



# Range Series

2021 – 2022 Notice of Race



# RANGE SERIES - NOTICE OF RACE

The 2021-2022 Range Series incorporating the Victorian Rating Championships will be conducted on the waters of Port Philip from 4 December 2021 until 26 March 2022.

COVID-19 Note: Due to the current changing of requirements surrounding public events, the format of the race may change depending on State Government restrictions in place at the time of the event.

The Organising Authority will be Hobsons Bay Yacht Club, Royal Brighton Yacht Club, Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, Royal Yacht Club of Victoria and Sandringham Yacht Club. The Host Club will act for the Organising Authority on the days they are hosting the racing as follows:

Host Club	Date
Royal Yacht Club of Victoria	4 December 2021
Sandringham Yacht Club	5 February 2022
Royal Brighton Yacht Club	26 March 2022

## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1, Sections 1 – 5, Category 6 will apply.
- 1.3 No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or with any part outboard.
- 1.4 All boats shall lodge with their own club a valid Safety Compliance Declaration covering the 2021-2022 season before their entry in their first race. Boats not complying with this requirement will have their entry rejected.
- 1.5 The YV Performance Handicapping Rules, the rules of the AMS rating system and the rules of the ORC rating system will apply.
- 1.6 Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.
- 1.7 [DP] Denotes a rule for which the penalty will be applied by Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

## 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available by 1700 on Friday 26 November online via the [official website](#).

## 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located online via the [official website](#).
- 3.2 Any changes to the NOR, SI or race schedule will be issued via Notice to Competitors and will be posted on the [official notice board](#) and boats will be advised via SMS addressed to the primary boat contact.
- 3.3 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 12, 15, 16, 17, 67, 69, 71, 72 and 73.
- 3.4 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.5 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The Range Series is open to all keelboats with a YV Performance Handicap greater than 0.650.
- 4.2 The Victorian Rating Championship event is open to all boats with valid AMS and/or ORC (International or endorsed Club) rating certificate.
- 4.3 Boats may enter the Range Series and the Victorian Rating Championships, and all handicap and rating divisions, as part of the one entry.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter the Range Series and the Victorian Rating Championship via a boats home club or the [official website](#) before 1200 on Thursday 2 December 2021.
- 4.5 A crew list for each boat shall be lodged via the online entry system prior to each day's racing.
- 4.6 All competitors shall be members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing or a World Sailing MNA or purchase a Sail Pass via their club.

## 5 FEES

There shall be no entry fee.

## 6 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

## 7 SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Host Club	First Warning Signal
4 December 2021	1	RYCV	1325
5 February 2022	2	SYC	1325
26 March 2022	3	RBYC	1325

- 7.1 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for each day is 1330. A second race will follow immediately after the completion of the first race.
- 7.2 The series will consist of a maximum of six races.
- 7.3 No warning signal will be made after 1600.
- 7.4 There will be no re-sails after 26 March 2022.

## 8 HANDICAPS AND RATINGS

- 8.1 Performance (PHS) handicaps will be allocated by the Race Committee for each race, and adjustments made in line with YV Performance Handicap Rules.
- 8.2 AMS ratings will be those issued by the Rating Authority (YRSA) and current at 0600 on the day of the race.
- 8.3 ORC (International and endorsed Club) ratings will be those issued by the Rule Authority (AS) and current at 0600 on the day of the race.
- 8.4 The ORC single number Windward/Leeward Time on Time rating will be used to score all races.
- 8.5 No alteration to the boat's rating will be permitted after 0600 on the day of the race, except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct rating office errors.
- 8.6 A boat without a valid rating will be scored DNC for that race in that division.
- 8.7 The Race Committee may make corrections to handicaps or ratings at any time.

## 9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1 Each boat in the Victorian Rating Championship, on request by the OA, shall produce or verify the existence of a valid endorsed ORC and/or AMS rating certificate.
- 9.2 Boats may be inspected and measured for compliance with their rating certificate at any time.

## 10 DIVISIONS

- 10.1 Boats shall race in divisions according to their PHS handicap based on the following guidelines:

Division 1	above 0.901
Division 2	0.826 to 0.900
Division 3	0.600 to 0.825

- 10.2 Boats with a starting PHS handicap between 0.885 and 0.915 may apply to the Race Committee for permission to sail in either Division 1 or 2.
- 10.3 Boats with a starting PHS handicap between 0.810 and 0.840 may apply to the Race Committee for permission to sail in either Division 2 or 3.
- 10.4 Boats sailing in Class Championships shall sail in the same division:
  - YW Diamonds - Division 3
  - S80 - Division 3
- 10.5 Any additional classes that wish to compete must advise the Organising Authority before Thursday 2 December.

## 11 RACING AREA

Racing will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip in the vicinity of R2.

## 12 COURSES

Courses will be a combination of triangular and windward/leeward type legs, as described in the Sailing Instructions.

## 13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

- 13.2 Arbitration will be conducted in accordance with RRS Appendix T.  
 13.3 The arbitrator may be a member of any subsequent Protest Committee or may observe and give evidence to a Protest Committee.

## 14 SCORING

- 14.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.  
 14.2 RRS A5.3 applies.  
 14.3 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores.  
 14.4 When 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.  
 14.5 For a handicap or rating division to be scored there must be at least 5 entrants in that division.  
 14.6 Class Championship may be scored the classes listed below, for which no separate entry is required:
  - YW Diamonds
  - S80
 14.7 For a Class Championship division to be scored there must be at least 3 entrants in that division.

## 15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Perpetual prize winners will be announced at the Victorian Sailing Awards.  
 15.2 Prizes will be awarded to the boat finishing first overall in each handicap and rating divisions.  
 15.3 The Range Trophy will be engraved with the winners of each Division and will reside for the following season at the club of the winner of ORC Division 1.  
 15.4 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

## 16 RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' 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.  
 16.2 The Organising Authority, its staff, officers and volunteers accept no responsibility whatsoever for loss or damage to boats or equipment or personal injury or death associated with races conducted by it.

## 17 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000), with racing risk extension.

## 18 MEDIA RIGHTS

- 18.1 Participants at this event automatically grant to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make use and show from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of them during the period in which they participate, and in all material related to the event without compensation.  
 18.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority.  
 18.3 Competitors may be required for media interviews or press conferences at the regatta.

## 19 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information:

Host Club	Contact Name	Email Address / Phone No
Royal Yacht Club of Victoria	Andy Warner	<a href="mailto:sailmanager@rycv.asn.au">sailmanager@rycv.asn.au</a> or 9397 1277
Sandringham Yacht Club	James Sly	<a href="mailto:boating@syc.com.au">boating@syc.com.au</a> or 9599 0922
Royal Brighton Yacht Club	Chad Humphrey	<a href="mailto:sailing@rbyc.org.au">sailing@rbyc.org.au</a> or 9592 3092
Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron	Colin Burgess	<a href="mailto:boating@rmys.com.au">boating@rmys.com.au</a> or 9534 0227
Hobsons Bay Yacht Club	Stephen Cheney	<a href="mailto:racing@hbyc.org.au">racing@hbyc.org.au</a> or 9397 6111
Principal Race Officer (PRO)	James Sly	<a href="mailto:james.sly@syc.com.au">james.sly@syc.com.au</a> or 0448 968 085

Website – [Range Series](#)

Social Media – [Australian Sailing - Victoria](#)