

Notice of Race

2021 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 2021 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 0805 Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) on Saturday, 22 May 2021.
- 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 the IRC Rule Parts A, B and C;
 - 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 ORCV website (www.orcv.org.au) and existing entrants 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).

3. DIVISIONS & CATEGORIES

- 3.1. The race will be conducted with the following racing Divisions and Handicap Categories:
 - Unrestricted Monohull (IRC, AMS, ORC, PHS)
 - Double Handed (PHS)
 - Multihull Racing (PHS)
- 3.2. 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.
- 3.3. Boats racing Autohelm plus 4 are not a separate Division although an additional result will be published for competitor interest.
- 3.4. The Race Director 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. The Race Committee reserves the right to cancel any Division or Category with fewer than five entries. This 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 eligibility requirements listed in *Appendix B Yacht Eligibility Requirements*.
- 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.
- 5.2. To enter the race, a completed application for entry and payment of the race entry fee must be received by 2000 on Wednesday, 12 May 2021.
- 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 2000 on Sunday, 2 May 2021.
- 5.5. Each yacht shall submit to the ORCV, no later than 2000 on Wednesday, 12 May 2021, the information listed in *Appendix D Entry Documentation*.

Privacy Note: 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 2000 on Wednesday, 12 May 2021.
- 5.9. A yacht's rating certificate shall not be changed after 2000 on Wednesday, 12 May 2021 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) 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 02/05/2021)	\$150
Normal Entry (on or before 12/05/2021)	\$200
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 will apply where an entry to an event is cancelled within fourteen (14) days of the event. For Category 3 yacht races, the cancellation fee is \$50.

Any cancellations must be notified by email (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 most popular 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 3rd place trophy is awarded.
- Fewer than five starters, no 2nd or 3rd 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 and Multihull 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 202 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 IRC Rules

IRC Rule 21.1.5(e): A spare mainsail may be carried as a bona fide replacement for a mainsail damaged during the race.

IRC Rule 11.2: In accordance with a prescription by Australian Sailing, a yacht in the IRC Handicap Category may carry one more spinnaker than shown on the yacht's IRC Certificate without an increase of rating.

9.2. 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 55: Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits will be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.

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 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.

9.3. 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 equipped with AIS transmitters shall operate that equipment at all times when racing, this transmission to include 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

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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	<p>Yachts shall be built in accordance with the Special Regulations Part 1, Section 3.03 and Appendix C as applicable.</p> <p>The Safety Regulations shall be those of AS Special Regulations, Part 1, Category 3.</p> <p>All yachts must comply with Victorian regulations regarding recreational craft safety requirements including the requirements regarding Liferaft/Dinghy (LOA 12M+) and lifejackets.</p>
	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.
	IRC Yachts	<p>A yacht may only be entered in IRC if the yacht:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has a current, valid IRC Certificate issued by RORC; 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 Yachts	<p>A yacht may only be entered in AMS if the yacht:</p> <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).
	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 Race in the 2020-21 season , unless granted an exemption by the Race Director, must perform a radio check with the ORCV using the Arthur's Seat repeater (VHF Channel 82) between 1/5/2021 - 12/05/2021. Call the race director's phone (0418 396 605) to arrange a time.
	Charts	<p>The following paper charts must be carried by competing yachts:</p> <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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Warrnambool ~ Loutit Bay ~ Apollo Bay ~ Port Fairy ~ Port Campbell ~ Apollo Bay Boat Harbour <p>The following additional charts are recommended:</p> <p>AUS 143 Australia South Coast - Victoria - Port Phillip AUS 158 Australia South Coast - Victoria - Port Phillip South and West Channels</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 a AS-affiliated club or an international equivalent. AS membership numbers or their international equivalents must be included on the crew list.
	Age	<p>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 between 16 and 18 years must provide evidence to the Sailing Office demonstrating past sailing experience and hold a current AS SSSC 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.</p> <p>For the Double-Handed Division, both crew members must be over 18 years of age.</p>
	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.
		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.

Appendix D ENTRY DOCUMENTATION

THE DOCUMENTATION LISTED BELOW MUST BE SUPPLIED BY THE REQUIRED DATE TO COMPLETE THE YACHT'S ENTRY TO THE RACE.

Check	Documentation	Notes
	Crew List (Online), correctly and fully completed with all associated personal details. Skippers are responsible for its accuracy and currency.	
	Completed Safety Equipment Compliance Declaration (Category 3).	
	HLDT003 Provide First Aid Certificates or acceptable equivalents, if available.	
	Short-Range Operator Certificate of Proficiency (SROCP), Australian Waters Qualification or acceptable higher qualification. Submitting the certificate number online is sufficient.	
	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.	
	Stability Declaration (in the form supplied by the ORCV) confirming that no changes have been made to the yacht since the issue of the above Evidence of Stability	
	Colour photograph of the yacht under sail and suitable for search and rescue purposes. This may be a copyright free digital photograph of a size not less than 6cm by 6cm with a resolution not less than 75 DPI.	