



**ROYAL YACHT CLUB
OF VICTORIA
NOTICE OF RACE**



**Sunday Off The Beach Summer Series
5 October 2025 to 12 April 2026**



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Royal Yacht Club of Victoria (RYCV) as the Organising Authority invites entries from Off-The-Beach (OTB) sailing boats to compete in the above events on the waters of Hobsons Bay, Victoria under 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) with the exception of Green Fleet competitors who will be governed by the *Introductory Racing Rules of Sailing* <https://www.sailingresources.org.au/rules-hub/rrs>.
- 1.2 The Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2 will apply.
- 1.3 The Yardstick Rules of AS apply.
- 1.4 The International Cadet Class rules will apply to the Cadet Class.
- 1.5 Racing rule 44.1 will be changed as follows; The two-turn penalty rule in 44.1 is replaced by the one-turn penalty.
- 1.6 Arbitration will be conducted in accordance with RRS Appendix T. The arbitrator may be a member of any subsequent Protest Committee or may observe and give evidence to a Protest Committee.
- 1.7 Racing rule A5.3 will apply whereby rule A5.2 is changed so that a boat that came to the starting area but did not start, did not sail the course, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area, and a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.
- 1.8 **[NP]** A boat failing to finish within the time limit for its division will be scored DNF, or if it is possible to determine the order of such boats, be recorded as finishing in its order. This shall be at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 1.9 **[DP]** Denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 63.5
- 1.10 **[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.
- 1.11 **[NP]** Denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.



2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available from the office of the RYCV and the OTB page of the club's website www.rycv.com.au from 26 September 2025.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board will be online at <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/default.aspx?ID=82133>
- 3.2 Notices may also be on display on the OTB clubroom notice board.
- 3.3 The display of signals ashore will be made on the OTB flagpole in front of the OTB rooms.
- 3.4 **[DP]** While racing except in an emergency a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice and data transmissions or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.5 The race committee will operate on VHF Ch 15, unless otherwise advised during the briefing.
- 3.6 A race briefing will take place at about 1245 at the OTB rooms.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Entries will be accepted from off the beach boats on the RYCV club register or the register of an AS affiliated yacht club.
- 4.2 For the Junior Mixed Class Division, boats will be a recognised Junior class.
- 4.3 For all Junior classes, including Class age limits apply.
- 4.4 Eligible boats shall enter the series by registering online at <https://rycv.com.au/sailing/off-the-beach/entry/>
- 4.5 Series entry will close at 1700 on Wednesday 20 November 2024. Casual race entries shall close 3 hours prior to the commencement of each race. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the race committee.
- 4.6 Junior sailors must have a consent form completed by a parent or guardian and submitted to otb@rycv.asn.au before the beginning of the season.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Boats skippered by a RYCV member shall enter the season free of charge.
- 5.2 Boats skippered by a non RYCV member shall pay a series or race entry
- \$50 for a junior for the season or \$5 per race
 - \$125 for a senior for the season or \$15 per race



- 5.3 Casual Day race fees shall be paid prior to racing at the OTB Clubrooms. Season payments shall be made in the online event system.
- 5.4 Members of the Port Melbourne Yacht Club may enter RYCV casually free of charge. PMYC extends the same courtesy to RYCV sailors for their Saturday racing.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 For the Cadet, Optimist, Junior mixed OTB classes and Senior OTB Classes the schedule of races is as follows.

Date	First Warning Signal	Cadets, Optimist and Junior OTB Classes	Senior OTB Classes
5 th October 2025	1355	Aggregate - Race 1	Aggregate - Race 1
12 th October 2025	1355	Aggregate – Race 2	Aggregate – Race 2
26 th October 2025	1355	Aggregate – Race 3	Aggregate – Race 3
9 th November 2025	1355	Aggregate – Race 4	Aggregate – Race 4
23 rd November 2025	1355	Aggregate – Race 5	Aggregate – Race 5
7 th December 2025	1355	Aggregate - Race 6	Aggregate - Race 6
21 st December 2025	1355	Aggregate - Race 7	Aggregate - Race 7
8 nd February 2026	1355	Club Championships Day 1	Club Championships Day 1
15 th February 2026	1355	Club Championships Day 2	Club Championships Day 2
22 rd February 2026	1355	Aggregate – Race 8	Aggregate – Race 8
1 st March 2026	1355	Aggregate – Race 9	Aggregate – Race 9
15 th March 2026	1355	Arch Cawthorne Race 1 Aggregate – Race 10	Aggregate – Race 10
22 rd March 2026	1355	Arch Cawthorne Race 2 Aggregate – Race 11	Aggregate – Race 11
29 th March 2026	1355	Arch Cawthorne Race 3 Aggregate – Race 12	Aggregate – Race 12
12 th April 2026	1355	Resail Date	Resail Date



6.2 For the Optimist Greenfleet division:

6.2.1 Races will be conducted as part of the Greenfleet Term 4 2025 and Term 1 2026 program.

6.2.2 Participants will be advised prior to the start of the race that the race will count towards the Greenfleet division aggregate series.

EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

6.3 **[DP]** At the direction from the RO, a boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, AS equipment regulations, and the sailing instructions. (With the exception of Green Fleet competitors)

7 VENUE

7.1 Racing will take place on the waters of Hobsons Bay

8 COURSES

8.1 Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions

9 SCORING

9.1 The scoring system is as detailed in Appendix A of RRS.

9.2 For the Aggregate series (Cadet, Optimist, Junior Mixed Class and Senior OTB),

9.2.1 Up to 12 races may be included.

9.2.2 The minimum number of races to be sailed to constitute a series is three.

9.2.3 As allowed in part A2.1, after four races have been completed a boat's worst score shall be discarded, after eight races have been completed a boat's two worst scores shall be discarded.

9.2.4 For the Aggregate race series, each day will feature two separate races. Only if a resail is required and announced, will the second race count towards the overall series score.

9.2.5 Aggregate Races will take place exclusively on designated days. During the pre-race briefing, participants will be informed when the second race of the day will be considered as a resail for a previously postponed race in the series.

9.3 For the Club Championship series (Cadet, Optimist, Junior Mixed Class and Senior OTB),

9.3.1 Up to six races may be included.



9.3.2 The minimum number of races to be sailed to constitute a series is one.

9.3.3 As allowed in part A2.1, after five races have been completed a boat's worst score shall be discarded.

9.4 For the Arch Cawthorne Series (Cadet):

9.4.1 Boats are to be skippered by sailors who are normally crew.

9.4.2 Up to three races may be included.

9.4.3 Minimum number of races to be sailed to constitute a series is one.

9.4.4 There will be no discards.

9.5 For the Optimist Greenfleet Series

9.5.1 There will be two series – Series 1 (Term 4 2025 Greenfleet program) and Series 2 (Term 1 2026 Greenfleet program).

1.1.1 Up to 4 races per series may be included.

1.1.2 Minimum number of races to be sailed to constitute a series is one.

1.1.3 There will be no discards.

10 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

10.1 **[DP]** Support person vessels shall familiarise themselves with RRS 37 and always monitor the race committee channel between launching and retrieval, or the last boat finishes the last race of the day whichever is earlier.

10.2 **[DP]** Support person vessels shall remain a minimum 50m from any boat racing.

11 RISK STATEMENT

11.1 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.**

12 INSURANCE



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



13 PRIZES

13.1 Only RYCV members are eligible for perpetual trophies.

13.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

13.3 International Cadet Class trophies:

Trophy	Eligible Recipient
Club Aggregate	Awarded to the 1st placed Cadet in the club aggregate on scratch.
Aoma Trophy	Awarded to the 1st placed Cadet in the club aggregate on handicap. The winner of the Aggregate is not eligible to win this trophy
Djemma Trophy	Awarded to the best placed female Cadet skipper.
Malcom Anderson Trophy	Awarded to the best placed 1st year skipper.
Sheeba Trophy	Awarded to the 1st placed Cadet in race 3 of the club aggregate on scratch.
Jan Trophy	Awarded to the 1st placed Cadet in race 5 of the club aggregate on scratch.
Smart Trophy	Awarded to the 1st placed Cadet in race 7 of the club aggregate on scratch.
Commodore's Trophy	Awarded to the 1st placed Cadet in race 10 of the club aggregate on scratch.
Arch Crowthorne Trophy	Awarded to the 1st placed Cadet on scratch.
Club Championship	Awarded to the 1st placed Cadet in the club championship series on scratch.
Hillenaar	Awarded to the 1st placed boat in the Cadet Sprint Series (Entry for Lipton Cup required with results from day 2) on scratch.
Walker Warner Trophy	Most Tenacious Boat
Philip Miller Memorial Trophy	Most Tenacious Crew
Coaches Award	By Coach



13.4 Optimist Class trophies

Trophy	Eligible Recipient
Club Aggregate	Awarded to the 1st placed Optimist in the club aggregate on scratch
Club Championship	Awarded to the 1st placed Optimist in the Club Championship on scratch
Coaches Award	Awarded by the coach

13.5 Green Fleet trophies

Trophy	Eligible Recipient
Digby Trophy	Awarded to the 1st placed boat in the Greenfleet series races held in Term 4 2025
Gold Trophy	Awarded to the 1st placed boat in the Greenfleet series races held in Term 1 2026

13.6 Junior Mixed Handicap trophies

Trophy	Eligible Recipient
Club Aggregate	Awarded to the 1st placed boat in the club aggregate on yardstick handicap. (Junior Mixed Class)
Club Championship	Awarded to the 1st placed boat in the club championship on yardstick handicap. (Junior Mixed Class)

13.7 Parents encouragement award

13.7.1 The Parents Encouragement Award is determined through a ballot of the parents of RYCV Off the Beach junior sailors.

13.7.2 All RYCV junior sailors are eligible to be considered for this award.

13.8 Senior OTB Classes trophies

Trophy	Eligible Recipient
Open Club Aggregate	Awarded to the 1st placed boat in the club aggregate on yardstick handicap.
29er Club Aggregate	Awarded to the 1st placed 29er in the club aggregate on scratch.
Open Club Championship	Awarded to the 1st placed boat in the club championship on yardstick handicap.
29er Club Championship	Awarded to the 1st placed 29er in the club championship on scratch
Youth Trophy	Awarded to the 1st placed skipper to have transitioned from the junior to senior fleet



14 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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15 NOR ADDENDUM

15.1 Additional Events

Interclub Friday twilight races	10 Oct 2025 to 27 Mar 2026 at HBYC
Sail Sandy	18 and 19 Oct 2025 at SYC
Sail Country	1 to 2 Nov 2025 at AWYC
Lipton Cup	15 to 16 Nov 2025 at RYCV
Sail Melbourne	29 to 30 Nov 2025 at RBYC
Cadet Kingston Sprints	13 and 14 Dec 2025 at SYC
Cadet National Championship	28 Dec to 4 Jan at RGYC
Optimist National Championship	8 to 15 Jan at RYCT
Festival of Sails Cadet Sprints	26 th Jan 2025
Cadet Victorian State Championship	8 March to 10 March at RYCV
Optimist Victorian State Championship	TBA