



NOTICE OF RACE Version 5

Royal Brighton Yacht Club

Keelboats, Etchells, Dragons, 2.4mR & VX Ones

Sailing Season 2025-2026

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

Amendments

Number	Date	Change
1	8/10/25	Change to 9.4.3 From One Design to All Boats
2	01/08/26	Change to 3. Communications – Ch 73 now racing channel from 01 Aug 2026

1. Rules

- 1.1. All races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1, Sections 1 – 6, shall apply for Keelboats.
- 1.3. The ORCc system will apply where applicable. The "Single Number, Windward/Leeward" rating will be used for windward/leeward races and the "Single Number All Purpose" for all other races.
- 1.4. The Australian Measurement System (AMS) where applicable.
- 1.5. The Australian Sailing Keelboat Handicap Rule (PHS) where applicable.
- 1.6. Appendix T Arbitration shall apply.
- 1.7. Vision impaired sailors may request an approximate bearing and distance to the next mark. This changes RRS 41.

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. The RBYC Sailing Instructions dated 01 Aug 2026 shall apply.
- 2.2. The Sailing Instructions (SI) and Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI) are posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 2.3. Additional Supplementary Sailing Instructions shall be issued as designated in the RBYC Sailing Calendar.

3. Communication

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board is the Online Notice Board located at - <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/default.aspx?ID=3>
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on **channels 16, 73 & 77** and shall maintain a listening watch on Ch 73 while racing. The radio may be permanently installed or a waterproof handheld.
- 3.3. 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 and Entry

- 4.1. Entry is open to Keelboats, Etchells, Dragons, 2.4mR and VXOnes on the register of RBYC or any other organisation affiliated with Australian Sailing, that has provided a current Safety Compliance Declaration and Checklist. All boats must have insurance cover as described in Section 14.

- 4.2. Eligible boats that wish to enter a series are requested to do so on-line **7 days** prior to the commencement of said series. Casual entries will be accepted up to 24 hrs prior to race start.
- 4.3. To be eligible for AMS or ORCc results you must have a valid endorsed rating certificate.
- 4.4. Entries for a Two-Handed race or series shall have no more than 2 persons aboard whilst racing and may use self-steering.

5. Fees

- 5.1. If the boat is entered by an RBYC Member, no fee is payable.
- 5.2. If the boat is entered by a non-member of RBYC, the fee will be as follows:
 - a) \$400 for the season
 - b) \$100 for a series
 - c) \$25 per race day
- 5.3. Fees may be changed by Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

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/>.
- 6.2. On occasions when a decision is made that a Saturday's racing is not possible the racing may be re-scheduled for the next available Saturday that has no scheduled racing. The decision not to race will generally be made by midday on the day of the scheduled race; the date and time of the re-scheduled races will be available on the Official Notice Board.
- 6.3. Should the weather forecast be for challenging conditions, for example, 22 - 25 knots with a difficult sea state, the Race Officer can at their discretion change the course from Windward/Leeward to a Passage Race.

7. Venue

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

8. Courses

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

9. Safety

- 9.1. The Safety Category for each race will be designated in the RBYC Sailing Calendar.
- 9.2. Where a Safety Category has been designated in the RBYC Sailing Calendar, all competing boats must lodge the appropriate Safety Compliance Declaration to the sailing office prior to racing via sailing@rbyc.org.au. Boats failing to comply will have their entry refused.
- 9.3. After providing your self-audited safety compliance declaration an independent audit will be required by an approved safety auditor.
- 9.4. In addition to the requirements of the designated Safety Category, the following requirements also apply:
 - 9.4.1. While racing, no anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the bow or with any part protruding outboard. Unless built into part of the boat such as a bow sprit.
 - 9.4.2. All crew on deck competing under the following conditions shall wear a lifejacket: a) Keelboats entered as Two-Handed – lifejacket must comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 3.12 (minimum 50) b) Keelboats competing as Cat 7 on a boat without lifelines complying with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 3.12 (e.g. Etchells and Dragons) - lifejacket must comply with AS Special Regulations Part 2, Section 5.01.2 (minimum 50S).

- 9.4.3. All boats and their full crew are required to sign-on for each Club race day through the sign on/off system (<http://rbyc.org.au/signon>). All boats must also sign off through the sign on/off system.
- 9.4.4. Failure to comply with SI 9.4.1 or 9.4.2 this rule **may** result in the boat having a 3-point penalty (SCP) added to their score for the race(s) without a hearing. Failure to comply with SI 9.4.3 **will** result in the boat having a 3-point penalty (SCP) added to their score for the race(s) without a hearing.

10. Penalty System

- 10.1. For Etchells, Dragons, 2.4mR and VXOnes boats racing in One Design races the penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One-Turn Penalty, except that for infringements within the zone, as defined in the RRS, shall be a Two-Turn penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 10.2. Failure to comply with Australian Sailing Prescription under RRS 46 may result in a 3-point penalty without a hearing.

11. Scoring

- 11.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2. The Low Points Scoring System specified in Appendix A will apply as modified below:
- a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - b) 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.
 - c) 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.
 - d) 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.
- 11.3. Appendix A5.3 shall apply for all series scheduled over more than one weekend as modified below:
- a) The score for boats still racing at the close of the finish window will be scored TLE, 1 point more than the number of boats that finish.
 - b) The scores for DNS, OCS, UFD, BFD, DNF, NSC, RET, DSQ shall be 1 point more than the number of boats that come to the starting area.
 - c) The score for DNC shall be 3 points more than the number of boats that come to the starting area.
 - d) This changes RRS 35, A2.1, A4 and A5.
- 11.4. Boats holding an AMS two-handed rating, ORCc double handed or PHS two-handed rating entered as Two-Handed will be scored in the overall results of the race.
- 11.5. Keelboats entered in a series will be scored according to either their Fully Crewed or their Two-Handed handicap. Boats wishing to sail with both configurations are required to lodge an additional entry.

12. Media

By lodging an entry, all competitors, including owners, 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.

13. RISK STATEMENT

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. The Organising Authority, and the host club, their staff, officers, members, servants, and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in this Event or howsoever arising in connection with this Event.

14. Insurance

All boats shall have third party racing insurance cover of not less than \$AUD10 million (or equivalent thereof in any other currency) for any accident. 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.

15. Trophies

- 15.1. Prizes may be awarded to the boats placing first, second and third, depending on the number of starters in a race or series as follows:
 - a) A minimum of five starters are required for a third prize to be awarded.
 - b) A minimum of four starters are required for a second prize to be awarded.
- 15.2. Only boats on the RBYC Boat Register and entered by an RBYC member are eligible to win any RBYC Trophy Race or Series with the exception that financial members of a fleet affiliated with the International Etchells Association are eligible to win RBYC Etchells Trophies.
- 15.3. Prizes may be amended by Supplementary Sailing Instructions or the organising authority.

16. Further Information

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