



Australian Sailing 

3- 5 JANUARY 2020

Australian Yachting Championships



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The Australian Yachting Championships (AYC) will be held from 3 - 5 January 2020 at Hobart, Tasmania, Australia.

The Organising Authority is Australian Sailing in conjunction with the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania.

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in:

- a) The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing;
- b) IRC Rules Parts A, B and C where applicable;
- c) OMR Rating Rules where applicable;

- 1.1 Australian Sailing (AS) Prescriptions and Special Regulations (SR) Part 1 will apply.
- 1.2 Australian Sailing prescription to IRC Rule 22.4.2 will not apply.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to boats that comply with AS SR Part 1 Category 5 or higher.
- 3.2 Boats entered in the IRC rating series shall have an endorsed IRC certificate, and comply with the IRC rating rule, Part C, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (Refer RRS 78.1).
- 3.3 Boats in Div 1 that compete in Race 1, the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, are permitted to change their configuration consistent with the IRC certificate under which they enter the Australian Yachting Championships.
- 3.4 Boats entered in the Multihull Racing series shall have an endorsed Offshore Multihull Rule (OMR) rating.

A crew weigh-in is required for all multihulls and will be held in the RYCT clubhouse between 1700hrs and 1800hrs on Thursday 2 January 2020. Attire for the weigh-in shall be a minimum of shorts and t-shirt, no shoes. Non-compliance will mean that an OMR rating cannot not be calculated and boats will not be eligible to race in the AYC Multihull Racing division under Offshore Multihull Rule.

If a crew member cannot attend at this time, the Race Committee must be notified prior to the scheduled weigh-in and an alternative time may be arranged at the discretion of the Race Committee.

4. ENTRY & FEES

Eligible boats may enter the series via [the online registration](#) link before 1200 on Wednesday 18 December 2019. Late entries after this date may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority, subject to payment of an additional late fee.

The entry fee will be \$350. The added late fee will be \$100.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Racing will take place on Thursday 26 December 2019 for Division 1 boats within the RSHYR, Friday 3 January 2020, Saturday 4 January 2020 and Sunday 5 January 2020.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on each day will be no earlier than 1000 hours.

- 5.3 Subsequent races will be started as soon as possible after the completion of previous race, not necessarily in the same divisional sequence.
- 5.4 The regatta shall comprise up to six races.
- 5.5 The number and type of races, depending on weather conditions, will be advised in the Notice to Competitors before 0900 on the morning of the race.
- 5.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500 hours.
- 5.7 For AYC Division 1 boats entering the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race starting on Sydney Harbour on 26 December 2019 and finishing in Hobart some time later will be their first race of the series.

6. RATINGS AND HANDICAPS

- 6.1 Each boat shall have a current and valid rating certificate as issued by the relevant authority.
- 6.2 IRC rating certificates shall be as provided by the rule or rating authority at 1200 on Tuesday 24th December 2019.
- 6.3 No alteration to the boat's rating certificates will be permitted between this date and the completion of the series, except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct rating office errors.
- 6.4 The Race Committee may make corrections to handicaps or ratings at any time.
- 6.5 Boats, their equipment and crew weights may be inspected and/or check measured at any time.
- 6.6 Before the first race of the regatta, all boats in IRC Classes shall submit to the regatta office a declaration of all the sails carried on board for the duration of the regatta (IRC Rule 21.1.5(d)). AYC IRC Division 1 boats shall remove the extra spinnaker carried under RSHYR Notice of Race 7.1(b) and spare mainsail under RSHYR Notice of Race 7.2 as applicable.
- 6.7 The boats will be assigned to divisions at the discretion of the Race Committee, depending on fleet size, however boats will be allocated to IRC Division 1 if their IRC TCC is 1.200 or above.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the event website on or before Monday 23 December 2019.

8. VENUE

All racing, with the exception of the RSHYR, will be conducted on the waters of the River Derwent, Storm Bay and the d'Entrecasteaux Channel. Chart Aus171 and Aus173 cover the course area and are recommended.

9. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will consist of a combination of windward - leeward and passage races. They will be determined by the Race Committee.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

The Organising Authority will appoint a National Jury for the championships and the decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 The IRC series will consist of up to six races. One race shall constitute a series.
- 11.2.1 Australian Yachting Championships IRC Division 1 boats that compete in the 2019 RSHYR will have their Race 1 score extracted from the overall IRC results of the RSHYR re-scored to places 1 – X in finishing order of AYC entrants. Boats failing to finish the RSHYR will be scored DNF in race 1.
- 11.2.2 In Australian Yachting Championships IRC Division 1 the Race 1 score shall be DNS for boats that did not compete in the RSHYR.
- 11.3 The Multihull series will consist of up to six races. One race shall constitute a series.
- 11.4 When fewer than six races are completed a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores with no exclusions. When six races are completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race score.
- 11.5 IRC race results will be calculated by the application of the IRC Time Corrector (TCC) as printed on each boat's IRC Certificate as a multiplier of the boat's elapsed time.
- 11.6 Multihull results will be calculated by the application of the OMR rating (OMR) for each boat as a multiplier of the boat's elapsed time.

11.8 TROPHIES and PRIZEGIVING

Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third placing in each division. The prize giving will be held at the RYCT clubhouse following racing on Sunday 5 January 2020.

12 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat while racing shall neither make nor receive electronic transmissions (radio, e-mails, mobile phone etc.) or other communications which are not available to all boats.

13 MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

- 14.1 By participating in the Australian Yachting Championships competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.
- 14.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority.
- 14.3 Competitors may be required for interviews or press conferences during the regatta.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority and/or Australian Sailing will not accept any liability for any material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16 INSURANCE

Each participating boat, including any chartered or borrowed boats, shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$10 million per event, with racing risk extension.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania on:

Email: sailing@ryct.org.au, Phone: (03) 6223 4599, or

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MOORING AND STORAGE ARRANGEMENTS

Moorings for interstate competing boats can be made available at RYCT for the period 0900 Thursday 2 January 2020 to 1100 Monday 6 January 2020 at no charge.

Boats wishing to arrive before Thursday 2 January 2020 and/or leave after Monday 6 January should contact RYCT on 03 6223 4599 to book a berth for the extra days. This will incur a charge. Bookings should be done as soon as possible.

Boats wishing to arrange on-site storage of equipment during the regatta should also contact RYCT sailing@ryct.org.au.