



# Sailing Season 2024 - 2025

Off The Beach (OTB)

## Notice of Race Version 1

Issued 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2024

The Organising Authority is The Royal Brighton Yacht Club Inc. (RBYC).

### 1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Australian Sailing Special Regulations, Part 2 Off the Beach Boats will apply.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 1.4 The use of helmets for Foiling Boards is mandatory when afloat.

### 2 Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 The RBYC OTB Sailing Instructions issued 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 shall apply.
- 2.2 The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

### 3 Communication

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is the Online Notice Board located at - <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/?ID=3>

### 4 Media

By lodging an entry, all competitors, give absolute right and permission for any photographs and/or video footage of their boat and crew to be published in any media stream for editorial, publicity or advertising purposes.

### 5 Eligibility and Entry

- 5.1 Entry is open to all OTB sailors that have current membership at RBYC.
- 5.2 All boats who are sailing in the Youth Racing Squad, 29er Squad or Green Fleet Squads will automatically be entered to the series and parental consent will be assumed upon enrolment. Their sign on and off will be managed by their coach for the day.
- 5.3 All other entries are by signing on via the club sign on system at - <https://rbyc.org.au/signon>

### 6 Schedule of Events

- 6.1 The Schedule of Races will be published as per the RBYC Sailing calendar <https://rbyc.org.au/rbyc-calendar/>.

### 7 [NP] [DP] Equipment inspection

- 7.1 Boats and equipment may be subject to inspection at any time in the series to ensure compliance with the rules.

### 8 Venue

- 8.1 The racing area will be on the waters of Port Phillip.

### 9 Courses

- 9.1 The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

## **10 Penalty system**

- 10.1 For divisions 4 and 5, rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced with a one turn penalty.

## **11 Scoring**

- 11.1 The Low Points Scoring System specified in Appendix A will apply as modified below:
- 11.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.3 When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.4 When from 10 to 14 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 11.5 When 15 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.

## **12 Risk statement/warning**

- 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.
- 12.2 RBYC also warns participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any sailing event in the RBYC OTB Racing.

## **13 Insurance**

- 13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$5,000,000 (recommended \$10,000,000) (or equivalent) per incident or the equivalent.
- 13.2 The Organising Authority may request a copy of the Certificate of Currency.
- 13.3 All owners/competitors who complete the entry form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Owner/competitors not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

## **14 Trophies**

- 14.1 Prizes will be awarded to series winners for each class at presentation night.
- 14.2 Training squads will receive coaches' awards in place of prizes.
- 14.3 Additional prizes can be awarded at the discretion of the RBYC Sailing Office.

## **15 Further Information**

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