



**2027 Sydney 38 National Regatta
incorporating the
Sydney 38 One Design National Championship**



Friday 15 January to Sunday 17 January 2027

Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, Williamstown, Victoria

Organising Authority: Royal Yacht Club of Victoria in conjunction with the Sydney 38 Class Association of Australia



Notice of Race

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The Royal Yacht Club of Victoria invites eligible Sydney 38 boats to compete in the 2027 Sydney 38 National Regatta, incorporating the Sydney 38 One Design National Championship.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028.
- 1.2. The current Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing will apply.
- 1.3. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) shall apply.
- 1.4. Sydney 38 Class Rules will apply to boats entered in and eligible for the Sydney 38 One Design National Championship Division.
- 1.5. The ORC Rating System Rules will apply for boats scored in ORC, if applicable.
- 1.6. This Notice of Race, any amendments to this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions will apply.
- 1.7. Attention is drawn to RRS 3, Decision to Race. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.
- 1.8. RRS 78.2 is changed so that valid rating, handicap and class certificates, and all required entry documents, shall be produced by the documentation deadline stated in this Notice of Race.
- 1.9. The Sailing Instructions may change this Notice of Race where permitted by the RRS.

2. Advertising

- 2.1. Advertising on a boat shall comply with the World Sailing Advertising Code.
- 2.2. The Organizing Authority may require boats to display event sponsor decals, bow numbers or backstay flags in accordance with this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

3. Eligibility

- 3.1. The regatta is open to boats of the Sydney 38 design.
- 3.2. Boats may enter in one of the following entry streams: (a) Sydney 38 One Design National Championship Division; or (b) Sydney 38 Regatta Division.
- 3.3. All entrants will race together in all races. Results may be extracted separately for the Sydney 38 One Design National Championship Division and the ORC Championship.

3.4. Boats entered in the Sydney 38 One Design National Championship Division shall hold a current Sydney 38 One Design Class Certificate and shall comply with the Sydney 38 Class Rules, including all applicable crew, sail, equipment, owner declaration and class association requirements.

Class Compliant Boats shall submit the following documentation.

- S38 OD Class certificate
- S38 Compliance check list
- Sail declaration
- Crew declaration including crew weight and World sailor classification (amateur or professional)
- A valid Special Regulations Certificate – Category 6 or better.
- Certificate of Insurance

Total Crew weight must comply with Class rules of 800kg for the National Championships.

Class rules and Regatta compliance forms may be found at the following link : <https://syd38.com/>

3.5. Boats entered in the Sydney 38 Regatta Division may include Sydney 38 boats that do not hold a current Sydney 38 One Design Class Certificate, or those that elect not to race as fully class-compliant one design boats.

3.6. Boats entered in the Sydney 38 Regatta Division shall not be eligible for the Sydney 38 One Design National Championship title or one design championship trophies but may be eligible for ORC or other regatta prizes if they satisfy the relevant rating or handicap requirements.

3.8. The Sydney 38 One Design National Championship is intended to be a Grade 1 Event in accordance with the Sydney 38 Class Rules.

3.9. For the Sydney 38 One Design National Championship Division, crew eligibility shall comply with the Sydney 38 Class Rules. Where sailor categorization is required, categorization shall be determined under the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code.

3.10. Owners or charterers of boats seeking eligibility for the Sydney 38 One Design National Championship title shall be current financial members of the Sydney 38 One Design Class Association by the documentation deadline.

4. Classes and Scoring Categories

4.1. Subject to entries received, the regatta will be scored in the following categories:

- (a) Sydney 38 One Design National Championship Division; and
- (b) Sydney 38 Regatta Division ORC Championship.

4.2 The National Champion will be the Class Compliant Boat that is the winner of the Sydney 38 One Design National Championship Division. The National Champion will be awarded the ***Lou Abrahams perpetual trophy***.

4.3 The Sydney 38 Regatta ORC Champion will be the non-Class Compliant boat that is the winner of the Sydney 38 Regatta Division.

4.4. The Organizing Authority may also publish additional PHS,IRC or participation results at its discretion. Such results will not affect the Sydney 38 One Design National Championship or ORC Championship results.

4.5. The Organizing Authority may combine, split or amend divisions depending on entries received.

4.6 Two races shall constitute a series. A boat series shall be the total of her race scores with no discards.

5. Entry Procedure and Fees

5.1. Eligible boats shall enter by completing the online entry form at <https://rycv.com.au/2027-sydney-38-national-regatta/> and by agreeing to the Organizing Authority's conditions of entry.

5.2. Entries are scheduled to open in July 2026.

5.3. The entry fee will be AUD \$400.00 for current Sydney 38 One Design Class Association members and AUD \$500.00 for non-members.

5.4. Entries close at 1700 hours on Monday 11th January 2027. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

5.5. Entry fees are non-refundable after the closure of entries unless otherwise determined by the Organizing Authority. Before this date entry fees will be refundable less an administration fee.

6. Documentation

6.1. The following documentation shall be submitted to the Organizing Authority by 1700 hours on 11 January 2027. Documentation shall be submitted by email to sailing@rycv.com.au or through the online entry system if enabled.

6.2. A boat's rating, handicap or class certificate shall not be changed after the documentation deadline except as a result of a rating, measurement or crew protest, or to correct an error approved by the Organizing Authority.

Document	One Design Championship Division	Regatta / ORC Division
Current Australian Sailing Special Regulations audit	Required - Category 6 or better	Required - Category 6 or better
Sydney 38 One Design Class Certificate	Required	Not required
Sydney 38 Class Association Compliance Checklist	Required	Not required
Sail Declaration	Required	Not required
Crew Declaration including crew weight and categorization	Required	Not required
Owner / Charterer Declaration	Required	Not required
Valid ORC certificate	Not required	Required to be scored for ORC Championship
Evidence of public liability insurance	Required	Required
Proof of class association membership	Required for OD Championship eligibility	Optional unless seeking member entry fee.

7. Schedule

7.1. The proposed schedule is as follows. The Organizing Authority may amend the schedule in the Sailing Instructions or by notice to competitors.

Date	Event	Location	Time
11 January 2027	Entries close and documentation deadline	Online / Sailing Office	1700
11 January 2027	Sailing Instructions published	Event website	before 2359
Thursday 14 January 2027	Registration, audits and crew weigh-in as required	RYCV Regatta Office	1500-1800
Thursday 14 January 2027	Welcome function and Competitor Briefing	RYCV Club House	1800
Friday 15 January 2027	Registration, audits and crew weigh-in as required.(by appointment)	RYCV	0730- 0830
Friday 15 January 2027	Crew declaration protest time limit [if applicable]	Regatta Office	0900
Friday 15 January 2027	Briefing	RYCV	1000
Friday 15 January 2027	Three windward / leeward races scheduled	Port Phillip / Hobsons Bay	First warning signal 1200
Saturday 16 January 2027	Three windward / leeward races scheduled	Port Phillip / Hobsons Bay	First warning signal 1200
Sunday 17 January 2027	One passage race scheduled, distance selected for approximately 2 to 2.5 hours of racing	Port Phillip	First warning signal 1000
Sunday 17 January 2027	Official presentation and prize giving	RYCV	As soon as possible after racing

7.2. Seven races are scheduled. The Race Committee may alter the number or types of races sailed on any day to suit conditions and the orderly conduct of the regatta.

7.3. On the final scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500

8. Sailing Instructions

8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be published on the event website (<https://rycv.com.au/2027-sydney-38-national-regatta/>) by 11 January 2027.

8.2. The Sailing Instructions may include separate appendices for course descriptions, safety, radio channels, berthing, equipment inspection and event logistics.

9. Racing Venue and Racing Area

- 9.1. The regatta venue will be Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, 120 Nelson Place, Williamstown, Victoria.
- 9.2. Racing will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip, including Hobsons Bay and other areas of northern Port Phillip as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. Courses

- 10.1. Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.2. Friday and Saturday racing is expected to comprise windward / leeward races.
- 10.3. Sunday racing is expected to comprise one passage race, with the distance selected to suit the conditions and to target approximately 2 to 2.5 hours of racing.
- 10.4. The Race Committee may select, shorten, change or abandon courses in accordance with the RRS and the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.5. Any changes to the start time of racing will be notified before 2000 on the day prior to the race.

11. Scoring

- 11.1. Seven races are scheduled. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2. For the Sydney 38 One Design National Championship Division, only boats that are fully Class compliant boats eligible will be scored. Boats that are not eligible for the One Design National Championship will be removed from the one design results and the remaining eligible boats will be re-ranked in finishing order.
- 11.3. The Sydney 38 One Design National Championship will be scored on scratch elapsed time. The boat with the lowest elapsed time in each race, after application of any scoring penalties, will be scored first and the other eligible boats ranked accordingly.
- 11.4. The ORC Championship will be open to all competitors that hold a valid ORC certificate by the documentation deadline. Scores will be calculated using ORCWL and ORCAP for windward leeward racing and for fixed mark racing respectively.
- 11.5. Any PHS or additional participation results published by the Organizing Authority will be calculated using TCFs or handicaps determined by the Organizing Authority or its nominee. Such handicaps may be adjusted after each race and will not be subject to protest or request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1 and RRS 61.4(b)(1).

12. Prizes

- 12.1. Two principal trophies are intended to be awarded: (a) Sydney 38 One Design National Champion; and (b) Sydney 38 ORC Champion.
- 12.2. The Sydney 38 One Design National Champion title will be awarded to the eligible Sydney 38 One Design boat with the lowest series score in the scratch one design results.
- 12.3. The Sydney 38 ORC Champion title will be awarded to the Sydney 38 Regatta Division boat with the lowest series score in the ORC Championship results.
- 12.4. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority, including daily prizes and participation prizes.

13. Berthing and Moorings

13.1. Limited casual berthing may be available for visiting boats competing in the regatta from Thursday 14th January 2027 to Monday 18th January 2027.

13.2. Requests for casual berthing shall be made by emailing rycv@rycv.com.au by 4th January 2027.

13.3. Berthing is subject to availability, vessel suitability and the directions of the Organizing Authority or marina staff.

14. Haul-Out Restrictions and Diving Equipment

14.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with the prior written permission of the Race Committee or Organizing Authority.

14.2. Underwater breathing apparatus, plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta, except with the prior written permission of the Race Committee or Organizing Authority.

15. Radio Communication

15.1. The Race Committee may broadcast information to competitors on VHF channels stated in the Sailing Instructions.

15.2. Failure to make or receive a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

15.3. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except as permitted by the Sailing Instructions.

16. Insurance

16.1. Each boat shall hold a current marine legal public liability insurance policy for the duration of the regatta with a sum insured of not less than AUD \$10 million, or its equivalent in another currency.

16.2. Evidence of insurance shall be provided to the Organizing Authority on request.

17. Disclaimer of Liability and Risk Statement

17.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to RRS 3, Decision to Race.

17.2. The Organizing Authority, the Sydney 38 One Design Class Association of Australia, their officers, employees, volunteers, members, sponsors and race officials will not accept liability for any loss, material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta.

17.3. The Organizing Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of any boat whose entry is accepted or for the sufficiency or adequacy of her equipment.

17.4. The person in charge of each boat is responsible for ensuring that the boat is seaworthy, safely crewed and equipped, and complies with all applicable rules and regulations.

18. Media Rights and Privacy

18.1. By entering the regatta, each owner, charterer, person in charge and crew member grants the Organizing Authority, event partners and sponsors the right to use the name, image, likeness, biographical information, photographs, video footage and audio recordings of the boat and crew for media, promotional, archival and event reporting purposes.

18.2. Competitors may speak to media representatives about the regatta provided that comments do not undermine the Organizing Authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee, Technical Committee, measurers, sponsors or other competitors.

18.3. Personal information collected for the regatta will be used for event administration, safety, communications, results, media and related purposes.

19. Further Information

For further information contact:

Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, 120 Nelson Place, Williamstown VIC 3016.

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20. Document Revision

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