



The Organising Authority will be the Royal Brighton Yacht Club Inc.
The Organising Authority for the Port Phillip Women's Championship Series (PPWCS) will be Royal Brighton Yacht Club Inc.

NOTICE OF RACE

3rd May 2026

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Performance Handicapping Rules of Yachting Victoria (PHS), the rules of the AMS and the rules of the ORC shall apply.
- 1.3 The Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1, Sections 1 – 5, Category 7 shall apply to all keelboat races.
- 1.4 No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or with any part outboard.
- 1.5 All Keelboats shall have a Safety Compliance Declaration for Category 7 or higher (see 1.4 above) lodged with their club for the 2025-2026 season before racing.
- 1.6 RRS 55.2 and 55.3 are amended to permit boats to tack spinnakers to bowsprits or bow poles.
- 1.7 ORC Crew Weight Limits will not apply for the Regatta.

2 Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available online ahead of the regatta on the RBYC website.

3 Communication

- 3.1 The official Notice Board is located on-line at the RBYC website www.rbyc.org.au
- 3.2 All boats shall carry Marine VHF Radios capable of operating on channels 12, 15, 16, 67, 69, 71, 73 & 77.
- 3.3 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat will make a voice or data transmission and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

4 Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 Entry is open to all Keelboats that comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1 Category 7 or higher.
- 4.2 Entry is open to keelboats with a valid AMS, ORC or Performance Handicap.
- 4.3 The helmsperson of the boat must be female and affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 4.4 There may be multiple sub-divisions based on the number or class of boats and handicaps of entered boats.
- 4.5 Entrants will be allocated to sub-divisions at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 4.6 Keelboats on the RBYC register are eligible to compete for the Associate's Cup (PHS) and must be helmed by an RBYC female member.
- 4.7 Participants may be eligible to compete for the PPWCS.
- 4.8 Eligible boats shall enter online [HERE](#) by 5 pm on Thursday 26th April 2026.
- 4.9 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

5 Fees

- 5.1 BLiSS Series Entry (includes PPWCS Race Day 5) - No charge if PPWCS series has been entered, otherwise \$30
- 5.2 There is no fee for entry into the RBYC Associates Cup.

6 Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising material chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. Material shall be displayed in accordance with instructions provided at registration.

7 Schedule of Events

Day	Date	Time	Activity
Sunday	3rd May	1100	Warning signal for Non-Spinnaker race (1 passage race is scheduled)
		1105	Warning Signal for BLiSS, RBYC Associates Cup & PPWCS Race Day 5 (up to 3 races are scheduled)
		Approx. 1600	BLiSS Presentation in the RBYC Member's Bar

No warning signal will be made after 1430.

8 Venue

The racing area will be on the waters of Port Phillip in the vicinity of the Royal Brighton Yacht Club.

9 Courses

The planned format and courses to be sailed for the BLiSS, RBYC Associates & PPWCS are windward/leeward courses.

Course for the Non-Spinnaker Division will be as per Appendix B of the Sailing Instructions. Courses will be described in detail in the Sailing Instructions.

10 Safety

All boats are required to sign-on for each Club race day through the sign on/off system (<http://rbyc.org.au/signon>). Failure to comply with this rule for racing will result in the boat having a 3-point penalty added to their score for the race(s) without a hearing.

11 Scoring

- 11.1 One race shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

12 Berthing of Boats during the Series

- 12.1 All visiting keelboats will be accommodated at RBYC on the Saturday night before the BLISS regatta at NO COST to the crew, skipper, or owner.
- 12.2 If you require a berth, please contact the Boating Manager by phone: (03) 9592 3092, or email: boatingmanager@rbyc.org.au

13 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.

14 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 an 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 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.

15 Insurance

For any accident, all boats shall have third-party insurance cover of not less than \$AUD10 million (or the equivalent thereof in any other currency). 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.

16 Prizes

- 16.1 Following racing the **BLISS Presentation** may be held in the RBYC Restaurant and will include the presentation of the BLISS, RBYC Associates Cup & PPWCS Race 5 prize.
- 16.2 Individual race prizes may be awarded as follows:
 - 16.2.1 First PHS overall (BLISS Perpetual Trophy)
 - 16.2.2 First AMS boat overall
 - 16.2.3 First ORC boat overall
- 16.3 The RBYC Associates Cup will be awarded to the first boat with an RBYC helmswoman in PHS and a boat registered at RBYC.
- 16.4 The Reville Family Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the first boat on PHS of

PPWCS Race 5 (consisting of the overall result from all races sailed on the day).

16.5 The Non-Spinnaker Division will be awarded to the first boat on PHS.

16.6 Other prizes may be awarded for special achievements and announced at the presentation.

17 Further Information

Further information:

- Website: <http://www.rbyc.org.au>
- Phone: 03 9592 3092
- Email: boatingmanager@rbyc.org.au