



LIPTON CUP REGATTA

20, 21 & 22 November 2026

OTB Notice of Race





Lipton Cup Regatta

Off the Beach (OTB) Classes

November 21-22, 2026

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Royal Yacht Club of Victoria (RYCV) as the Organising 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 The Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 2 will apply.
- 1.3 Appendix T of the RRS will apply.
- 1.4 Class Rules for the invited classes will apply.
- 1.5 The two-turn penalty in rule 44.1 is replaced by the one-turn penalty.
- 1.6 **[SP]** Denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- 1.7 **[NP]** means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available from the regatta page of RYCV website <https://www.liptoncup.com.au/race-documents> from 1 November 2026.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is on the regatta page of the RYCV website <https://www.liptoncup.com.au/race-documents>
- 3.2 Official Notices may also be posted on the notice board inside the RYCV OTB clubhouse.
- 3.3 **[DP]** While racing except in an emergency a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice and data transmissions or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ADVERTISING

- 4.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 4.2 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.



5 INVITED CLASSES AND ENTRY

5.1 Invited Classes are:

International Mirror Class
International Cadet Class
International Optimist Class
International 420 Class

Other classes may be added at OA discretion.

5.2 Entries will be made on the regatta web site: <https://www.liptoncup.com.au/enter-race>

5.3 The OA may cancel or make other arrangements for a class or division if the minimum number of 10 entries has not been received by midnight, **22 November 2026**. Competitors will be notified of the cancellation or new arrangement by email and posting on the official online notice board.

5.4 Entries close at midnight on **23 November 2026**.

6 FEES

6.1 Fees are as follows:

Single Handed Classes	Free
Double Handed Classes	Free

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Competitor information sessions will be held at RYCV on the rear deck of the main club house or at a location otherwise advised.

Date	Schedule	Time
21/11/26	Competitor information session	11.30
22/11/16	Competitor information session	09.00

7.2 Racing schedule for invited classes (other than Optimist Greenfleet)

Date	Races Scheduled	First Warning Signal
21/11/26	3	1300
22/11/26	6	1025

7.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.



8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 **[DP] [NP]** At the direction from the RO, a boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the rules.

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

10 COURSES

- 10.1 Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions

11 SCORING

- 11.1 Rule A5.3 will apply.
- 11.2 Up to 9 races may be included for the single and double handed classes and up to 12 for the Greenfleet class.
- 11.3 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.4 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.5 When from five to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst race score.
- 11.6 When seven to nine races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her two worst race scores.

12 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 12.1 **[DP] [NP]** Support person vessels shall familiarise themselves with RRS 37 and monitor the race committee channel between launching and retrieval, or the last boat finishes the last race of the day whichever is earlier.
- 12.2 **[DP] [NP]** Support person vessels shall remain a minimum 50m from any boat racing except when asked by the Race Committee to enter the course area to assist competitors.
- 12.3 **[DP] [NP]** Support person vessels shall comply with local legislation, including the safety equipment to be carried and the wearing of PFDs. Kill cords must be used when the motor is operating.
- 12.4 **[DP] [NP]** Support person vessels shall register their details using the entry system on the regatta web site. Berthing of registered support RIBS will be available at RYCV.
- 12.5 Larger vessels proposed to be used as a support craft requiring berthing at RYCV during the regatta must complete a marina booking form (<https://rycv.com.au/yard-marina/visitors/>) noting that berthing for larger vessels may be limited during this period.

13 Prizes

- 13.1 First, second, and third place series score in each Class.
- 13.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.
- 13.3 Presentation for all divisions will take place at RYCV at the end of the final day's racing.



14 RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1 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.

15 INSURANCE

- 15.1 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 and shall produce evidence of currency if requested by the Organising Authority.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

The RYCV club will be open on Friday 20 November for the convenience of all competitors. Food & beverages will be available from the Club during race days. Off the beach boats may be stored overnight at RYCV. Information on dinghy drop off and trailer storage will be available on the ‘competitor information’ section of the regatta website.

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

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17 Change Log

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