

Notice of Race

2015 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 Melbourne to Launceston and Melbourne to Hobart races. It also is the first race in the Bass Strait Series, the Sovereign Series and the Salamanca 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 2015 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 2015.
- 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.
- 1.4 A time limit of sunset will apply to the race. Sunset is at 2046.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The race will be governed by the current versions of:
 - The 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the ISAF, together with the prescriptions and safety regulations of Yachting Australia (YA);
 - 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* on page 8.
- 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 16 December 2015. 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 24 December 2015 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)	\$30

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

6.3 Refund Policy

Yacht races are time consuming and expensive to organise and that expense is incurred before a race starts. As a result, the following policy has been agreed by the General Committee of the ORCV:

- Race entry fees are not refundable after the closing date for entries in that race.
- For races which start at the scheduled time, yachts which withdraw their entry after the closing date for entries shall incur an administration fee and all direct costs for the event including tracker, merchandise or catering expenses as appropriate.
- Yachts that withdraw after the start of a race are liable for all race and crew expenses.

- For races which are abandoned by the ORCV, yachts will be given credit of their entry and crew fees to the next race in which they sail.
- For races which are postponed by the ORCV and resailed later, yachts which cannot participate in the resailed race may write to the ORCV and request credit of their entry and crew fees to the next race in which they sail.

7. SCORING

7.1 Within the IRC and AMS Handicap Categories, all boats will be scored in the overall result.

7.2 IRC (Overall and all Divisions)

Results will be calculated by the application of the IRC Time Corrector (TCC) as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

7.3 AMS (Overall and all Divisions)

Results will be calculated by the application of the AMS Time Correction Factor (TCF) as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

7.4 SMS (Overall and all Divisions)

Results will be calculated by the application of the SMS Time Correction Factor (TCF) as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

7.5 Performance (Overall and all Divisions)

Results will be calculated by the application of Time Correction Factors (TCF's) as a multiplier of elapsed time. A boat's TCF will be determined by the Race Committee or its nominee. The TCF will not be subject to protest or dispute (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)). The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

7.6 Double Handed (Overall and all divisions)

Results will be calculated by the application of Time Correction Factors (TCF's) as a multiplier of elapsed time. A boat's TCF will be determined by the Race Committee or its nominee. The TCF will not be subject to protest or dispute (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)). The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

7.7 Cruising (Overall and all Divisions)

Results will be calculated by the application of Time Correction Factors (TCF's) as a multiplier of elapsed time. A boat's TCF will be determined by the Race Committee or its nominee. The TCF will not be subject to protest or dispute (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)). The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

7.8 Trailable Yachts (Overall and all Divisions)

Results will be calculated by the application of Time Correction Factors (TCF's) as a multiplier of elapsed time. A boat's TCF will be determined by the Race Committee or its nominee. The TCF will not be subject to protest or dispute (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)). The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

7.9 Multihulls (Overall and all Divisions)

Results will be calculated by the application of Time Correction Factors (TCF's) as a multiplier of elapsed time. A boat's TCF will be determined by the Race Committee or its nominee. The TCF will not be subject to protest or dispute (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)). The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

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

8. TROPHIES

8.1 Trophies will be presented for:

- Line Honours,
- The Cock of the Bay Trophy to the winner of the measurement category with the largest number of entries,
- First, Second and Third (if sufficient entries) on corrected time within each category or division.

8.2 Results will be announced at the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron on the evening of 26 December 2015.

8.3 Trophy Presentations

The presentation of trophies will be at the 2016 ORCV Annual General Meeting at a date, time and location to be announced.

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 ISAF Regulation 20 (ISAF 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.
- 10.3 "Cock of the Bay Yacht Race", "Cock of the Bay" and "MCB" are trademarks of the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria and the use of the trademarks is absolutely restricted and limited to use by or with the consent of the ORCV.

11. MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 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.

- 11.3 Entrants acknowledge and accept the media restrictions referred to in this paragraph (11) by completing the entry form.
- 11.4 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.

12. 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 YA 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 Yachting Australia <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 a Yachting Australia (YA) affiliated club.
	Radio	Each competing yacht shall carry a VHF transceiver with channels 12, 16, 67, 73 and 82.