Port Phillip North Yacht Clubs

Notice of Race

Port Phillip Northern Yacht Clubs (PPNYC) is a collaboration between the three keelboat clubs on the northern shores of Port Phillip: the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, Hobsons Bay Yacht Club and the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron. Its purpose is to deliver enhanced yachting events, uniting larger and more competitive fleets while making more efficient use of race administration resources.

While each club continues to run its own traditional trophies and race series, PPNYC offers the opportunity for additional trophies and prizes across the combined Port Phillip North fleet.

The Organizing Authorities for the 2025-2026 Season are the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron (RMYS), Royal Yacht Club of Victoria (RYCV) and Hobsons Bay Yacht Club (HBYC) as host Clubs on behalf of Port Philip North Yacht Clubs (PPNYC).

In this Notice of Race, the term “Home Club” means the club where the boat is registered, and the term “Host Club” means the club that is conducting the race or series.

This NOR references Annexures 1,2 and 3, the Standard Sailing Instruction, Supplementary Sailing Instructions and the Common Course Book.

Racing will be conducted in the waters of Port Phillip

1. Rules

The races will be governed by: -

1.1. The rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
1.2. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) shall apply.
1.3. The Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 1
1.4. The Yachting Victoria (YV) Performance Based Handicap System (PHS)
1.5. Offshore Racing Congress Rating System (ORC Club)
1.6. The Australian Measurement System (AMS)
1.7. The requirements of Ports Victoria (PV)
1.8. The Marine Safety Act (Vic) 2010

Changes to Rules

1.9. RRS 51 is changed so that a boat with moveable ballast or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the Special Regulations (SR’s) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability to the extent permitted by their stability rating.

1.10. RRS 52 is changed:
- To allow self-steering equipment to be used by boats sailing in a Two/Single-Handed division and/or race.
- To allow the adjustment of movable water ballast or canting keels on any boat 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 boat.

1.11. **[DP]** Denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

1.12. **[SP]** Denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without hearing. This changes RRS A5.

1.13. **[NP]** Denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

1.14. **[NP] [DP]** Man Overboard (MOB):
If a yacht experiences a crew overboard incident during a race, she shall immediately retire. A boat that continues racing after a man overboard incident shall be scored DSQ without a hearing.

2. [SP] Eligibility

2.1. Races are open to all boats of an AS affiliated yacht club, who have submitted a current Australian Sailing Equipment Audit Form to their home club and have met their home Club’s audit requirements (refer Appendix A of this document).

2.2. Each participating boat shall be insured with a current third-party liability insurance of not less than $10,000,000.00. A certificate of insurance shall be lodged with the home club office prior to a boat’s first race.

2.3. Series entries shall be completed via the home Club's website 48 hours prior to the race being entered. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

2.4. All competitors (skippers and crew) shall be members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing or World Sailing MNA or purchase a Sail Pass for each sailing day.

2.5. Any requirements set by the yacht's home club Annexure 1 (RMYS), Annexure 2 (HBYC), Annexure 3 (RYCV)

- For short-handed/single handed sailing
- Man Overboard (MOB) requirements
- For the provision of race management volunteers

2.6. **[DP] [NP]** Boats failing to undertake any of clause 2 may be scored DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

3. [SP] Safety

3.1. Special Regulation Equipment Safety Categories for all events are published in the Host Club's Sailing Calendar.

3.2. A compliant and functional marine grade VHF radio shall always be carried, remain onboard and be monitored, on the designated race channel and ch 16, for all races. This modifies AS Special Regulations sub-clause 3.25.

3.3. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all competitors.

3.4 Life jackets shall be worn at night and at times of heightened risk. Marine Safety Victoria regulations regarding Life Jackets shall always apply.

3.5 No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or any part outboard.

3.6 For yachts sailing in twilight events, fixed or emergency navigation lights shall be carried

3.7 Boats failing to undertake any of clause 3 will be scored 'Did Not Compete' (DNC) without hearing. This changes RRS A5.

4. Fees

4.1 Boats on the HBYC, RYCV or RMYS yacht register shall not be charged an entry fee.

4.2 Casual entry fees for boats registered at other clubs shall be $40.00 per race

5. Schedule and Warning Signal/Start Times

For the Schedule of Races and Warning Signal/Start Times refer to host Clubs NOR Annexure.

6. Sailing Instructions

Standard Sailing Instructions and Supplementary Sailing Instructions for each race/series are published on the Host Club's website and shall be available not less than one week prior to the first race.

7. Courses

Will be as published in the relevant Supplementary Sailing Instructions and may refer to the *Common Course Book.*

8. Pursuit Races

Any entrants in race/series and/or division designated 'Pursuit' shall not use spinnakers unless specifically allowed per race/series. Normal working sails may be poled out. This changes RRS 55.3.

For non-spinnaker races, only headsails, staysails (Classic Divisions only), mainsails and mizzens shall be used. Except when changing headsails, only one headsail can be used at a time. Headsails must be flown from the forestay. This does not prevent the use of a staysail (if applicable) for Classic divisions.

9. Handicapping

9.1 Boats will be allocated a Performance Handicap and/or Pursuit Handicap by their home club's Handicapper.

9.2 Handicaps for all races conducted under the auspices of the PPNYC (comprising RMYS, HBYC and RYCV) will be administered by the designated Handicappers of the member clubs, as applicable.

9.3 Performance Handicaps and Pursuit Handicaps (where applicable) will be applied across all series.

That is, each boat will have one Performance Handicap and one Pursuit Handicap.

Accordingly, a boat's handicap (performance or pursuit) may change between races in a series based on races from another series.

9.4 [NP] Handicap allocations and adjustments are not grounds for protest or redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 61.4(b)(1). Handicaps may be altered at any time at the discretion of the Club Handicapper or Sailing Committee. Requests for review must be made in writing to the Host/Home Clubs Sailing Committee.

9.5 For ORC-scored races, the Windward/Leeward Time on Time (ToT) rating will be used for races designated as Windward/Leeward courses; for all other races, the All-Purpose Time on Time (ToT) rating shall apply.

10. Scoring

10.1 RRS A5.3 applies.

10.2 The number of races scheduled in each series will be stated in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

10.3 In each series, a minimum of two races are required to be scored to constitute a series.

10.4 Unless the Supplementary Sailing Instructions state otherwise:

(a) When 1 to 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

Casual Entries shall not receive a series score.

There will be no re-sails unless advised in any changes to Sailing Instructions or as otherwise specified in the Club Annexure.

A minimum of three boats are required to start in a class or division for a race/series to be scored. This changes RRS 90.3(a), A4 and A5.

11.Trophies and Prizes

PPNYC Aggregate - 9 races	INCORPORATING:
Sheep Stations Trophy	Race 1,3 and 5 of the PPNYC Fixed Mark Series
(AMS, ORC and PHS)	Race 1,3 and 5 of the PPNYC Windward/Leeward Series
	Race 1,3 and 5 of the PPNYC Distance series
PPNYC Fixed Mark Series - 5 races	Host RMYS - INCORPORATING:
PPNYC Fixed Marks Trophy	Combined Fixed Mark Series Races
(AMS, ORC and PHS)	
PPNYC Laid Mark Series – 8 races	Host RMYS/RYCV - INCORPORATING:
PPNYC Laid Course Trophy	Combined Windward/Leeward
(AMS, ORC and PHS)	
PPNYC Distance Series - 5 Races	Host HBYC - INCORPORATING:
PPNYC Long Distance Trophy	Passage races to:
(AMS, ORC and PHS)	Portarlington, Mornington, St Leonards, Wyndham Harbour Henry Press return race.
Brass Monkeys Trophy	Host HBYC - INCORPORATING:
(Pursuit, AMS, ORC and PHS)	Division 1,2 and 3 combined Winter races in 2026

	Date	*Host Club Race description or Trophy*	*1st Warning*	*Host Club*
PPNYC Fixed Mark Series - 5 Races (AMS, ORC and PHS)				
Race 1	11/10/2025	Bert Watts Trophy - (Charles Marshall R1)	1355	RMYS
Race 2	22/11/2025	Bert Ferris Cactus Cup - (Charles Marshall R2)	1055	RMYS
Race 3	29/11/2025	Dick Lean Trophy - (Charles Marshall R3)	1355	RMYS
Race 4	14/02/2026	WT Crosbie Trophy - (Edward Lumley R1)	1355	RMYS
Race 5	14/03/2026	Moomba Cup - (Edward Lumley R2)	1355	RMYS
PPNYC Laid Course Trophy - 8 Races (AMS, ORC and PHS)				
Race 1	13/12/2025	International Cup - (1 Race)	1255	RMYS
Race 2	17/01/2026	McCutcheon Cup - (2 Races)	1255	RYCV
Race 3	31/01/2026	Harold Ward - (2 Races)	1255	RYCV
Race 4	21/02/2026	E O Digby - (2 Races)	1255	RYCV
Race 5	18/04/2026	Services Shield - (Edward Lumley R3)	1255	RMYS
PPNYC Long Distance Trophy - 5 races (AMS, ORC and PHS)				
Race 1	18/10/2025	Distance race to Portarlington	0955	HBYC
Race 2	8/11/2025	HBYC Henry Press	0955	HBYC
Race 3	6/12/2025	Distance race to Mornington	0955	HBYC
Race 4	28/02/2026	Distance race to St Leonards	0955	HBYC
Race 5	11/04/2026	Distance race to Wyndham Harbor	1055	HBYC

Brass Monkey Series Trophy - 9 races (AMS, ORC and PHS)

Race 1	2/05/2026	Brass Monkey Series	1255	HBYC
Race 2	16/05/2026	Brass Monkey Series	1255	HBYC
Race 3	30/05/2026	Brass Monkey Series	1255	HBYC
Race 4	13/06/2026	Brass Monkey Series	1255	HBYC
Race 5	27/06/2026	Brass Monkey Series	1255	HBYC
Race 6	11/07/2026	Brass Monkey Series	1255	HBYC
Race 7	25/07/2026	Brass Monkey Series	1255	HBYC
Race 8	8/08/2026	Brass Monkey Series	1255	HBYC
Race 9	22/08/2026	Brass Monkey Series	1255	HBYC

11. Disclaimer of Liability

11.1. Competitors participate entirely at their own risk.

11.2. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.

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

11.3. 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.

11.4. HBYC, RYCV and RMYS will not accept any liability for the material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after any race, series, or event.

12. Further Information

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