

Notice of Race

# 2022 MELBOURNE TO APOLLO BAY YACHT RACE



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The race to Apollo Bay is the traditional close to the ORCV ocean racing season. This popular event is a short coastal race starting off Queenscliff and going out of Port Phillip Heads before turning right along the coast to Apollo Bay.

This is an ideal race for those new to ocean racing with its shorter length and proximity to the coast. Being the concluding ocean race on the racing calendar, the 52-mile dash to Apollo Bay can decide the Offshore Championship.

The race is often won or lost by navigators and tacticians in their decisions to sail a seaward course or hug the shoreline in search of better breeze.

Berthing is available in the Apollo Bay Boat Harbour and there are excellent facilities in the town for meals and post-race refreshment.

This race is part of the ORCV Offshore and Coastal Championships.



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# NOTICE OF RACE

THE 2022 ORCV MELBOURNE TO APOLLO BAY YACHT RACE WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE WATERS OF BASS STRAIT FROM A START AT THE ENTRANCE TO PORT PHILLIP BAY. OWNERS OF ELIGIBLE YACHTS 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).

## 1. RACE

- 1.1. The warning signal for the race will be displayed at 0605 Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) on Saturday, 14 May 2022.
- 1.2. This is a Category 3 race conducted from the start off Queenscliff, through Port Phillip Heads and West along the Victorian coast to the finish off the Apollo Bay Boat Harbour.
- 1.3. The details of the course including any marks of the course will be in the Sailing Instructions for the race.

## 2. RULES

- 2.1. The race will be governed by the current versions of:
  - the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS),
  - the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS),
  - the Special Regulations of the ORCV.
  - where applicable, the rules and regulations of the Australian Measurement System (AMS) and ORC; and
  - The International Regulations for Preventing 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 ORCV website ([www.orcv.org.au](http://www.orcv.org.au)) and entrants at the time of any such amendment will be notified.
- 2.3. By entering this race, the owner of a yacht agrees that this Notice of Race (including amendments) and the entry form, the rules and regulations referred to in NoR 2.1 and the Sailing Instructions shall be complied with by the yacht and by the owner.
- 2.4. The Sailing Instructions will be issued through the ORCV website ([www.orcv.org.au](http://www.orcv.org.au)).

## 3. DIVISIONS & CATEGORIES

- 3.1. The race will be conducted with the following racing Divisions and Handicap Categories:
  - Unrestricted Monohull (AMS, ORC, PHS)
  - Double Handed (AMS, ORC, PHS.)
  - Multihulls (PHS.)
- 3.2. Yachts competing in the Unrestricted Monohull Division may race fully crewed, double handed or "autohelm plus 4"
- 3.3. Entries to the Double Handed Division constitute a separate race entry and are additional to the entry of the yacht in the Unrestricted Monohull Division.
- 3.4. The Race Committee may create one or more additional Unrestricted Monohull Divisions having regard to the number of entries and the performance characteristics of competitors.
- 3.5. Non-Spinnaker and Two-Handed rating certificates are not used.
- 3.6. Yachts entering ORC must hold either an ORCi Rating Certificate or an Endorsed ORCc Rating Certificate based on data submitted to Yachting Australia by an accredited measurer
- 3.7. The Race Committee reserves the right to cancel any Division or Handicap Category with fewer than five entries. In the case of Handicap Categories, this right will be exercised if there are less than 3 entries in the relevant Category. This right to cancel includes the race as a whole, in which case entry fees will be refunded.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. The races are open to yachts of a thoroughly seaworthy nature, which are entered by a member of a yacht club recognised by Australian Sailing.
- 4.2. Each yacht shall comply with the stability and eligibility requirements listed in Appendices A and B.
- 4.3. The ORCV may require remeasurement of any yacht prior to the yacht racing.

- 4.4. The crew of each yacht must meet the eligibility requirements listed in *Appendix C Crew Eligibility Requirements*.
- 4.5. A decision of the ORCV or the Race Committee as to any matter under this condition (NoR 4 Eligibility), including as to whether a yacht 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.
- 4.6. All safety equipment shall be on board and available for inspection. On request by the Race Committee, yachts shall be made available for spot inspection to verify compliance with eligibility requirements. Spot checks may be carried out prior to the warning signal or after a yacht finishes.

## 5. APPLICATION FOR ENTRY

- 5.1. An application for entry must be made on the online entry system at [www.orcv.org.au](http://www.orcv.org.au).
- 5.2. To enter the race, a completed application for entry and payment of the race entry fee must be received by 2359 on Sunday, 1 May 2022.
- 5.3. The ORCV may, at its sole discretion, accept entries after that date but will not normally do so where a yacht was in a position to enter by the due date.

- 5.4. To qualify for the Early Bird Entry Fee, a completed application for entry must be received by 2359 on Sunday, 24 April 2022.
- 5.5. Each yacht shall submit to the ORCV, no later than 2359 on Sunday, 1 May 2022, the information listed in *Appendix D Entry Documentation*.

Personal information about crew members is obtained in crew lists. That information is obtained for use in search and rescue situations and for media purposes.

The information may be given to search and rescue authorities and organisations, the Water Police, volunteer coastal stations and media representatives and may be passed on by them to other organisations.

A condition of entry is that crew members are to be informed of this and advised that they may obtain access to the information held about them by contacting the ORCV.

- 5.6. The ORCV is not obliged to accept an application for entry.
- 5.7. In accordance with the RRS, the ORCV may reject or cancel the entry of a yacht that does not comply with the conditions of this Notice of Race.
- 5.8. Information supplied to or held by the ORCV under this Notice of Race (other than crew lists) shall not be changed (except to correct



errors or after protest) after 2359 on Monday, 9 May 2022.

5.9. A yacht's rating certificate shall not be changed after 2359 on Monday, 9 May 2022 except as a result of a rating protest or to correct a rating office error.

5.10. A yacht's crew list may be changed to correct errors, to reflect late crew changes or after protest, but shall not be changed later than one hour prior to the starting signal. After any change to a crew list, the yacht shall still satisfy the requirements of NoR 4.4. Changes to the crew or details of any crew member shall be notified through the online entry facility on the ORCV web site ([www.orcv.org.au](http://www.orcv.org.au)) or by mobile phone to the race director's phone (0418 396 605) on the day of the race.

## 6. FEES

6.1. Race fees shall be paid by credit card by the Early Bird Entry date or on submission of the entry form. All fees include Australian Goods and Services Tax (a tax invoice will be issued on request)

### 6.2. Race Entry

The race entry fees are for the race and one Handicap Category within one Division. A fee is payable for each additional handicap category over the initial one.

A further additional fee applies where an eligible yacht enters the Double Handed division. This additional fee includes, subject to eligibility, all the Handicap Categories offered in the Double Handed division.

Early Bird Entry (on or before 24/4/2022)	\$160
Normal Entry (on or before 1/05/2022/2022)	\$210
Additional handicap categories (each)	\$30
Double Handed division	\$30

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

A yacht will not be considered a valid entrant until all fees are paid.

### 6.3. Crew Fees

A crew fee of \$50 is payable for each crew member who is not a member of the ORCV.

Crew who do not have an Australian Sailing Number are also required to purchase an Ocean Pass membership via the ORCV website

at an additional cost of \$60. The crew fee is in addition to the cost of the Ocean Pass.

### 6.4. 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 and committed costs.

A cancellation fee of \$50 will apply where an entry to an event is cancelled after the closure of entries and further refund of entry fees for cancellations within 7 days of the race are at the sole discretion of the Sailing Captain.

Any cancellations must be notified by email ([orcv@orcv.org.au](mailto:orcv@orcv.org.au)) including account details (BSB, A/C Number) for refunding the entry fee balance.

## 7. SCORING

7.1. The scoring system will not be subject to protest or dispute (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)).

7.2. Prorated positions may be used to determine a result for the race in the event that the race is shortened.

## 8. TROPHIES

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

- Line Honours – First monohull yacht to cross the finish line.
- First, Second and Third placegetters on corrected time under PHS and the two measurement Handicap Categories, subject to the "number of starters" qualifications noted below.

8.2. All trophies are awarded subject to sufficient starters in the particular racing division and handicap category as follows:

- Fewer than seven starters, no 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy is awarded.
- Fewer than five starters, no 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies are awarded.
- Fewer than three starters, there is no race for that handicap category and no trophies are awarded.
- Line honours follow the same rules except all yachts are counted regardless of Handicap Categories.

Double Handed Division trophies are not subject to the above "Fewer than 3 starters" requirement.

- 8.3. Results will be announced at Apollo Bay following the finish of the last yacht.
- 8.4. The presentation of trophy mementos will be at the 2022 ORCV Presentation Night at a date, time and location to be announced. Handicap category first placegetters and the line honours winner will be awarded a single trophy memento listing all eligible trophies won during the season.

## 9. CHANGES TO RULES

### 9.1. Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing

RRS 41: While racing, a boat may retrieve data from any page of the event website, details of which are provided in the Sailing Instructions, and other websites even if that page is not generally available.

RRS 51: A yacht 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 to the extent permitted by their stability rating.

RRS 52: The rule shall be modified:

- to allow self-steering equipment to be used by yachts sailing in the Double-Handed Division and in the Unrestricted Monohull Division with a maximum of four (4) persons on board;
- to allow the adjustment of movable water ballast or canting keels on any yacht and the use of stored power to do so, and
- to allow the use of stored power for sail handling and sail trimming on any yacht.

RRS 55: Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits will be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.

RRS 61.3: There is no time limit on protests by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee.

RRS 78.2: Valid rating/class certificates shall be produced by the due date specified in this Notice of Race.

### 9.2. Alternative Penalties

RRS 44.2 - Two Turns Penalty will apply for breaking a rule of RRS, Part 2 in Port Phillip.

RRS 44.3 - A Scoring Penalty will apply for breaking a rule of RRS, Part 2 outside Port Phillip Heads.

RRS 64.2 - Scoring Penalties may apply at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

The scoring penalties will be applied in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

## 10. TRACKING DEVICES AND AIS

10.1. Yachts with AIS shall operate that equipment at all times when racing including transmission of the boat's name and MMSI.

10.2. A yacht may be required to carry a tracking device supplied by the ORCV.

10.3. A yacht on which such a unit fails or ceases to operate will be required to provide additional position reports by radio or satellite phone in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

10.4. A yacht that interferes with the normal operation of a tracking device or fails to comply with an ORCV request in regard to tracking devices will be subject to protest by the Race Committee.

10.5. An owner or charterer shall be solely responsible for the loss of or damage to a tracking device supplied by the ORCV for the period it is carried on board.

## 11. EVENT CLASSIFICATION & ADVERTISING

11.1. Advertising on a yacht shall comply with the requirements of WS Regulation 20 (WS Advertising Code) for Category C.

11.2. The ORCV shall be advised of all advertising that a yacht intends to carry. The ORCV shall be advised of all changes to that advertising.

11.3. The ORCV may decline to accept an application for entry of a yacht which, in its opinion, is carrying advertising which conflicts with governmental regulations. If in doubt, the ORCV should be consulted as soon as practicable.

## 12. TRADEMARKS & COPYRIGHT

12.1. "Melbourne to Apollo Bay Yacht Race" and "M2AB" are trademarks of the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria, Inc and the use of the trademarks is absolutely restricted and limited to use by or with the consent of the ORCV.

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## 13. MEDIA RIGHTS & RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1. It is a condition of entry that the owner of the yacht and all crew members:
- acknowledge that the ORCV owns all media rights to the Melbourne to Apollo 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 yacht and its crew prior to, during and after the race.
- 13.2. Crew members of yachts 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 yachts 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, any sponsor and their 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 yacht or media representative at any time.

- 13.3. Entrants acknowledge and accept the media restrictions referred to in this paragraph (NoR 13) by completing the entry form.
- 13.4. 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 yacht (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.

## 14. DISCLAIMER

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

Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3, which states:

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



## 15. MOORING ARRANGEMENTS

15.1. Melbourne: Visiting yachts requiring moorings in Melbourne should advise the ORCV office as soon as possible.

15.2. Apollo Bay: In the Apollo Bay Boat Harbour. Details will be provided on arrival via VHF.

# Appendix A STABILITY REQUIREMENTS

THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN THIS APPENDIX APPLY TO ALL YACHTS INTENDING TO ENTER REGARDLESS OF THE HANDICAP CATEGORY IN WHICH THEY INTEND TO ENTER.

## A1 RESISTANCE TO CAPSIZE

A yacht shall provide evidence as follows to demonstrate that it achieves not less than:

- an ORCi Stability Index of 103 or greater for the configuration in which the yacht proposes to race;
- an IRC SSS Base Value of 16 or greater for the configuration in which the yacht proposes to race,
- an ISO 12217-2 Design Category A or B;
- a Screening Value (SV) of 10 or less subject to AS Special Regulations Part 1 Appendix B paragraph B.5.1, or
- a Righting Moment Index (RMI) of 1.4 or greater.

## A2 CERTIFICATE CURRENCY

A yacht without a current valid ORCi or IRC Certificate but with a previously valid (but not current) certificate shall supply its most recent previously valid (but not current) certificate with a Stability Index or SSS Base Value with a satisfactory margin to the minimum stability requirement for Race Category 3 events for the configuration in which the yacht proposes to race, accompanied by a completed Stability

Declaration in a format supplied by or acceptable to the ORCV.

## A3 MOVABLE OR VARIABLE BALLAST

A yacht with movable or variable ballast shall provide evidence that it achieves not less than a Knockdown Recovery Factor of 0.8 under International Standard ISO 12217-2, calculated in accordance with ISO 12217-2 paragraph 6.4.4 with the lesser of  $FKR_{90}$  and  $FKR_{90}$  used. Special Regulations Appendix B 7.2.2 shall apply.

## A4 FALSIFIED DOCUMENTATION

Competitors found to be falsifying documentation, deliberately invalidating certificates or otherwise misleading the Race Committee with regard to stability of their yacht are subject to action under RRS 69.1. If found guilty the penalty could include disqualification. The incident would also be reported to Australian Sailing.

A determination by the ORCV or the Race Committee as to the suitability of supplied documentation in demonstrating a yacht's compliance with the stability requirements, as to whether there is a satisfactory margin as required by this Appendix or as to a yacht's compliance with the stability requirements is final and binding.

# Appendix B YACHT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

YACHTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS LAID OUT IN THIS APPENDIX TO BE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRY TO THE RACE.

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 3.
		All yachts must comply with Victorian regulations regarding recreational craft safety requirements including the requirements regarding Life raft/Dinghy (LOA 12M+) and lifejackets.
	Insurance	The owner of a yacht entered in the race shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the yacht current when racing, with a sum insured of not less than A\$10 million. The insurance policy shall state that the yacht is covered for the race or that it is covered for yacht races of a length greater than the race length.
	AMS Yachts	A yacht may only be entered in AMS if the yacht: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has a current, valid AMS Certificate issued by YRSA Inc; and</li> <li>• 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..</li> <li>• Non Spinnaker and 2 Handed Rating certificates are not used.</li> </ul>
	ORC Yachts	A yacht may only be entered in ORC if the yacht: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has a current ORCi Certificate issued by ORC; or</li> <li>• a current Endorsed ORCc Certificate issued by ORC; and</li> </ul> complies with all the current ORC Rules and Regulations, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non Spinnaker and 2 Handed Rating certificates are not used.</li> </ul>
	Radio	Each competing yacht shall carry a VHF transceiver with channels 12, 16, 67, 71, 73 and 82. Yachts which have not competed in an ORCV offshore event in the 2021-22 season yachts must perform a radio check with the ORCV using the Arthur's Seat repeater (VHF Channel 82) between 24/4/2022 and 08/05/2022. SMS or call 0419 919 313 to arrange a time.
	Charts	The following paper charts must be carried by those competitors who do not have access to Official Electronic charts. <p>AUS 144 Australia South Coast - Victoria - The Rip  AUS 788 Australia South Coast - Victoria - Cape Otway to Cape Schanck  AUS 141 Australia South Coast - Victoria - Plans in South West Victoria  ~ Warrnambool</p>

# Appendix C CREW ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

CREW MUST COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS LAID OUT IN THIS APPENDIX TO BE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRY TO THE RACE.

Check	Category	Requirements
	Membership	All persons sailing on competing yachts shall be members of an AS-affiliated club or an international equivalent or have temporary membership through the purchase of an ORCV Ocean Pass. AS membership numbers or their international equivalents must be included on the crew list. A temporary AS number is issued upon purchase of an ORCV Ocean Pass and should be entered in TopYacht along with other crew details.
	Age	The minimum age of any person on board is 16 years, with a majority of the crew being of a minimum age of 18 years. Crew aged 16 and 17 years must provide evidence to the Sailing Office demonstrating past sailing experience and hold a current AS Safety & Sea Survival certificate. The Race Committee may, at its absolute discretion, refuse to allow any crew members aged between 16 and 18 years of age to participate in the race.
	Experience	In accordance with AS Special Regulation 2.04, at least two of the crew including the skipper and/or sailing master shall have sufficient experience, declared on the entry form and accepted as such by ORCV.
	Training	It is recommended that at least two of the crew on a yacht shall have completed an Australian Sailing Safety and Sea Survival Course (SSSC) or an ORCV approved equivalent. The expiry date of SSSC or equivalent certificates shall be included in crew member's Top Yacht profile.
		It is recommended that the skipper or sailing master have a recognised Australian Sailing certificate (or equivalent) of at least an Offshore Skipper certification.
	First Aid	It is recommended that at least one crew member on a yacht shall hold an <i>HLDT003 Provide First Aid Certificate</i> or equivalent qualification or be a practising medical practitioner.
	Radio	At least one crew member shall hold a <i>Short-Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency (SROCP)</i> , an <i>Australian Waters Qualification</i> or higher qualification issued by a relevant authority.
	Double Handed	For the Double-Handed Division, both crew members must be over 18 years of age. Double Handed crew are required to wear Life Jackets at all times when on deck.

# Appendix D ENTRY DOCUMENTATION

THE DOCUMENTATION LISTED BELOW MUST BE UPLOADED IN THE BOAT DOCUMENTS SECTION OF TOP YACHT BY 2359 ON 1 MAY 2022 TO COMPLETE THE YACHT'S ENTRY TO THE RACE. THE SUBMISSION OF LATE DOCUMENTATION GENERATES SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL WORK FOR BOTH OFFICE STAFF AND RACE OFFICIALS. IN SUPPORT OF EFFICIENT AND SAFE RACE MANAGEMENT, A FINISHING TIME PENALTY OF 10 MINUTES MAY BE APPLIED TO ENTRANTS WHO HAVE NOT SUBMITTED REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION AND COMPLETED ANY REQUIRED RADIO CHECK BY THE DUE DATES (1/05/2022 AND 08/05/2022 RESPECTIVELY).

Check	Documentation	Notes
	Crew List (Online), correctly and fully completed with all associated personal details. Yachts are responsible for its accuracy and currency.	
	A completed Category 3 Australian Sailing Safety Equipment Audit Form	
	406 EPIRB Certificate(s) or evidence of registration and currency	
	Current Insurance Policy Certificate of Currency	
	Evidence of Stability (see Appendix A Stability Requirements). When relying on a Screening Value, please submit the calculation along with evidence to support the length and weight used.	
	Colour photograph of the yacht under sail suitable for search and rescue purposes. This should be a copyright free digital photograph of a size not less than 6cm by 6cm with a resolution not less than 75 DPI.	
	Stability Declaration (in the form supplied by the ORCV) that no changes have been made to the yacht since the issue of the above Evidence of Stability	
	Skipper's Race Entry Compliance Declaration (in the form supplied by ORCV)	