



# 95th Stonehaven Cup

Tuesday 7th – Sunday 12th January 2025

The Organising Authority for the event is the  
Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1 Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) shall apply, including Part 2 (Off the Beach Boats).
- 1.2 Rule 44.1 is changed to replace the Two-Turns Penalty with the One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.3 Equipment requirements and restrictions as documented separately in "Equipment Requirements and Restrictions Applying to Stonehaven Cup Contests" (V04.11 20210210) will apply.

### 2 Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority, which shall be displayed per the current yacht racing rules.

### 3 Eligibility and Entry

The Regatta is open to any club that has boats of the RS Quest class.

- 3.1 Competitors must be under the age of 18 years at midnight on 31st December 2024 and actively participated in and contributed to their club's RS Quest sailing program (or equivalent) in the sailing season leading up to this series, except as follows:
- 3.2 Competitors over the age of 18 years but under the age of 19 years at midnight on 31st December 2024 are eligible to compete in this series provided they can show evidence that they have actively participated in and contributed to their club's RS Quest sailing program (or equivalent) in the sailing season leading up to this series.
- 3.3 A competitor may be required to provide proof of age.
- 3.4 Boats must carry 3 crew or may carry 4 crew. Enter with 3 crew, race with 3 crew, enter with 4 crew race with 4 crew.
- 3.5 All participants must be a member of an affiliated Australian Sailing Yacht Club.
- 3.6 Eligible participants may enter by completing the online form by Thursday 1st December 2024 at 17:00. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## 4 Club Teams Competition

- 4.1 Each club may nominate a team of up to 3 boats to compete for the Otto A. Meik Perpetual Teams Trophy. (Min boat numbers)
- 4.2 Each club may nominate up to 3 reserve crew members.
- 4.3 A person nominated as a reserve crew member must have competed in their club team selection trials or have sailed in a minimum of 5 races in the RS Quest class in the sailing season leading up to this series.
- 4.4 When a team member withdraws after the close of entries, the race committee may approve a replacement crew from the nominated reserve crew members.
- 4.5 Team Managers must complete a **Club Teams Competition Entry Form including Reserve Crew members, as well as Team Officials.**

## 5 Fees

\$90 per person; additional late entry fee of \$30 may apply.

- 5.1 Racing schedule

Event	Date	Time/s
Regatta check-in Equipment inspection Competitors briefing 2 invitation races - Youth Welcome BBQ - Yard	Tues 07/01/2025	0800 to 1200 hrs 0800 to 1200 hrs 1100 hrs 1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal 1255 hrs 1800 hrs
Racing	Wed 08/01/2025	1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal 0955 hrs
Racing	Thurs 09/01/2025	1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal 0955 hrs
Reserve Day / Junior Activity Day (TBA)	Fri 10/01/2025	
Racing Pack up equipment RSQAA AGM Presentation Dinner	Sat 11/01/2025	1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal 0955 hrs  1300 hrs 1830 hrs
Final day for boat / container pickup for interstate competitors	Sun 12/01/2025	All boats and stored items to be clear of the club by 1600hrs

- 5.2 Nine races are scheduled, plus two invitation races.
- 5.3 3 races are programmed for each of Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. In the event that no racing is possible on any of those days, then Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be utilised for racing.
- 5.4 Races may be brought forward in the series provided that the sailing program becomes no more than one race ahead of the schedule.
- 5.5 No warning signal will be made after 1500hrs on the last day of racing for both divisions.
- 5.6 No more than four races will be run on any one day.

## **6 Measurement**

- 6.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 6.2 Boats may be subject to inspection at any time during or before the regatta.

## **7 Sailing Instructions**

The sailing instructions will be available from the RMYS website and will be published no later than 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024.

Venue Racing will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip in the vicinity of Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron as per Stonehaven SI's.

## **8 The Courses**

The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions. The courses will be triangular or windward/leeward.

## **9 Scoring**

- 9.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2 When fewer than 5 races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 9.3 When from 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 9.4 When from 8 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her two worst scores.
- 9.5 The scores of the 3 best-placed boats in each team of the Club Teams Competition will be totalled for each race, including the invitation races, and the team with the lowest total points in all races will be awarded the Otto A. Meik Perpetual Teams Trophy.
- 9.6 Team racing rules do not apply.

## **10 Support Boats**

- 10.1 All support boat operators are required to register with the Organising Authority to secure berthing and options.
- 10.2 Support boats can launch at St Kilda Boat Ramp and be stored at the RMYS Marina. Trailers for support boats may be stored at RMYS by prior arrangement. Refuelling is available at St Kilda Marina or RYCV in Williamstown.
- 10.3 All support boats shall remain at least 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.
- 10.4 All support boats are required to have a VHF radio and maintain a listening watch on VHF72 or any other channel specified by the Race Committee.
- 10.5 When requested by the Race Management Team, support boats shall render immediate assistance as and when directed.
- 10.6 Support boats shall be identified by conspicuously displaying 2 or 3 letters on a water-resistant sheet attached to the outboard cowling with the initials of the club of the competitors they are supporting. Alternatively, they may display the relevant club's burgee.

## 11 Boat Storage

- 11.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the designated storage area.
- 11.2 If trailer or shipping container storage is required, contact Ann Rogers at RMYS [boating@rmys.com.au](mailto:boating@rmys.com.au)

## 12 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.

## 13 Prizes

1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> in 1 <sup>st</sup> Invitation Race	As designated by RMYS and Council – Jock Sturrock Memorial Trophy when raced in Victoria
1 <sup>st</sup> place in 2 <sup>nd</sup> Invitation Race	Andrew Linacre Memorial Trophy
2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> in 2 <sup>nd</sup> Invitation Race	Andrew Linacre Memorial medallions
1 <sup>st</sup> place in Stonehaven Cup	Stonehaven Cup
1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> in Stonehaven Cup	Awards to all crew members
1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> in each race	Prizes to all crew members
Club team with lowest total points in Stonehaven Cup and Invitation Races	Otto A Meik Perpetual Teams Trophy
All participants	Stonehaven Cup pennant

## 14 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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 regatta.

## 15 Insurance

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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