



Sunday Off The Beach Summer Series
4 October 2026 to 18 April 2027



Notice of Race

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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 at least one week prior to the first scheduled race day.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board will be online at <https://sailingresults.net/sa/Series.aspx?OID=2062&SID=51&GID=1&TID=blank>
- 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 12:45 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 18 November 2026. 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 Eligible boats shall enter the season free of charge.



6 SCHEDULE

6.1 The schedule of races for the Cadet, Optimist, Junior Mixed Class and Senior OTB) is as follows:

Date	First Warning Signal	Series
4 th October 2026	1355	Aggregate Series
11 th October 2026	1355	Aggregate Series
25 th October 2026	1355	Aggregate Series
8 th November 2026	1355	Aggregate Series
15 th November 2026	1355	Aggregate Series
6 th December 2026	1355	Aggregate Series
7 th February 2027	1355	Club Championships
14 th February 2027	1355	Club Championships
21 st February 2027	1355	Aggregate Series Arch Cawthorne Series
28 th February 2027	1355	Aggregate Series Arch Cawthorne Series
14 th March 2027	1355	Aggregate Series Arch Cawthorne Series
21 st March 2027	1355	Aggregate Series Arch Cawthorne Series
12 th April 2027	TBA	Cadet Single Handed Race/Crews in Optis Race/Fun Day

6.2 Up to three (3) races may be held on each race day for the Cadet, Optimist, Junior Mixed Class and Senior OTB) classes. The Race Officer of the day will determine how many races will be started.

6.3 For the Greenfleet division:

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

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

7 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

7.1 **[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)



8 VENUE

8.1 Racing will take place on the waters of Hobsons Bay

9 COURSES

9.1 Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions

10 SCORING

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

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

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

10.2.2 As allowed in part A2.1 after six races have been completed a boat's worst score shall be discarded, after ten races have been completed a boat's two worst scores shall be discarded and after 14 races have been completed a boat's three worst scores shall be discarded.

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

10.3.1 Up to six races may be included.

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

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

10.4 For the Arch Cawthorne Series (Cadet):

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

10.4.2 Up to five races may be included.

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

10.4.4 After four races have been completed, a boat's worst score shall be discarded.

10.5 For the Optimist Greenfleet Series

10.5.1 There will be two series – Series 1 (Term 4 2026 Greenfleet program) and Series 2 (Term 1 2027 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.



11 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 11.1 **[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.
- 11.2 **[DP]** Support person vessels shall remain a minimum 50m from any boat racing.

12 RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1 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.**

13 INSURANCE

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

14 PRIZES

- 14.1 Only RYCV members are eligible for perpetual trophies.
- 14.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.



14.3 International Cadet Class trophies:

Trophy	Eligible Recipient
Club Aggregate	Awarded to the 1st placed Cadet in the Aggregate Series on scratch.
Aoma Trophy	Awarded to the 1st placed Cadet in the Aggregate Series on handicap. The winner of the Club Aggregate Trophy is not eligible to win this trophy
Djemma Trophy	Awarded to the best placed female Cadet skipper in the Aggregate Series.
Malcom Anderson Trophy	Awarded to the best placed 1st year skipper in the Aggregate Series.
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 7 of the club aggregate on scratch.
Smart Trophy	Awarded to the 1st placed Cadet in race 10 of the club aggregate on scratch.
Commodore's Trophy	Awarded to the 1st placed Cadet in race 13 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 Cadet in the Lipton Cup regatta on scratch (Entry for Lipton Cup required).
Walker Warner Trophy	Most Tenacious Boat
Philip Miller Memorial Trophy	Most Tenacious Crew
Coaches Award	By Coach

14.4 Optimist Class trophies

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



14.5 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

14.6 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)

14.7 Parents encouragement award

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

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

14.8 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

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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16 NOR ADDENDUM

16.1 Additional Events

Interclub Friday twilight races	29 January – 19 March 2027
Sail Sandy	17 & 18 October 2026
Lipton Cup	21 & 22 November 2026
Sail Melbourne	28 & 29 November 2026
Cadet Kingston Sprints	12 & 13 December 2026 (TBC)
Cadet National Championship	28 December 2026 – 4 January 2027
Optimist National Championship	2-9 January 2027
Festival of Sails Cadet Sprints	26 January 2027
Cadet Victorian State Championship	6 March – 8 March 2027
Optimist Victorian State Championship	TBC

AMENDMENTS

Number	Date	Change
V2	30/09/2026	Series end date corrected to 18 April 2027