

Australian Title
RS Quest Three Crew Youth Series
Interclub Competition
96th Stonehaven Cup Regatta

Tuesday 6th – Saturday 10th January 2026
The Organising Authority for the event is the
Royal Brighton Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE – Version 2

2 Rules 2.1

The Regatta will be governed by the rules defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) shall apply, including Part 2 (Off the Beach Boats).

2.2 Rule 44.1 is changed to replace the Two-Turns Penalty with the One-Turn Penalty.

2.3 Equipment requirements and restrictions as documented separately in "Equipment Requirements and Restrictions Applying to Stonehaven Cup Contests" (V04.11 20210210) will apply. See RSQAA website. <https://www.rsquestaa.com/>

3 Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority, which shall be displayed per the current yacht racing rules.

4 Eligibility and Entry

The Regatta is open to any club or sailing organisation that is affiliated with Australian Sailing and has boats of the RS Quest class <https://sailingresults.net/entry/default.aspx?ID=9769978>

A club can enter as many boats as they want for the Stonehaven Cup.

A maximum of 4 boats can represent a club for the Otto Meik Team Trophy and must be allocated at the time of entry.

4.1 Stonehaven Cup

- 4.1.1.1 Competitors must be under the age of 18 years at the start of the regatta. Competitors over the age of 18 years but under the age of 19 years at midnight on 31st December 2022 are eligible to compete in this series provided they can show evidence that they have actively participated in and contributed to their club's RS Quest sailing program (or equivalent) in the sailing season leading up to this series.
- 4.1.1.2 A competitor may be required to provide proof of age.
- 4.1.1.3 Boats must carry 3 crew or may carry 4 crew.
- 4.1.1.4 A boat must race all races with its nominated crew aboard at the time of entry. i.e., enters with three crew aboard, races with three crew aboard. Enters four crew aboard races with four crew aboard.
- 4.1.1.5 All participants must be a member of an affiliated Australian Sailing/Yacht Club
- 4.1.1.6 Eligible Participants may enter by completing the online form by Thursday 1st December 2025 at 17:00. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

5 Otto Meik Club Teams Competition

- 5.1 Each club **may** nominate one team of up to 4 boats to compete for the Otto A. Meik Perpetual Teams Trophy.
- 5.2 Each club **may** nominate up to 3 reserve crew members.
- 5.3 A person nominated as a reserve crew member must have competed in their club team selection trials or have sailed in a minimum of 5 races in the RS Quest class in the sailing season leading up to this series.
- 5.4 When a crew member withdraws after the close of entries, the race committee may approve a replacement crew from the nominated reserve crew members.
- 5.5 **Team Managers must complete a Club Teams Competition Entry Form including Reserve Crew members, as well as Team Officials.**

6 Fees

\$95 per person; additional late entry fee of \$30 after.

6.1 Racing schedule

6.1 Racing Schedule	Event Date	Time/s
Regatta check-in Equipment inspection BBQ – Rigging Lawn	Mon 05/01/26	0900 - 1700
Competitors briefing 2 invitation races – SHC Racing up to 2 races	Tues 06/01/26	1st warning signal 1155 Hrs BBQ – Deck after racing
SHC Racing up to 3 races	Wed 07/01/26	1st warning signal 1055 hrs 1800 hrs.
SHC Racing Up to 3 races	Thurs 08/01/26	1st warning signal 1055 Hrs.
SHC Racing Up to 3 races	Fri 09/01/26	1st warning signal 1055 hrs
Reserve for racing. Boat/container pickup for interstate competitors Formal Presentation 6 pm	Sat 10/01/26	Formal Presentation Dinner 6.00pm. \$40pp Youth, \$65 Adult

- 6.2** Nine races are scheduled, plus two invitation races.
- 6.3** No more than three races will be run on any one day. OA may change this if the weather is not suitable on a particular race day.
- 6.4** Races may be brought forward in the series provided that the sailing program becomes no more than one race ahead of the schedule.
- 6.5** No warning signal will be made after 1500hrs on the last day of racing.

7 Measurement

- 7.1** **Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee.** Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 7.2** Boats may be subject to inspection at any time during or before the regatta.

8 Sailing Instructions.

- a) The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/?ID=82123>
- b) No hard copies will be available at the regatta.

9 The Courses

- 9.1 The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions. The courses will be triangular or windward/leeward.

10 Scoring

- 10.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2 When fewer than 5 races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.3 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.
- 10.4 The scores of the 3 best-placed boats in each team of the Club Teams Competition will be totalled for each race, including the invitation races and the team with the lowest total points in all races will be awarded the Otto A. Meik Perpetual Teams Trophy.
- 10.5 **Team racing rules do not apply.**

11 Support Boats

- 11.1 All support boat operators are required to register with the Organising Authority to secure berthing and options.
- 11.2 Support boats can launch at RBYC Hard Stand or North Road launching ramp and be stored at the RBYC Marina. Trailer storage at RBYC may be available and must be requested by email on boatingmanager@rbyc.org.au
- 11.3 All support boats shall remain at least 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.
- 11.4 All support boats are required to have a VHF radio and maintain a listening watch on VHF77, or any other channel specified by the Race Committee.
- 11.5 When requested by the Race Management Team, support boats shall render immediate assistance as and when directed.
- 11.6 Support boats shall be identified by conspicuously displaying 2 or 3 letters on a water-resistant sheet attached to the outboard cowling

with the initials of the club of the competitors they are supporting. Alternatively, they may display the relevant club's burgee.

12 Boat Storage

12.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the designated storage area.

12.2 No trailer or shipping container storage is Available

13 Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

14 Prizes

1st place in 1st Invitation Race – Jock Sturrock Memorial Trophy (when raced in Victoria), 2nd, and 3rd place – Jock Sturrock Race Medallions

1st place in 2nd Invitation Race - Andrew Linacre Memorial Trophy Andrew 2nd and 3rd place - Linacre Memorial Race Medallions.

1st place in Stonehaven Cup – Stonehaven Cup. Awards to all crew.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each Stonehaven Cup race. Prizes to all crew Medallions

Club team with lowest total points in Stonehaven Cup and Invitation Races
- Otto A Meik Perpetual Teams Trophy

All participants Stonehaven Cup pennant

15 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.

16 Insurance

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

Further Information

Regatta Manager: Colin Burgess – boatingmanager@rbyc.org.au

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