



NOR WINTER SEASON RACES APRIL - SEPTEMBER 2024

Royal Yacht Club of Victoria Inc. as Organising Authority invites entries for Winter Racing 2024 on the following conditions:

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing including the prescriptions of Australian Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1 will apply.
- 1.3 The Yachting Victoria Handicap System (PHS) where applicable.
- 1.4 The Australian Measurement System (AMS) where applicable.
- 1.5 The Offshore Racing Congress Rating System (ORC Club) where applicable.
- 1.6 Pursuit race handicaps allocated at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 1.7 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.
- 1.8 **[DP]** Denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 64.1
- 1.9 **[SP]** Denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- 1.10 **[NP]** Denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available from the office of the RYCV and the club's website www.rycv.com.au at least 3 days prior to a Race for which the Sailing Instructions apply.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The official notice board is on the club's website <http://rycv.com.au/sailing/keelboat/notice-to-competitors/> and notices may be communicated to competitors by posting on the notice board located at the Western entrance to the RYCV clubhouse and or by Short Message Service (SMS) to the entrant.



5 EQUIPMENT

- 5.1 Boats will comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1 for the category 6 except for Phoenix Trophy (passage race to Queenscliff) which is category 5.
- 5.2 RRS 51 is changed so that a boat 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.
- 5.3 RRS 52 is changed to allow the adjustment of movable water ballast or canting keels and the use of stored power to do so.
- 5.4 **[SP]** Boats will carry no anchor forward of the stem or with any part of it outboard, except when anchoring. The standard penalty is to be scored DNS.
- 5.5 Boats competing in Races designated as “non-spinnaker” races shall carry only headsails, mainsails and mizzens. Except when changing headsails, only one headsail can be used at a time. Headsails must be flown from the forestay. Headsails may be poled out in accordance with RRS 55.2.

6 ENTRY

- 6.1 Eligible boats shall enter the series by registering online at <https://rycv.com.au/sailing/keelboat/entry/>
Boats that are not on the Register of RYCV, or Hobsons Bay Yacht Club, or Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron are required to pay an entry fee as follows:
 - 6.1.1 Series entry Fee \$150
 - 6.1.2 Casual Entry Fee \$40 per race
- 6.2 Casual race entries close at 1200hours on the Tuesday before each race. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the race committee.
- 6.3 All competitors shall be members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing or a World Sailing Member National Authority (MNA) or purchase a Sail Pass as described in the sailing instructions.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races being run by other clubs are designated as such.

Black Bottle Trophy (single handed race)

27 April 2024

Warning Signal 1325

Phoenix Trophy (passage race to Queenscliff)

25 May 2024

Warning Signal 0855



Wednesday Afternoon Races for Laura Gloria Trophy – Pursuit Racing – Non-spinnaker

Series A

1 May 2024	Warning Signal 1355
8 May 2024	Warning Signal 1355
15 May 2024	Warning Signal 1355
22 May 2024	Warning Signal 1355
29 May 2024	Warning Signal 1355
5 June 2024	Warning Signal 1355
12 June 2024	Warning Signal 1355
19 June 2024	Warning Signal 1355
26 June 2024 (Resail date if necessary)	Warning Signal 1355

Series B

3 July 2024	Warning Signal 1355
10 July 2024	Warning Signal 1355
17 July 2024	Warning Signal 1355
24 July 2024	Warning Signal 1355
31 July 2024	Warning Signal 1355
7 August 2024	Warning Signal 1355
14 August 2024	Warning Signal 1355
21 August 2024	Warning Signal 1355
28 August 2024(Resail date if necessary)	Warning Signal 1355

Saturday Class Monkey Series

11 May 2024 (2 x Short Races)	Warning Signal 1155
25 May 2024 (Longer pursuit at RMYS)	Warning Signal 1355
22 June 2024 (2 x Short Races)	Warning Signal 1155
6 July 2024 (Longer pursuit at RMYS)	Warning Signal 1355
20 July 2024 (2 x Short Races)	Warning Signal 1155
3 August 2024 (Longer pursuit at RMYS)	Warning Signal 1355
17 August 2024 (2 x Short Races)	Warning Signal 1155
31 August 2024 (Longer pursuit at RMYS)	Warning Signal 1355
7 September 2024 (2 x Short Races)	Warning Signal 1155

8 COURSES

8.1 Courses will be detailed in the sailing instructions.

9 SCORING

9.1 Series scoring will be made as detailed in Appendix A of RRS

9.2 Minimum number of races as in rule A1 and races that may be excluded as in rule A2.1 are detailed in Schedule 1.

9.3 Rule A5.3 applies.



10 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 million per incident or the equivalent.

11 RISK STATEMENT

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.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

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SCHEDULE 1 MINIMUM RACES AND DROPS FOR SCORES

Series	Number of Races Scheduled	Min Number of Races	Discard 1 worst race after completion of	Discard 2 worst races after completion of	Discard 3 worst races after completion of	Discard 4 worst races after completion of
Laura Gloria Series A	8	2	3 races			
Laura Gloria Series B	8	2	3 races			
Laura Gloria Series Aggregate	16	3	4 races	9 races	13 races	
Class Monkey	12	3	4 races	9 races	11 races	12 races