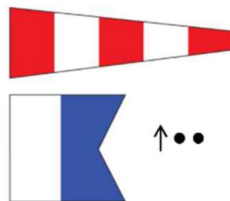




Notice to Competitors

Wednesday Pursuit Race

7 January 2026



The race committee have made the decision to postpone the afternoon pursuit race on Wednesday 7 January 2026.

Rationale:

- A severe heatwave is forecast for the Melbourne area with temperatures in the order of 42C.
- The Pursuit race is scheduled for the hottest part of the day with much of the afternoon having an extreme heat risk rating.
- There is an increased risk of heat illnesses associated with high temperatures for both competitors and the race management team.
- RYCV references the Australian Sailing Heat Guidelines <https://rycv.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Annexure-13-HEAT-Guidelines-Australian-Sailing.pdf> and the Sports Medicine Australia sports heat tool <https://sma-heat-policy.sydney.edu.au/>
- The AS guidelines recommend postponing or cancelling activities when temperatures are above 36C with an extreme heat rating.

Owen Church
Sailing Manager
21:00 7 January 2025