

Notice of Race

2017 Cock of the Bay Yacht Race



COCK OF THE BAY YACHT RACE

This hugely popular 34 nautical mile yacht race on Port Phillip is held each year on Boxing Day and, with a course designed to sail past major Bayside locations, it is popular with sailors and spectators alike. Some say there is no better way to work off the excesses of Christmas the day before.

Besides being a great classic race in its own right, the event serves as a feeder for the blue water classic Rudder Cup and Melbourne to Hobart races. It also is the first race in the Bass Strait Series and the Sovereign Series.

Berthing is provided at Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron at the conclusion of the race where meals and refreshments are also available.

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NOTICE OF RACE

THE 2017 COCK OF THE BAY YACHT RACE WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE WATERS OF PORT PHILLIP. OWNERS OF ELIGIBLE BOATS ARE INVITED TO ENTER THIS RACE UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF THIS NOTICE OF RACE. THE RACE IS ORGANISED AND CONDUCTED BY THE OCEAN RACING CLUB OF VICTORIA (ORCV) INC IN CONJUNCTION WITH MORNINGTON YACHT CLUB AND BLAIRGOWRIE YACHT SQUADRON.

1. THE RACE

- 1.1 The warning signal for the race will be displayed at 1025 (Australian Eastern Daylight Time) on 26 December 2017.
- 1.2 This is a Category 6 race conducted on Port Phillip, starting in the vicinity of Station Pier and finishing at:
 - Blairgowrie for Division A and B Boats and Sports Boats,
 - Mornington for Division C Boats and Trailables.
- 1.3 The details of the course including marks will be in the Sailing Instructions for the race.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The race will be governed by the current versions of:
 - The 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS), together with the prescriptions and safety regulations of Australian Sailing (AS);
 - The Special Regulations of the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria (ORCV);
 - Where applicable, the rules and regulations of the Australian Measurement System (AMS), the Sports Boat Measurement System (SMS) and IRC;
 - The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea;except as amended by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for the race.
- 2.2 The ORCV reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race. Amendments will be published on the event website (www.orcv.org.au).
- 2.3 By entering this race, the owner of a boat agrees that this Notice of Race (including amendments) and the entry form, the rules and regulations referred to in paragraph 2.1 and the Sailing Instructions shall be complied with by the boat and by the owner.

- 2.4 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the ORCV website (www.orcv.org.au).

3. CATEGORIES & DIVISIONS

- 3.1 The race will be conducted with the following categories:
 - IRC
 - AMS
 - SMS
 - Performance
 - Cruising
 - Double Handed
 - Trailable Yachts
 - Multihulls
- 3.2 The Race Committee may, at its discretion, allocate yachts to divisions within a handicap category.
- 3.3 Where fewer than 5 entries are received for a handicap category, other than the Double Handed category, the Race Committee reserves the right to reallocate those yachts to another handicap category.
- 3.4 A yacht may enter any handicap category for which it is eligible and any combination of those handicap categories.
- 3.5 Performance Handicap Category Division C is only available to boats with a handicap below 0.700.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The race is open to yachts of a thoroughly seaworthy nature, which are entered by a member of a yacht club recognised by a State Yachting Authority.
- 4.2 Each yacht shall comply with the eligibility requirements listed in *Appendix A Yacht Eligibility Requirements*.
- 4.3 The ORCV may require re-measurement of any boat prior to the boat racing.
- 4.4 A decision of the ORCV or the Race Committee as to any matter under this paragraph (4), including as to whether a boat and her crew meet the eligibility



criteria for entry in the race, is final and binding and will not be grounds for a request for redress.

5. APPLICATION FOR ENTRY

- 5.1 An application must be made on the ORCV's on-line entry system at www.orcv.org.au.
- 5.2 A completed application for entry shall be received by the ORCV by 1200 on 13 December 2017. The ORCV will consider entries after that date but a late entry may not be accepted. Any late entries that are accepted may not appear in any fleet guide.
- 5.3 The ORCV is not obliged to accept an application for entry.
- 5.4 In accordance with RRS 76.1 the ORCV may reject or cancel the entry of a boat that does not comply with the conditions of this Notice of Race.
- 5.5 A boat's rating certificate shall not be changed after 1700 on 22 December 2017 except as a result of a rating protest or to correct a rating office error.

6. FEES

- 6.1 Race entry fees may be paid by credit card, cheque, EFT or bank draft on submission of the

entry form or late documentation, as appropriate. All fees include Australian Goods and Services Tax (a tax invoice will be issued on request).

6.2 Race Entry

Race Entry fees are for the race and one handicap category. An additional fee is payable for each handicap category over the initial one.

Race Entry	\$95
Additional Handicap Category (each)	\$15

ORCV members receive a 15% discount on the race entry fee.

6.3 Refund Policy

The ORCV wishes to encourage entry to its events. However, races are expensive to organise and run, requiring a cancellation fee to be charged to cover administration costs.

A cancellation fee will apply where an entry to an event is cancelled within seven days of the event. For Category 6 yacht races, the cancellation fee is \$30.

In addition, any costs that the Organising Authority have incurred for crew merchandise, e.g. shirts, caps etc. will be charged if they have been incurred before the entry is cancelled.

When cancelling an entry, please provide account details (BSB, A/C Number) for refunding the entry fee balance.

7. SCORING

- 7.1 Within the IRC and AMS Handicap Categories, all yachts will be scored in the overall result.
- 7.2 The scoring system will not be subject to protest or dispute (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)).

8. TROPHIES

- 8.1 Trophies are presented to competitors for the following achievements, subject to the number of entries qualifications noted below:

- Line Honours – First monohull yacht to cross the finish line in any handicap category or division. Where multiple categories or divisions exist that sail different courses or have different start times, Line Honours trophies are awarded for each course or start time.
- Multihull Line Honours – First multihull yacht to cross the finish line in any handicap category or division. Where multiple categories or divisions exist that sail different courses or have different start times, Line Honours trophies are awarded for each course or start time.
- First placegetter on corrected time within each category and division.
- All placegetters, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, are acknowledged with a bottle of wine from sponsors Chirping Bird Wines at the announcement of results at Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron on the evening of 26 December 2017.

- 8.2 The following perpetual trophies may be won by competitors, subject to the number of entries qualifications noted below:

- The Cock of the Bay Trophy is awarded to the winner of either the IRC or AMS measurement category with the largest number of entries. The winner is the yacht with the lowest corrected time across divisions A and B in the selected handicap category.

- 8.3 All trophies, including perpetual trophies, are awarded subject to sufficient entries in the particular category and division as follows:

- Less than seven entries, no 3rd place trophy is awarded.

- Less than five entries, no 2nd or 3rd place trophies are awarded.
- Less than three entries, there is no race for that handicap category and no trophies are awarded for the category and division.
- Line honours follow the same rules except all yachts sailing the same course and start time are counted regardless of handicap categories.

- 8.4 For determining the measurement category to which the primary trophies are awarded, if the two categories (IRC and AMS) have the same number of entries, the trophies will be awarded in the IRC category.

- 8.5 The IRC or AMS measurement handicap category with the largest number of entries to be used for awarding trophies may be announced at the conclusion of the Sign On Schedule.

- 8.6 Results will be announced at the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron on the evening of 26 December 2017.

- 8.7 The presentation of trophies will be at the 2018 ORCV Annual General Meeting at a date, time and location to be announced. All First placegetters will be awarded a single trophy memento listing all eligible trophies won during the season. Winners of perpetual trophies will also have the yacht and skipper names inscribed on the respective perpetual trophy.

9. CHANGES TO RULES

- 9.1 RRS 41: Whilst racing a boat may retrieve data from any page of the event website details of which are provided in the Sailing Instructions, even if that page is not publicly available.

- 9.2 RRS 50.2 and 50.3: Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits will be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.

- 9.3 RRS 51: A boat with movable ballast or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the Special Regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.

- 9.4 RRS 52: A shall be modified:
 - to allow self-steering equipment to be used by yachts sailing Double-Handed,
 - to allow the adjustment of movable water ballast or canting keels on any yacht, and
 - to allow use of stored power for the adjustment of movable water ballast or canting keels on any yacht.



- 9.5 RRS 55: The rule is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: *However, discarding bands when setting a sail will not be considered a breach of rule 55.*
- 9.6 RRS 61.3: There is no time limit on protests by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee.
- 9.7 RRS 78.2: Valid rating/class certificates shall be produced by the due date specified in this Notice of Race.

10. EVENT CLASSIFICATION & ADVERTISING

- 10.1 Advertising on a boat shall comply with the requirements of WS Regulation 20 (WS Advertising Code) for Category C. The ORCV may decline to accept an application for entry of a boat which, in its opinion, is carrying advertising which conflicts with governmental regulations. If in doubt, the ORCV should be consulted as soon as practicable.
- 10.2 The ORCV shall be advised of all advertising that a boat intends to carry. The ORCV shall be advised of all changes to that advertising.

11. TRADEMARKS & COPYRIGHT

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12. MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

- 12.1 It is a condition of entry that the owner of the boat and all crew members:
- acknowledge that the ORCV owns all media rights to the Cock of the Bay Yacht Race and may exercise those rights as it sees fit.
 - grant the ORCV the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images and biographical information relating to the crew and photographs, video footage and audio recordings taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during and after the race.
- 12.2 Crew members of boats may, prior to, during and after the race, speak or provide material to any media representatives accredited by the ORCV, regarding the race and the prospects, performance or strategy of boats entered or participating in the race, subject to any comments and material not undermining or interfering with, or having a detrimental impact on, the ORCV and

its officers and employees, the Race Committee, the Protest Committee, measurers or current or former sponsors of the ORCV. This approval may be revoked by the ORCV in respect of a boat or media representative at any time.

- 12.3 Entrants acknowledge and accept the media restrictions referred to in this paragraph (12) by completing the entry form.
- 12.4 Any breach of these conditions may, at the discretion of the ORCV or the Race Committee, lead to the rejection of an entry, the cancellation of an entry or the disqualification of a boat (refer RRS 76.1). This does not limit the right of the ORCV to take any other action it sees fit to enforce compliance with these conditions.

13. DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in the race do so at their own risk and responsibility. Crew members must acknowledge this and release the ORCV and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members, from all liability.

Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states:

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone

APPENDIX A YACHT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Check	Category	Requirement
	General	Yachts shall be built in accordance with the Special Regulations Part 1, Section 3.03 and Appendix C as applicable. The Safety Regulations shall be those of AS Special Regulations, Part 1, Category 6.
	Insurance	The owner of a boat entered in the race shall hold a valid public liability and third party property damage insurance policy with respect to the yacht current when racing for an amount not less than A\$10 million.
	IRC Boats	A boat may only be entered in the IRC Handicap Category if the boat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has a current, valid IRC Certificate, being an Endorsed Certificate issued by RORC; and • has been weighed on scales by an RORC approved measurer; and • complies with all of the current IRC Rules and Regulations, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).
	AMS Boats	A boat may only be entered in the AMS Handicap Category if the boat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has a current, valid AMS Certificate issued by YRSA Inc; and • complies with all of the current AMS Rules and Regulations, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).
	SMS Boats	A boat may only be entered in the SMS Handicap Category if the boat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has a current, valid SMS Certificate issued by Yachting Victoria; and • complies with all of the current SMS Rules and Regulations, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).
	Trailable Yachts	Yachts shall conform to the requirements of Open Trailable Yachts as described in the Australian Sailing <i>Australian Trailable Yacht and Sports Boat Rule (January 2013)</i> . In summary, the yacht must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be a monohull, ballasted yacht with a retractable keel. • be 9.40 metres LOA or less. • be transported on the road on the same trailer used to launch and retrieve it without the assistance of external equipment or detachment from the towing vehicle and without requiring a special road permit. • have a cockpit and provision for stowage of sails, equipment and crew effects below deck, except that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Berths are not required. • The bow section of the boat shall be decked in at least level with or higher than the gunnels, with the aftermost edge of the deck being no more than 100mm forward of the leading edge of the centreboard case.
	Crew	All persons sailing on competing boats shall be members of an Australian Sailing (AS) affiliated club.
	Radio	Each competing yacht shall carry a VHF transceiver with channels 12, 16, 67, 73 and 82.