



2026-2027 RANGE SERIES

NOTICE OF RACE



The 2026-2027 Range Series, will be conducted on the waters of Port Philip from 24 October 2026 until 20 March 2027.

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

Host Club	Date
Royal Brighton Yacht Club	24 October 2026
Royal Yacht Club of Victoria	21 November 2026
Sandringham Yacht Club	6 February 2027
Port Phillip Northern Yacht Club (RMYS/RYCV/HBYC)	20 March 2027

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1, Sections 1 – 5, Category 6 will apply.
- 1.3 No anchors shall be carried on the 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 the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available by 1700 on Thursday, 22 October, online at the [official website](#).

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located online on the [official website](#).
- 3.2 Any changes to the NOR, SI or race schedule will be issued via Notice to Competitors and will be posted on the [official notice board](#) 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 AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The Range Series is open to all keelboats with a YV Performance Handicap greater than 0.650.
- 4.2 Boats may enter the Range Series, and all handicap and rating divisions, as part of the one entry.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter the Range Series via the [official website](#).
- 4.4 A crew list for each boat shall be lodged via the online entry system before 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 Sail Pass via their club.

5 FEES

There shall be no entry fee.

6 ADVERTISING

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

7 SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Host Club	First Warning Signal
24 October 2026	1	RBYC	1325
21 November 2026	2	RYCV	1325
6 February 2027	3	SYC	1325
20 March 2027	4	PPNYC	1325

- 7.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1325. A second race will follow immediately after the completion of the first race.
- 7.2 The series will consist of a maximum of eight races.
- 7.3 No warning signal will be made after 1600.
- 7.4 There will be no re-sails after 20 March 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 (AS) 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 races.
- 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

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

10 DIVISIONS

- 10.1 Boats shall race in divisions according to their PHS handicap based on the following guidelines:

Division 1	above 0.901
Division 2	0.826 to 0.900
Division 3	0.600 to 0.825

- 10.2 Boats with a starting PHS handicap between 0.885 and 0.915 may apply to the Race Committee for permission to sail in either Division 1 or 2.
- 10.3 Boats with a starting PHS handicap between 0.810 and 0.840 may apply to the Race Committee for permission to sail in either Division 2 or 3.

11 RACING AREA

Racing will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip in the vicinity of R2.

12 COURSES

Courses will be windward/leeward-type legs, as described in the Sailing Instructions.

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 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2 RRS A5.3 applies.
- 14.3 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores.
- 14.4 When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 14.5 For a handicap or rating division to be scored, there must be at least 5 entrants in that division.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 The series winners will be announced at the Victorian Sailing Awards.
- 15.2 The Range Trophy will be engraved with the winners of each of the Divisions and will reside for the following season at the club of the winner of ORC Division 1.
- 15.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

16 RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1 **RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'**
- 16.2 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.
- 16.3 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	Contact Name	Email Address / Phone No
Royal Brighton Yacht Club	Colin Burgess	boatingmanager@rbyc.com.au or 9592 3092
Royal Yacht Club of Victoria	Owen Church	sailing@rycv.asn.au or 0416 149 167
Sandringham Yacht Club	James Sly	boating@syc.com.au or 0448 968 085
Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron	Ann Rogers	boating@rmys.com.au or 9534 0227
Hobsons Bay Yacht Club	Stephen Cheney	racing@hbyc.org.au or 9397 6111
Principal Race Officer (PRO)	James Sly	james.sly@syc.com.au or 0448 968 085

Website – [Range Series](#)