NOTICE OF RACE

150TH Anniversary Celebratory Cup

7 November 2026

Hosted by Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron

Preamble

The Celebratory Cup is a race between members of Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron (RMYS), Hobson's Bay Yacht Club (HBYC), Royal Yacht Club of Victoria (RYCV), Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC) and Royal Brighton Yacht Club (RBYC) in honour of the RMYS 150th Anniversary.

RMYS is the Organising Authority for the event. Participating clubs may, at their discretion, establish separate divisions or award additional prizes for boats representing their respective clubs.

For the purposes of this Notice of Race, the term 'Home Club' means the club with which the boat is registered.

Complimentary berthing will be available at RMYS for all competing boats overnight on Friday 6 November and Saturday 7 November.

Following the completion racing on Saturday 7 November, all competitors are warmly invited back to RMYS to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Club's formation.

1. Rules

1.1. The races will be governed by the rules as defined in:

a. The World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025 -2028,
b. The Australian Sailing (AS) 2025-2028 Special Regulations Part 1 for Keelboats Crew Declarations
c. The Yachting Victoria (YV) Performance Based Handicap System (PHS)
d. The Offshore Racing Congress Rating System (ORC Club)
e. The Australian Measurement System (AMS)
f. The requirements of the Port of Melbourne Corporation (PoMC), particularly in regard to the avoidance of commercial shipping
g. The Marine Safety Act (Vic) 2010

1.2. RRS 51 is is changed so that a yacht with movable ballast or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the SR's) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability to the extent permitted by their stability rating.

1.3. RRS 52 is changed:

a. To allow self-steering equipment to be used by yachts sailing double-handed,
b. To allow the adjustment of movable water ballast or canting keels on any yacht and the use of stored power to do so, and
c. To allow the use of stored power for sail handling and sail trimming on any yacht.

[SP] Denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without hearing. This changes RRS A5.

2. [SP] Eligibility and Entry

2.1. Races are open to all boats of an AS affiliated yacht club, who have submitted a current Australian Sailing Equipment Audit Form to their home club and have met their home Club's audit requirements.
2.2. Each participating boat shall be insured with a current third-party liability insurance of not less than $10,000,000.00. A certificate of insurance shall be lodged with the home club office prior to the race.
2.3. Entries shall be completed via the RMYS website 48 hours prior to the first warning signal for the race. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.
2.4. Entry is available via the following link: https://topyacht.com.au/db/kb2/series_select.php?EventID=1994
2.5. Boats shall nominate Non-Spinnaker Division on entry. All other boats will be in the Spinnaker Division.
2.6. Boats entered in the PPNYC Fixed Mark Series, PPNYC Sunday Pursuit Series, and RMYS Squadron Sunday Series will be automatically entered.
2.7. All competitors (skippers and crew) shall be members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing or World Sailing MNA or purchase a Sail Pass for each sailing day.
2.8. Any requirements set by the yacht's Home Club (for example safety or short-handed sailing) shall be met.

3. [SP] SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

3.1. The event is conducted under safety category 6 of the Special Regulation Equipment Safety Categories
3.2. A compliant and functional marine grade VHF radio shall always be carried, remain onboard and be monitored, on the designated Channel 16 and 72. This modifies AS Special Regulations sub-clause 3.25.
3.3. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all competitors.
3.4. Marine Safety Victoria regulations regarding Life Jackets shall always apply
3.5. No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or any part outboard
3.6. Boats failing to undertake any of clause 3 will be scored 'Did Not Compete' (DNC) without hearing. This changes RRS A5

4. ENTRY FEES

4.1. Entry fees shall be at the discretion of the Home Club.

5. DIVISIONS AND HANDICAPPING

5.1. There will be a minimum of two divisions, including a Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker division.
5.2. The Organising Authority may, at its discretion, allocate boats within either division to one or more subdivisions, having regard to the number and characteristics of entries.
5.3. Performance handicaps will be allocated by the Home Club handicapper.

6. SCHEDULE AND WARNING SIGNAL

6.1. The warning signal for the first boat will be at 9:55 hours on 7 November 2026

6.2. Pursuit start times for each yacht will be made available via the RMYS website no later than 17:00 hours on the day preceding the race. Start times may also be shared via SMS or email.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1. Sailing Instructions will be available online at the RMYS website no later than Friday 6 November 2026.

8. COURSES

8.1. Racing will take place on the waters of Port Phillip.
8.2. The courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

9.1. Prizes will be presented on the afternoon of 7 November 2026 at RMYS
9.2. Trophies and prizes will be awarded as follows

a. The RMYS 150th Anniversary Celebratory Cup Trophy will be awarded to the best performing RMYS boat on PHS

b. Prizes will be awarded for the following categories, with boats from all participating clubs eligible

Division 1 Overall Winner, awarded on PHS 150th Anniversary Take Home Trophy
Division 2 Overall Winner, awarded on PHS 150th Anniversary Take Home Trophy
1st, 2nd, 3rd place PHS overall
1st, 2nd, 3rd place AMS overall
1st, 2nd, 3rd place ORC overall

c. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

10.1 Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone'. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for the material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after any race, series, or event.

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

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