



NOTICE OF RACE



Lady Stonehaven Cup 2024

Sunday November 10

The Organising Authority will be the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron Inc.



1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 shall apply for Off the Beach (OTB) Boats.
- 1.3 Equipment requirements and restrictions as documented separately in "Equipment Rules Applying to Stonehaven Cup Regatta" (Version 04.11 of 22/10/2021) will apply.

2 Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions and supplementary Sailing Instructions that will be posted on the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron website by 1st November 2024, on the official notice board, and which will be available at registration.

3 Communication

- 3.1 The official Notice Board is located on-line at the RMYS website rmys.com.au
- 3.2 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat will not make a voice or data transmission and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

4 Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 Entry is open to boats of the RS Quest Class.
- 4.2 All crew shall be members of Australian Sailing. Any international competitors shall be members of their relevant Member National Authority affiliated with World Sailing.
- 4.3 Boats must carry 3 or 4 crew.
- 4.4 Competitors must be under the age of 18 years at the start of the regatta.
- 4.5 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.
- 4.6 A competitor may be required to provide proof of age.
- 4.7 All boats and crews will submit to measurement and safety inspection on the scheduled measurement day.
- 4.8 Club Teams Event
 - a) Each club may nominate a team of up to 4 boats to compete.
 - b) Each club may nominate up to 3 reserve crew members.
 - c) 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.
 - d) When a team member withdraws after the close of entries, the race committee may approve a replacement crew from the nominated reserve crew members.
 - e) A boat which has not qualified as a member of their club team and complies with the eligibility and entry requirements is eligible to enter the series and compete for the Lady Stonehaven Cup.
- 4.9 Eligible boats shall enter online at (link to be added once TopYacht has been set up) by 5pm on Wednesday 6th November 2024.
- 4.10 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

5 Fees

No entry fees apply

6 Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising material chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. Material shall be displayed in accordance with instructions provided at registration.

7 Schedule of Events

Day/Date	Time / First Warning Signal	Description
Sun Nov 10	10:30 / 10:25	Up to 4 races
	Lunch - 12:00 – 13:00 (approx.)	
	13:00 / 12.55	Up to 2 races

No warning signal will be made after 1400.

8 Venue

The racing area will be on the waters of Elwood Sailing club's allocated sailing area located halfway between RMYS & RBYC on the eastern shore of Port Phillip Bay.

9 Courses

The planned format and courses to be sailed are windward return or leeward courses. Courses will be described in detail in the Sailing Instructions.

10 Safety

All boats are required to sign-on for each Club race day through the sign on/off system – each skipper or one member of crew from each boat must sign on in the regatta office before departing the beach for the days racing and must sign off as soon as practicable after returning to the shore.

Failure to comply with this rule for racing will result in the boat having a 3-point penalty added to their score for the race(s) without a hearing.

11 Wind Limits

If winds are consistently over 25 knots, the racing will be abandoned;

If winds are over 20+ knots, the Race Officer reserves the right to ensure boats have a reef in the main.

12 Scoring

12.1 One race shall be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 When three races or fewer have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When more than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

13 Media

By lodging an entry, all competitors, including owners, give absolute right and permission for any photographs and/or video footage of their boat and crew to be published in any media stream for editorial, publicity or advertising purposes.

14 RISK STATEMENT

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.

The Organising Authority, and the host club, their officers, members, servants, and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in this Event or howsoever arising in connection with this Event.

15 Insurance

All boats shall have third party insurance cover of not less than \$AUD10 million (or equivalent thereof in any other currency) for any accident. All owners/competitors who complete the entry form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Owner/competitors not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

16 Trophies & Prize Ceremony

16.1 Individual race trophies will be awarded as follows:

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16.2 Other trophies may be awarded for special achievements and announced at the Stonehaven presentation.

16.3 Lady Stonehaven prize ceremony will be done during the Stonehaven Ceremony on Saturday 11th January 2025.

17 Shipping Movements

Due to the density of traffic, shipping channels and their approaches are areas where the interaction between large ships and small craft can be particularly hazardous. Small boat operators should exercise caution in the vicinity of these areas and must avoid impeding the passage of vessels which can safely navigate only within the confines of a shipping channel or fairway. This is true when yacht racing and when travelling to and from.

Due to the speed of approach of commercial shipping it is important to keep a good lookout astern as well as ahead. Constant bearings between vessels are an indicator of a collision course.

When taking action to avoid a collision, avoid small alterations of course and speed, make bold alterations to make it readily apparent to the commercial vessel you are keeping well clear – do not leave action to the last minute as when sailing close to a large vessel its size could well rob a yacht of the wind, making it difficult to manoeuvre at a potentially critical moment in the interaction between the two vessels.

If you are hearing 5 or more short horn blasts from a commercial vessel, you are already too close and/or your intentions are not clear. Regarding communication, each boat is required by Special Regulations Category 6 to carry a VHF radio in working order. The Race Committee will be communicating to competitors on Ch 72 which may include important race information and navigational warnings. It is highly recommended that it is switched on and monitored.

If a competitor wishes to communicate with a ship or listen to traffic information from Melbourne VTS, they may do so on Ch 12. If a boat is fitted with Automated Identifying System (AIS) it is highly recommended that it is switched on and monitored.

Attention is drawn to Harbour Master's Directions Section 5 which states among other things that all recreational vessels shall keep clear of all commercial vessels over 50m, if in doubt assume it is over 50m, and all tugs and line boats assisting in the movement and berthing of another vessel.

Attention is also drawn to International Rules for the Prevention of Collision at Sea Rule 5. Rule 5 requires that "every vessel shall at all times maintain a proper look-out by sight and hearing as well as by all available means appropriate in the prevailing circumstances and conditions so as to make a full appraisal of the situation and of the risk of collision."

18 Further Information

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