

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 Organising Authority for each event in the 2026–2027 Season shall be the Host Club identified for that event in the PPNYC Combined Race Calendar. The Host Clubs are RMYS, RYCV and HBYC, acting on behalf of PPNYC.

In this Notice of Race (NOR), the term “Home Club” means the club where the boat is registered, and the term “Host Club” means the club that is conducting the event (event Organising Authority) outlined in the Combined Race Calendar.

This PPNYC NOR incorporates the following additional documents in full.

- PPNYC NOR Annexures 1,2 and 3
- PPNYC Standard Sailing Instructions (club specific)
 - o PPNYC Standard Sailing Instruction – Attachment 1, Courses and Marks.
- Club Specific Supplementary Sailing Instructions
- PPNYC Combined Race Calendar

In the event of any inconsistency between these documents, the document specific to the event shall prevail over the more general document, unless otherwise stated.

The Host Club's Supplementary Sailing Instructions shall prevail for matters specific to the event.

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 Ports Victoria Harbour Masters Directions (PV)
- 1.8. The Marine Safety Act (Vic) 2010

Changes to Rules

- 1.9. RRS 51 is changed so that a boat with movable 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
- 1.13. **[NP]** Denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.14. **[SP] [NP]** Man Overboard (MOB):
If a person goes overboard while a boat is racing, the boat shall immediately retire and notify the Race Committee as soon as reasonably practicable. A boat that retires shall be scored RET. A boat that continues racing shall be scored DSQ without a hearing.
- 1.15.

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 specific requirements.
- 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 Host Club (OA) NOR Annexure 1 (RMYS), Annexure 2 (HBYC), Annexure 3 (RYCV)
 - For short-handed/single handed sailing
- 2.6. **[SP] [NP]** A boat that races while not eligible under this section may be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.

3. [DP] 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 both the designated race channel, channel's 16 and 12 within Melbourne Port Waters.
- 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, when the "Y" flag is flown by the Race Committee and at times of heightened risk. Marine Safety Regulations 2023 (Vic) 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 compliant navigation lights shall be displayed between sunset and sunrise.

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 *PPNYC Standard Sailing Instruction – Attachment 1, Courses and Marks*.

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.

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. This changes 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 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 Host Clubs Annexure or 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:
- 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 and clause 12 below.
 - A race for a class or division will count towards its series only if at least three boats start. This changes RRS 90.3(a).

11. Race Discards

The following discards shall apply to all PPNYC, RYCV, RMYS and HBYC events unless varied in the Home Club Annexures.

- Discard 1 worst race after 4 races
- Discard 2 worst races after 8 races
- Discard 3 worst races after 12 races
- Discard 4 worst races after 16 races
- Discard 5 worst races after 20 races
- Discard 6 worst races after 24 races

12. Abandoned Aggregate Races

If a race designated as an Aggregate race is abandoned the Organising Authority may schedule it to be resailed on a published resail date.

Notice identifying the resail date and scheduled warning signal shall be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as reasonably practicable, but no later than seven days after the abandonment and at least seven days before the resail. The resailed race shall retain its original status in the relevant series and the Aggregate.

If the Organising Authority decides not to resail the race, or does not publish notice within the required time, the race shall be replaced by the next scheduled race in the same series that is not already included in the Aggregate and for which at least seven days' notice can be given. Notice identifying the replacement race shall be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than seven days before its scheduled warning signal.

13. PPNYC Trophies and Prizes

For Club specific Trophies and Prizes refer to annexures 1, 2 and 3.

PPNYC Aggregate - 9 races Sheep Stations Trophy (AMS, ORC and PHS)	INCORPORATING: Race 1,4 and 6 of the PPNYC Fixed Mark Series Race 1,3 and 5 of the PPNYC Laid Course Series Race 1,3 and 5 of the PPNYC Long Distance series
PPNYC Fixed Mark Series - 7 races PPNYC Fixed Marks Trophy (AMS, ORC and PHS)	Host RMYS/HBYC/RYCV - INCORPORATING: Combined Fixed Mark Series Races
PPNYC Laid Course Series - 6 races PPNYC Laid Course Trophy (AMS, ORC and PHS)	Host RMYS/RYCV - INCORPORATING: Combined Windward/Leeward
PPNYC Women's Helm Series - 3 races PPNYC Women's Helm Trophy (AMS, ORC and PHS)	Jointly hosted by RYCV, RMYS, HBYC Part of the PPWCS incorporating - Shirley Freeman Trophy (HBYC) - Jennifer Goldsmith Trophy (RMYS) - Val Hodge Trophy (RYCV)
PPNYC Twilight Spinnaker Series - 22 races	Host RYCV HBYC - INCORPORATING:

PPNYC Twilight Trophy (AMS, ORC and PHS)	Twilight Fixed Mark Racing including the Lipton Cup Friday Invitational. Divisions 1,2 and 3
PPNYC Distance Series - 5 races PPNYC Long Distance Trophy (AMS, ORC and PHS)	Host HBYC/RYCV - INCORPORATING: Passage races to: Portarlington, Mornington, St Leonards, Wyndham Harbour, West Channel Pile (RYCV)
Brass Monkeys Trophy (Pursuit, AMS, ORC and PHS)	Host HBYC - INCORPORATING: Division 1,2 and 3 combined Winter races in 2027

<i>Race</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Host Club Race description or Trophy</i>	<i>1st Warning</i>	<i>Host Club</i>
PPNYC Fixed Mark Series - 7 Races (AMS, ORC and PHS)				
Race 1	10/10/2026	Bert Watts Trophy - Charles Marshall R1	1355	RMYS
Race 2	14/11/2026	Henry Press - Fixed Marks	0955	HBYC
Race 3	22/11/2026	Lipton Cup Sunday - Fixed Marks	1055	RYCV
Race 4	13/02/2027	Dick Lean Trophy - Charles Marshall R2	1355	RMYS
Race 5	20/02/2027	Cactus Cup - Charles Marshall R3	1055	RMYS
Race 6	10/04/2027	Moomba Cup - Charles Marshall R4	1355	RMYS
Race 7	17/04/2027	Services Shield - Edward Lumley	1355	RMYS
PPNYC Laid Course Trophy - 6 Races (AMS, ORC and PHS)				
Race 1/2	12/12/2026	International Cup/Services Shield - (2 Races)	1255	RMYS
Race 3/4	16/01/2027	McCutcheon Cup - (2 Races)	1255	RYCV
Race 5/6	30/01/2027	Harold Ward - (2 Races)	1255	RYCV
PPNYC Women's Helm Trophy - 3 Races (AMS, ORC and PHS)				
Race 1	29/11/2026	Shirley Freeman	1100	HBYC
Race 2	31/01/2027	Val Hodge	1100	RYCV
Race 3	18/04/2027	Jennifer Goldsmith	1100	RMYS
PPNYC Long Distance Trophy - 5 races (AMS, ORC and PHS)				
Race 1	17/10/2026	Distance race to Portarlington	0955	HBYC
Race 2	5/12/2026	Distance race to Mornington	0955	HBYC
Race 3	27/02/2027	Distance race to St Leonards	0955	HBYC
Race 4	3/04/2027	Distance race to Wyndham Harbour	1055	HBYC
Race 5	1/05/2027	Distance race to West Channel	0855	RYCV
Wednesday Spinnaker Twilight Series - 22 races (AMS, ORC and PHS)				
Race 1	7/10/2026	Spinnaker Twilight Series	1755	RYCV/HBYC
Race 2	14/10/2026	Spinnaker Twilight Series	1755	RYCV/HBYC
Race 3	21/10/2026	Spinnaker Twilight Series	1755	RYCV/HBYC
Race 4	28/10/2026	Spinnaker Twilight Series	1755	RYCV/HBYC
Race 5	4/11/2026	Spinnaker Twilight Series	1755	RYCV/HBYC
Race 6	11/11/2026	Spinnaker Twilight Series	1755	RYCV/HBYC
Race 7	18/11/2026	Spinnaker Twilight Series	1755	RYCV/HBYC
Race 8	20/11/2026	Spinnaker Twilight Series (LIPTON Cup Friday)	1755	RYCV/HBYC
Race 9	25/11/2026	Spinnaker Twilight Series	1755	RYCV/HBYC
Race 10	2/12/2026	Spinnaker Twilight Series	1755	RYCV/HBYC
Race 11	9/12/2026	Spinnaker Twilight Series	1755	RYCV/HBYC
Race 12	16/12/2026	Spinnaker Twilight Series	1755	RYCV/HBYC
Race 13	13/01/2027	Spinnaker Twilight Series	1755	RYCV/HBYC
Race 14	20/01/2027	Spinnaker Twilight Series	1755	RYCV/HBYC
Race 15	27/01/2027	Spinnaker Twilight Series	1755	RYCV/HBYC
Race 16	3/02/2027	Spinnaker Twilight Series	1755	RYCV/HBYC
Race 17	10/02/2027	Spinnaker Twilight Series	1755	RYCV/HBYC
Race 18	17/02/2027	Spinnaker Twilight Series	1755	RYCV/HBYC
Race 19	24/02/2027	Spinnaker Twilight Series	1755	RYCV/HBYC
Race 20	3/03/2027	Spinnaker Twilight Series	1755	RYCV/HBYC
Race 21	10/03/2027	Spinnaker Twilight Series	1755	RYCV/HBYC
Race 22	17/03/2027	Spinnaker Twilight Series	1755	RYCV/HBYC

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

Race 1	8/05/2027	Brass Monkey Series	1255	HBYC
Race 2	22/05/2027	Brass Monkey Series	1255	HBYC
Race 3	5/06/2027	Brass Monkey Series	1255	HBYC
Race 4	19/06/2027	Brass Monkey Series	1255	HBYC
Race 5	3/07/2027	Brass Monkey Series	1255	HBYC
Race 6	17/07/2027	Brass Monkey Series	1255	HBYC
Race 7	31/07/2027	Brass Monkey Series	1255	HBYC
Race 8	14/08/2027	Brass Monkey Series	1255	HBYC
Race 9	28/08/2027	Brass Monkey Series	1255	HBYC

14 Disclaimer of Liability

14.1 Competitors participate entirely at their own risk.

14.2 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’

14.3 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.

14.4 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.

15. Further Information

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