



LIPTON CUP REGATTA

20, 21 & 22 November 2026

Keelboat Notice of Race





Lipton Cup Regatta Keelboat Classes

**20th November – Twilight Invitational,
21st and 22nd November – Main Regatta**

Notice of Race

Royal Yacht Club of Victoria (RYCV) as the Organizing Authority (OA) invites entries to the Lipton Cup Regatta under the following conditions:

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing including the prescriptions of Australian Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) shall apply.
- 1.3. The Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1 will apply.
- 1.4. The Offshore Rating Council (ORC) rules where applicable.
- 1.5. The Australian Measurement System (AMS) rules where applicable.
- 1.6. **[NP]** Competitors will be allocated an Event Handicap (EHC) by the Regatta Handicap Committee. EHC are performance-based handicaps and may be changed at any time. The allocated EHC shall not be grounds for protest or redress. This changes RRS 60.1 and RRS 61.1(a).
- 1.7. **[SP]** Denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- 1.8. **[NP]** means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

2. Equipment and Entry

- 2.1. Boats will comply with AS Special Regulations – Part 1, Category 6 (includes working VHF radio)
- 2.2. RRS 51 is changed to allow for boats designed and built with moveable ballast.
- 2.3. RRS 52 is changed to allow the adjustment of movable water ballast or canting keels and the use of stored power to do so.
- 2.4. RRS 52 is changed to allow powered winches.
- 2.5. **[SP]** Boats will carry no anchor forward of the stem or with any part of it outboard, except when anchoring. The standard penalty is to be scored DSQ.



- 2.6. All competitors shall be members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing, a World Sailing Member National Authority (MNA) or apply for a Regatta Pass covering the three days of the regatta using the link available on the Lipton cup website.

<https://www.liptoncup.com.au/competitor-information>

- 2.7. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form available on the Lipton Cup Regatta website:

<https://www.liptoncup.com.au/enter-race>

- 2.8. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements.

3. Fees

All divisions	FREE
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4. Racing will be in Divisions

Division	Handicapping	Description
Measurement Racing Divisions 1,2 and 3	AMS, ORC, and EHC	This Division may be split into separate starts at the discretion of the OA considering the number and type of entries. Measurement results on Saturday 21 st Nov will count towards the Div 1, 2 and 3 results for the Range Race Series.
Cruising Division 4	EHC,AMS	This Division may be split into separate starts at the discretion of the OA considering the number and type of entries. Results for this division on Saturday 21 st Nov will count towards the Div 4 results for the Range Race Series.
Classic Division 5	EHC	This Division may be split into separate starts at the discretion of the OA considering the number and type of entries. Results for this division will count toward the CYAA Vic Summer Series.



5. Advertising and Media

- 5.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 5.2. By entering the Regatta, the competitors give the OA the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, photographs, video footage and audio recordings taken of the boat and its crew prior to and during and the Lipton Cup Regatta.

6. Schedule

6.1 Friday Invitational Twilight Race – 20th November 2026

Entries are open to all boats intending to participate in the Lipton Cup regatta to compete in the Invitational Twilight race on the 20th of November 2026.

Results from the Invitational Twilight Race will not contribute to the overall results for the Lipton Cup Regatta.

Date	Races Scheduled	First Warning Signal	Course Type
20/11/26	1	1755	Fixed Marks twilight course

Competitors may be organized into separate divisions depending on the number of boats competing. Prizes for the Twilight Invitational will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd on EHC.

A briefing for the Lipton Cup Keelboat Competitors will be held at the RYCV club rooms at the conclusion of the Twilight racing prize presentation.

6.2 Lipton Cup Regatta – 21 and 22 November

Division: Measurement Racing

Date	Races Scheduled	First Warning Signal	Course Type
21/11/26	2	1325	Windward/Leeward on Delta course
22/11/26	1	0955	Fixed Marks starting on Charlie Course



Division: Classic and Cruising

Date	Races Scheduled	First Warning Signal	Course Type
21/11/26	1	1055	Fixed Marks starting on Charlie Course
22/11/26	1	1025	Fixed Marks starting on Charlie Course

- On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1300.

7. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available by 1 November 2026 on the Lipton Cup Regatta website (www.liptoncup.com.au).

8. Radio Communication

- 8.1. **[DP]** 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.

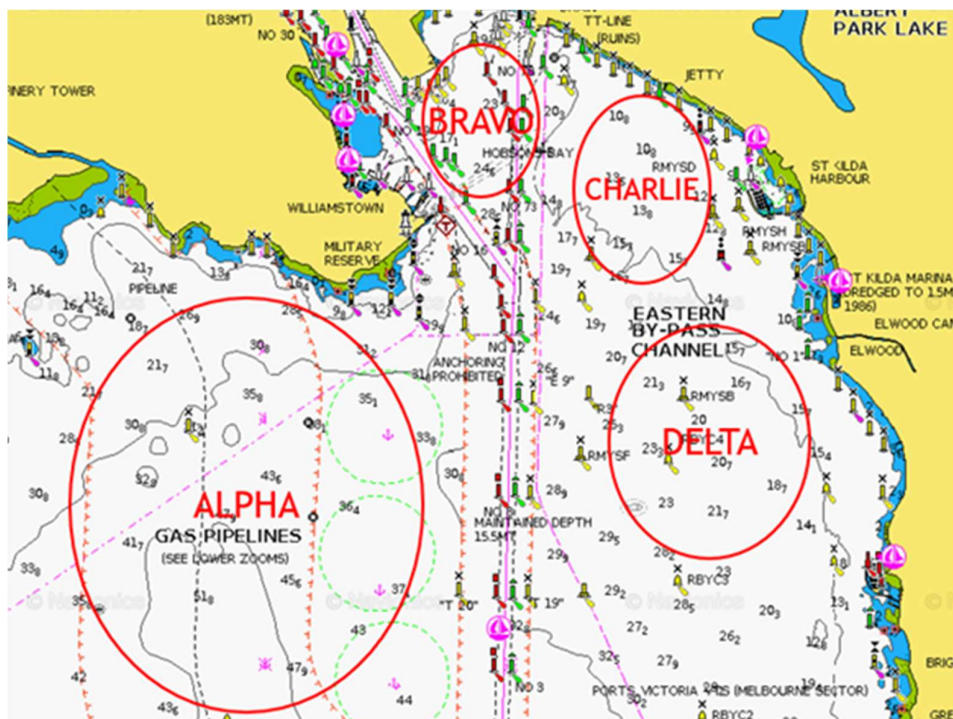
9. Venue

- 9.1. The regatta will be conducted from the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, 120 Nelson Place, Williamstown. Racing will take place on the waters of Hobsons Bay and Northern Port Phillip.



10. The Courses

The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions. The general location of the courses is shown below.



11. Scoring

- 11.1. There shall be a minimum of 3 entries to constitute a division.
- 11.2. For each division one (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3. For each division a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

12. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- 12.1. For the **Measurement Racing (Divisions 1,2 and 3)** - first, second, and third place series score in each of AMS, ORC, and EHC.
- 12.2. For **Cruising (Division 4)** - first, second, and third place series score in EHC and AMS.



12.3. For **Classic (Division 5)**- first, second, and third place series score in EHC.

12.4. The **Lipton Cup Perpetual Trophy** will be awarded to the overall winner of each Measurement Racing Division and the overall winner of the Cruising Divisions.

- The trophy winner for divisions 1,2 and 3 shall be awarded to the winner of the measurement handicap system (AMS or ORC) with the greatest number of boats entered in that division with precedence given to ORC where the number of entries is equal.
- The trophy winner for Division 4 shall be awarded to the winner of the EHC division.

12.5. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

12.6. The presentation of prizes will take place at RYCV at the end of the final day's racing.

13. Risk Statement

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* 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.

14. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$10 million per incident or the equivalent and shall produce evidence of currency if requested by the Organizing Authority.

15. Berthing

Berthing is available for all eligible boats attending the regatta on a first-in basis. Berthing will be free of charge for visiting boats on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st of November. One night's berthing fee will be charged for boats failing to notify



the Club of non-attendance.

Bookings for berthing should be made using marina booking form available here: <https://rycv.com.au/yard-marina/visitors/>

16. Further Information

The RYCV club will be open on Friday 20 November for the convenience of all competitors. Food & beverages will be available on race days. Competitors are encouraged to book ahead for Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoon for the regatta presentation.

For more information visit the regatta website
<https://www.liptoncup.com.au/> or contact:

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17. CHANGE LOG

Change Number	Change Type	Ver. No.	Description	Date
0	First Version	1.0	First release of NOR	1 July 2026