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The 2026-2027 Victorian Women's Keelboat Series (formerly known as the Port Phillip Women's Championship Series) will run from Sunday 29 November 2026 until Sunday 2 May 2027.

Amendments

Date Issued	Amendment Number	Link

The 2026-2027 Victorian Women's Keelboat Series will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip from 29 November 2026 until Sunday 2 May 2027.

The Organising Authority will be the Host Club on the following race days:

Date	Event	Host Club
29 November 2026	Shirley Freeman	Hobson Bay Yacht Club
31 January 2027	Val Hodge	Royal Yacht Club of Victoria
28 February 2027	WISC	Sandringham Yacht Club
18 April 2027	Jennifer Goldsmith	Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron
2 May 2027	BLISS	Royal Brighton Yacht Club

The official website for the Victorian Women's Keelboat Series is https://www.rmys.com.au/sailing/ppwcs/.

1 RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and Australian Sailing (AS) prescriptions

1.2 The Special Regulations of AS Part 1 keelboats, Category 6 will apply.

1.3 No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or with any part outboard.

1.4 All boats shall lodge with their own club a valid Safety Compliance Declaration covering the 2026-2027 season before their entry in their first race. Boats not complying with this requirement will have their entry rejected.

1.5 The YV Performance Handicapping Rules, the rules of the AMS rating system and the rules of the ORC rating system will apply.

1.6 [DP] Denotes a rule for which the penalty will be applied by Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions for each race day will be issued by the Host Club. These will generally be available by 1700 on the Friday preceding the event and may be made available online via the official website.

Host Club	Race Documents link
Hobson Bay Yacht Club	https://hbyc.org.au/keel-boat-race-documents
Royal Yacht Club of Victoria	https://rycv.com.au/sailing/keelboat/sailing-instructions/
Sandringham Yacht Club	https://syc.com.au/on-water/women-in-sailing/wisc/
Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron	https://www.rmys.com.au/sailing/racing/documents/
Royal Brighton Yacht Club	https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/?ID=E959.....

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The Official Notice Board is located online via the official website.

3.2 Any changes will be issued via the official website or the Host Club and boats will be advised via SMS addressed to the primary boat contact.

3.3 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 12, 15, 16, 17, 67, 69, 71, 72 ,73 and 77.

3.4 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

3.5 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

4.1 The Victorian Women's Keelboat Series is open to all keelboats with a YV Performance Handicap.

4.2 Boats may enter for all handicap and rating systems as part of their entry.

4.3 Eligible boats may enter the Victorian Women's Keelboat Series via the official website or https://topyacht.com.au/db/kb2/2005 .The skipper listed in the entries must be the female helm.

4.4 A crew list for each boat shall be lodged via the online entry system prior to each day's racing.

4.5 All competitors shall be members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing or a World Sailing MNA or purchase a SailPass via their club.

4.6 Substitution of boats during the series shall not be allowed.

4.7 Any change of helm during the series shall be notified to the Host Club by 1200 on the Friday before each race day.

5 FEES

The entry fees are as follows:

	Entry Fee	
Series Entry	$30	Donated to Melanoma research for Jennifer Goldsmith race

6 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising approved and supplied by the Organising Authority.

7 SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Host Club	First Warning Signal
29 November 2026	1	HBYC	1055 hrs
31 January 2027	2	RYCV	1055 hrs
28 February 2027	3	SYC	1055 hrs
18 April 2027	4	RMYS	1055 hrs
2 May 2027	5	RBYC	1055 hrs

7.1 Please confirm these times in the sailing instructions issued by the Host Club for each race.

7.2 Subsequent races may follow immediately after the completion of the previous race.

7.3 Resails may be scheduled in conjunction with an existing event. There will be no re-sails after 2 May 2027.

8 HANDICAPS AND RATINGS

8.1 Performance (PHS) handicaps will be allocated by the Race Committee for each race, and adjustments made in line with YV Performance Handicap Rules.

8.2 AMS ratings will be those issued by the Rating Authority (YRSA) and current at 0600 on the day of the race.

8.3 ORC (International and Club) ratings will be those issued by the Rule Authority and current at 0600 on the day of the race.

8.4 The ORC single number Windward/Leeward Time on Time rating will be used to score all laid courses. The ORC single number All Purpose Time on Time rating will be used to score all fixed mark courses.

8.5 No alteration to the boat's rating will be permitted after 0600 on the day of the race, except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct rating office errors.

8.6 A boat without a valid rating will be scored DNC for that race in that division.

8.7 The Race Committee may make corrections to handicaps or ratings at any time.

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1 Each boat in the Victorian Women's Keelboat Series, on request by the OA, shall produce or verify the existence of a valid ORC and/or AMS rating certificate.

9.2 Boats may be inspected and measured for compliance with their rating certificate at any time.

10 CATEGORIES AND DIVISIONS

10.1 Racing will be scored in AMS, ORC and PHS for each of the following divisions:

Division 1	Female only helm and crew
Division 2	Female helm and mixed crew

11 RACE AREA

The racing will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip as described in the Sailing Instructions of the Host Club.

12 COURSES

Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions of the Host Club.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13.2 Arbitration will be conducted in accordance with RRS Appendix T.

13.3 The arbitrator may be a member of any subsequent Protest Committee or may observe and give evidence to a Protest Committee.

14 SCORING

14.1 Four race days are required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.2 Each race day counts as one score.

14.3 Where more than one race is conducted on a race day; the series place for the race day shall be the score for the VWKS.

14.4 RRS A5.3 applies.

14.5 When 5 race days are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14.6 For a handicap or rating division to be scored there must be at least 3 entrants in that division.

15 PRIZES

15.1 Prizes will be awarded to the boat finishing first in each handicap and rating division.

15.2 The Victorian Women's Keelboat Series Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Overall Champion in Division 1. It will be engraved with the winners of AMS, ORC and PHS and will reside at the club of the winner of the AMS or ORC, determined by whichever rating system has the higher number of series entries.

15.3 The Female Helm Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Overall Champion in Division 2, scored only in PHS. It will be engraved with the PHS winner and will reside at the club of the winner.

15.4 The Kingston Trophies VWKS Perpetual Teams Trophy will be awarded to the club with the highest level of participation, scored using the following criteria:

a) Number of boats participating from each club as a percentage of the total number of boats participating in the VWKS.

b) Number of race days in the series sailed by each boat. Double points for boats sailing in all race days.

15.5 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority and host clubs.

16 RISK STATEMENT

16.1 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.

16.2 The Organising Authority, its staff, officers and volunteers accept no responsibility whatsoever for loss or damage to boats or equipment or personal injury or death associated with races conducted by it.

17 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of Ten Million Dollars ($10,000,000), with racing risk extension.

18 MEDIA RIGHTS

18.1 Participants at this event automatically grant to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make use and show from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of them during the period in which they participate, and in all material related to the event without compensation.

18.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority.

18.3 Competitors may be required for media interviews or press conferences at the regatta.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact the Host Clubs

Host Club	SheSails Rep	Club Staff Contact
Royal Yacht Club of Victoria	Liesl Petterd 0417 541 410	Owen Church (0416 149 167) sailmanager@rycv.asn.au or 9397 1277
Hobson Bay Yacht Club	Sue Burke 0400 165 818	Stephen Cheney racing@hbyc.org.au or 9397 6393
Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron	Monica Jones 0417 134 007	Ann Rogers Boating@rmys.com.au or 9534 0227
Royal Brighton Yacht Club	Marnie Irving 0433 464 004	Colin Burgess boatingmanager@rbyc.org.au or 9592 3092
Sandringham Yacht Club	Robyn Ragauskus 0476 653 566	James Sly James.Sly@syc.com.au or 9599 0907