



**HMAS Goorangai Memorial Trophy
Eliza Ramsden Trophy
Brighton to Queenscliff Yacht Race
October 31st 2026**

**The organising authority is Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club Inc.
The event is conducted by the Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club, with the
assistance of Royal Brighton Yacht Club**

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- a. The regatta will be governed by the current versions of:
- b. The current *Racing Rules of Sailing*(RRS) of World Sailing(WS)
- c. The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing(AS)
- d. Attention is drawn to the rules of the Port of Melbourne Corporation and Parks Victoria with regard to operating in or near channels and port boundaries.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- a. The regatta is open to all keelboats on the register of a member club affiliated with Australian Sailing who meet the requirements of Category 5 of the Yachting Australia Special Regulations, Part 1 for Racing Boats.
- b. For the Eliza Ramsden Trophy, the role of helm is to be occupied by female sailors.
- c. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form on line at <https://www.queenscliffcruisingyachtclub.com.au>
- d. Entries will be accepted up to 20:00 hrs on October 29th 2026 on payment of the specified entry fee.

3. FEES

- a. Entry fees are \$50.00 open until October 27th 2026
- b. Late entry fees of \$70.00 will apply from October 28th 2026

(Sunday, November 1st is Opening Day marking the 64th Anniversary of the Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club and competitors are invited to stay and attend the Opening Ceremony, Blessing of the Fleet and luncheon. Wharfage charges should be arranged via QCYC website.

4. THE RACE

- a. The race will be conducted on October 31st 2026 from the Start at RBYC Race Control Tower to the Finish in the vicinity of Queenscliff as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- b. The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 09:25
- c. The HMAS Goorangai Memorial Trophy Race and the Eliza Ramsden Trophy race are simultaneous.

5. HANDICAPPING

- a. Results will be determined based on a boat's performance handicap allocated by QCYC.
- b. Handicaps will be based on a boat's current performance handicap at her home club, normalised to bring club fleets to a common base.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after 09:00 on October 23rd 2026 at the RBYC office or on the QCYC website at www.queenscliffcruisingyachtclub.org

7. VENUE

The venue is Port Phillip between Brighton and Queenscliff

8. THE COURSE

- a. The course to be sailed will be as follows:
Start - RBYC
West Channel Pile
Port hand mark (off Queenscliff)
Finish – QCYC
- b. The course, including an alternative finishing location, will be more fully described in the sailing instructions.

9. BERTHING

- a. After finishing or on retirement, boats shall call QCYC on VHF 82 to advise finishing/ retirement time and be assigned a berth at QCYC.
- b. Boats shall be prepared to raft up with other boats at the QCYC wharf and shall provide their own berthing lines and fenders.
- c. All visiting boats are required to complete a QCYC Berthing Form.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- a. The Race Committee frequency is VHF 82 15 minutes after the Start. Communication prior to and for the Start shall be VHF Channel 73.
- b. Boats shall have a VHF transceiver with VHF channels 12, 16, 67, 73, and 82 capable of transmitting and receiving over the entire course area.

- c. Boats shall keep a continuous watch on VHF 82 after the Start.
- d. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

11. PRIZES

Prizes will be given for first, second and third places based on PHS handicaps for both trophy races. Please note that competitors in the Eliza Ramsden Trophy Race may also be given prizes for the HMAS Goorangai Race.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact QCYC Race Liaison Officer Michael Phelan at:

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