Series Race 3	Aggregate	6
23/03/2024	13:45	RMYS	Non Aggregate Race	Squadron		SWS	6
23/03/2024	14:00	RMYS	Summer Saturday Non-Spinnaker Pursuit	Pursuit Non Spinnaker		SWNS	6
6/04/2024	10:00	HBYC	Liston Cup - Hobsons Bay to St Leonards	St Leonards Passage	Long Distance Series Race 6	LDS	5
7/04/2024	11:00	RMYS	Jennifer Goldsmith Trophy	Squadron		Separate Entry	6
13/04/2024	14:00	HBYC	Aggregate Race	HBYC		Aggregate	6
20/04/2024	13:45	RMYS	Services Shield	Laid	Edward Lumley Series Race 3	Aggregate	6
25/04/2024	13:00	RMYS	Anzac Day Pursuit Race	Pursuit Non Spinnaker		Separate Entry	6
27/04/2024	13:45	RMYS	Re-Sail Day (or non-aggregate race)	Squadron		SWS	6
27/04/2024	14:00	RMYS	Summer Saturday Non-Spinnaker Pursuit	Pursuit Non Spinnaker		SWNS	6

**WEDNESDAY**

Entry: Twilight Spinnaker – TWS      Twilight Non-Spinnaker – TWNS

Date	Start Time	Host	Event Name	Course Type	Entry	Safety Category
11/10/2023	18:00	RMYS	Mid Week Twilight Flit - Race 1	Pursuit Spinnaker	Flit	5N
11/10/2023	18:00	RMYS	Mid Week Twilight Sprint Race 1	Pursuit Non Spinnaker	Sprint	6
18/10/2023	18:00	RMYS	Mid Week Twilight Flit - Race 2	Pursuit Spinnaker	Flit	5N
18/10/2023	18:00	RMYS	Mid Week Twilight Sprint Race 2	Pursuit Non Spinnaker	Sprint	6
25/10/2023	18:00	RMYS	Mid Week Twilight Series I - Race 1	Pursuit Spinnaker/Non Spinnaker	TWS or TWNS	6
1/11/2023	18:00	RMYS	Mid Week Twilight Series I - Race 2	Pursuit Spinnaker/Non Spinnaker	TWS or TWNS	6
7/11/2023	10:30	RMYS	Melbourne Cup Day Pursuit	Pursuit Spinnaker/Non Spinnaker	TWS or TWNS	6
8/11/2023	18:00	RMYS	Mid Week Twilight Series I - Race 3	Pursuit Spinnaker/Non Spinnaker	TWS or TWNS	6
15/11/2023	18:00	RMYS	Mid Week Twilight Series I - Race 4	Pursuit Spinnaker/Non Spinnaker	TWS or TWNS	6
22/11/2023	18:00	RMYS	Mid Week Twilight Series I - Race 5	Pursuit Spinnaker/Non Spinnaker	TWS or TWNS	6
29/11/2023	18:00	RMYS	Mid Week Twilight Series I - Race 6	Pursuit Spinnaker/Non Spinnaker	TWS or TWNS	6
6/12/2023	18:00	RMYS	Mid Week Twilight Series I - Race 7	Pursuit Spinnaker/Non Spinnaker	TWS or TWNS	6
13/12/2023	18:00	RMYS	Mid Week Twilight Series I - Race 8	Pursuit Spinnaker/Non Spinnaker	TWS or TWNS	6

Date	Start Time	Host	Event Name	Course Type	Entry	Safety Category
20/12/2023	18:00	RMYS	Mid Week Twilight Series I - Race 9 (Final) (Final)	Pursuit Spinnaker/Non Spinnaker	TWS or TWNS	6
10/01/2024	18:00	RMYS	Mid Week Twilight Series II - Race 1	Pursuit Spinnaker/Non Spinnaker	TWS or TWNS	6
17/01/2024	18:00	RMYS	Mid Week Twilight Series II - Race 2	Pursuit Spinnaker/Non Spinnaker	TWS or TWNS	6
24/01/2024	18:00	RMYS	Mid Week Twilight Series II - Race 3	Pursuit Spinnaker/Non Spinnaker	TWS or TWNS	6
31/01/2024	18:00	RMYS	Mid Week Twilight Series II - Race 3	Pursuit Spinnaker/Non Spinnaker	TWS or TWNS	6
7/02/2024	18:00	RMYS	Mid Week Twilight Series II - Race 4	Pursuit Spinnaker/Non Spinnaker	TWS or TWNS	6
14/02/2024	18:00	RMYS	Mid Week Twilight Series II - Race 5	Pursuit Spinnaker/Non Spinnaker	TWS or TWNS	6
21/02/2024	18:00	RMYS	Mid Week Twilight Series II - Race 6	Pursuit Spinnaker/Non Spinnaker	TWS or TWNS	6
28/02/2024	18:00	RMYS	Mid Week Twilight Series II - Race 7	Pursuit Spinnaker/Non Spinnaker	TWS or TWNS	6
6/03/2024	18:00	RMYS	Mid Week Twilight Series II - Race 8 (Final)	Pursuit Spinnaker/Non Spinnaker	TWS or TWNS	6
13/03/2024	18:00	RMYS	Mid Week Twilight Flit - Race 3	Pursuit Spinnaker	Flit	5N
13/03/2024	18:00	RMYS	Mid Week Twilight Sprint Race 3	Pursuit Non Spinnaker	Sprint	6
20/03/2024	18:00	RMYS	Mid Week Twilight Flit - Race 4	Pursuit Spinnaker	Flit	5N
20/03/2024	18:00	RMYS	Mid Week Twilight Sprint Race 4	Pursuit Non Spinnaker	Sprint	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..  
Warning Signal times for all events are as shown in Schedule 1.

Event	Series Entry Close	Divisions	Start Time	Series	Status
PHS Divisional Aggregates	Wednesday 29 November 2023	1 & 2	As shown in Schedule 1	Races in series: 14 Races to constitute a Series: 7 Races to score 11	Club
AMS Divisional Aggregates	Wednesday 29 November 2023	1 & 2	As shown in Schedule 1	Races in series: 14 Races to constitute a Series: 7 Races to score 11	Club
ORC Aggregate	Wednesday 29 November 2023	Combined	As shown in Schedule 1	Races in series: 14 Races to constitute a Series: 7 Races to score 11	Club
Charles Marshall Trophy	Wednesday 11 October 2023	Combined AMS	As shown in Schedule 1	Races in series: 3 Races to constitute a Series: 2 All races to score - Bert Watts Trophy - Dick Lean Trophy - Doc Bennell Trophy	Club
Edward Lumley Trophy	Wednesday 18 October 2023	Combined AMS	As shown in Schedule 1	Races in series: 3 Races to constitute a Series: 2 All races to score - WT Crosbie Trophy - Cactus Cup - Services Shield	Club
Long Distance Series - Percy Damman Memorial Trophy - Duncan McLean Trophy (most populated Rating)	Thursday 23 November 2023	Combined - PHS -AMS -ORC	Refer to appropriate NOR for each race	Races in series: 6 Races to constitute a series: 4 If 4 or more races are completed – discard worst score. - Jeanette Turnbull Trophy (Cat 6) - Doc Bennell Trophy (Cat 6) - Agar Wynne Trophy (Cat 5)	Club (Big Bay Challenge is open)

Event	Series Entry Close	Divisions	Start Time	Series	Status
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Big Bay Challenge (Cat 5N)</li> <li>- Squadron Trophy &amp; Plate (Cat 6)</li> <li>- Liston Cup (Cat 5)</li> </ul>	
Twilight Sprint Series	Monday 9 October 2023	Non-Spinnaker Pursuit AMS/ORC	As shown in Schedule 1	Races in Series: 4 Races to constitute a Series: 3 If 4 races completed - discard worst score.	Open
Twilight Moonlight Flit Series	Monday 9 October 2023	Non-Spinnaker Pursuit AMS/ORC	As shown in Schedule 1	Races in Series: 4 Races to constitute a Series: 3 If 4 or more races completed - discard worst score.	Open
Twilight Spinnaker Series I	Monday 23 October 2023	RMYS Spinnaker Pursuit	As shown in Schedule 1	Races in Series: 9 Races to constitute a Series: 4. If 5 or 6 races completed – discard worst score. If 7 races completed – discard 2 worst scores	Open
Les Norton Trophy Twilight Spinnaker Series	Monday 23 October 2023	RMYS Spinnaker Pursuit	As shown in Summer NoR Schedule 1	All races in Twilight Spinnaker Series I and Twilight Spinnaker Series II. Races to constitute a Series: 4 All races to count	Open
Jo Johannesen Trophy	Monday 23 October 2023	PHS Non-Spinnaker Pursuit	As shown in Summer NoR Schedule 1	Races in Twilight Series I Non-Spinnaker: 9 Races to constitute a Series: 4. If 5 or 6 races completed – discard worst score. If 7 races completed – discard 2 worst scores	Open
Dennis Livingston AMS Trophy	Monday 23 October 2023	AMS in conjunction with Jo Johannesen Trophy	As shown in Summer NoR Schedule 1	Races in Twilight Series I Non-Spinnaker: 9 Races to constitute a Series: 4. If 5 or 6 races completed – discard worst score. If 7 or more races completed – discard 2 worst scores	Open

Event	Series Entry Close	Divisions	Start Time	Series	Status
Twilight Spinnaker Series II	Monday 8 January 2024	RMYS Pursuit	As shown in Summer NoR Schedule 1	Races in Series: 8 Races to constitute a Series: 4. If 5 or 6 races completed – discard worst score. If 7 or more races completed – discard 2 worst scores	Open
LA Nangle Trophy	Monday 8 January 2024	RMYS Non-Spinnaker Pursuit	As shown in Summer NoR Schedule 1	Races in Twilight Series II Non-Spinnaker: 8 Races to constitute a Series: 4. If 5 or 6 races completed – discard worst score. If 7 or more races completed – discard 2 worst scores	Open
Terry Hill AMS Trophy	Monday 8 January 2024	AMS in conjunction with LA Nangle	As shown in Summer NoR Schedule 1	Races in Twilight Series II Non-Spinnaker: 8 Races to constitute a Series: 4. If 5 or 6 races completed – discard worst score. If 7 or more races completed – discard 2 worst scores	Open
GenOA League		Crew under 35 in conjunction with Twilight Spinnaker Series 1 and 2 and Twilight Non-Spinnaker Series 1 and 2	As shown in Summer NoR Schedule 1	Races in Series: 16 Races to constitute a Series: 8.  Entry To be eligible, one crew member on board must be under the age of 35 on race day. Individual entries must be made via text to the office before each race.  Scoring: Best placed boat in either the Spinnaker or non-Spinnaker race with a registered under-35 crew gets one point towards a series score. Highest score wins. In the event of a tie on a race (i.e. same place in Spinnaker and non Spinnaker), then	Club

Event	Series Entry Close	Divisions	Start Time	Series	Status
				0.5 point is awarded to each. No points are awarded for other places. The series score the highest score at the end of the series with no drops.	
Summer Saturday Non-Spinnaker Pursuit	Thursday 26 October 2023	RMYS Non-Spinnaker Pursuit	As shown in Summer NoR Schedule 1	Races in Series: 9. Races to constitute a Series: 4. If 5 or 6 races completed – discard worst score. If 7 or more races completed – discard 2 worst scores	Open