

Brighton to Queenscliff Yacht Rally Saturday 26 August 2023

NOTICE OF RALLY EVENT



**The organising authority is Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club Inc.
The event is conducted by the Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club with the
assistance of the KISS Program**



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1. RALLY

The KISS Passage Rally will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip with an approximate 26nm passage from Brighton to Queenscliff on Saturday 26 August 2023.

2. RULES

- a. The event will be governed by the current versions of:
The 2021-24 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS)
The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Category 5.
- b. Attention is drawn to the rules of the Port of Melbourne Corporation and Parks Victoria in regard to operating in or near channels and port boundaries.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- a. The event is open to all keelboats on the register of a member club affiliated with Australian Sailing that meet the requirements of Category 5 of the Yachting Australia Special Regulations, Part 1 for Racing Boats.
- b. The roles of helm, navigator and radio operator are to be occupied by female sailors enrolled in the KISS 2023 program, for the duration of the passage. These roles can be shared between female crew members if necessary.
- c. All participants are required to be a member of a member club affiliated with Australian Sailing, **or** otherwise need to apply for a two day [Day Sail Pass online](#) for insurance purposes.
- d. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form online at -
<https://www.trybooking.com/CKCRA>
Applications for entry must be made with a crew list indicating all crew members, their contact details and their emergency contact details.
- e. The crew list will also indicate the name of the female crew members nominated for the roles of helm, navigator and radio operator.
- f. Entries will be accepted up to 1400 hrs on Friday 25 August on payment of the specified entry fee.

4. FEES

- a. Rally Entry fees are \$50.00 per boat.
- b. **QCYC Overnight Berthing** - Saturday 26 August.
There is no berthing fee for KISS participating boats.
All boat owners participating in the Rally and berthing overnight are required to complete a [QCYC Online Booking form](#).
- c. The KISS Celebration Dinner will be held at 7pm on 26 August in the QCYC Dining room. All sailors, friends and family are welcome to attend. Cost is \$30 per person.
All attendees are required to register to attend the [KISS Celebration Dinner](#)





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d. **RBVC Overnight Berthing** - Friday 25 August

Free berthing will be available Friday evening at RBVC for boats coming from other clubs.

All boat owners participating in the Rally and berthing overnight are required to complete a [RBVC Casual Berthing form](#). Tick the box for Race/Regatta. Credit card details are required but will not be charged.

Dinner will be available at the RBVC Clubhouse.

5. SCHEDULE

a. The Rally Event will be conducted on Saturday 26 August 2023.

Boats will determine their own start times at the RBVC start line, taking into account tides, weather and boat performance data with a time limit for all boats of 1500hrs for the finish line at Swan Spit.

The window for start times will be from 0800hrs - 0930hrs.

b. KISS Presentation will be held in the QCYC Bar at 1700hrs.

c. KISS Celebration Dinner will be held in the QCYC Dining room at 1900hrs.

6. DIVISIONS AND HANDICAPPING

The performance of Rally boats will be assessed on the basis of their Log Book passage record and radio operation protocols.

Rally boats will determine their own start time according to their passage planning, taking into account tides, weather and boat performance capabilities.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available from Thursday 10 August 2023 on the [QCYC KISS webpage](#) and emailed to participants.

8. COURSE AREA

The Course Area is Port Phillip between Brighton and Queenscliff, keeping East of the Port Melbourne Channel.

9. RADIO COMMUNICATION

a. The Race Committee frequency is VHF Channel 73 for the pre rally sign on and during the start period 0800hrs until 0930hrs.

b. Boats will be required to take their own start time at the Brighton start line and report their position and start time to the Race Director by radio.

Further instructions re position reporting during the rally event will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

c. After 0930hrs, communication will be conducted on VHF Channel 82 for the duration of the event.

d. Boats shall keep a continuous listening watch on VHF Channel 82 after the Start period.





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- e. Boats shall have a VHF transceiver with VHF Channels 12, 16, 67, 73 and 82 capable of transmitting and receiving over the entire course area.
- f. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while on passage nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

10. PRIZES

Presentation of prizes will commence at 1700hrs on Saturday 26 August at QCYC clubhouse. Prizes will be awarded as follows -

- a. **360Q KISS Passage Helm Trophy**

For the best performed female helm in the rally event

- b. **Searoad Ferries KISS Passage Navigators Trophy**

For the best Log Book documentation amongst the nominated Navigators from all boats in the rally event

- c. **Queenscliff Maritime Museum KISS Passage Radio Operators Trophy**

For the best marine radio protocols amongst the nominated Radio Operators from all boats in the rally event.

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta event 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.

12. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per event or the equivalent. This information must be provided to the secretary of QCYC email secretary@qcyc.org.au upon placement of entry.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

- a. The venue for the finish of the Rally and overnight stay will be the Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club, situated on the West side of Sand Island Queenscliff.

QCYC provides a well-equipped Clubhouse with Kitchen, Bar and bathroom facilities.

There is no accommodation at the club for overnight stays. All members and visitors must overnight on moored boats at the Club wharf.

- b. For security reasons, it is a requirement that any visitors arriving by car to visit boats in the KISS Rally, must be notified to the Boat Team Manager with name and car registration number. This information is to be passed to the boat owner or crew member who is a **QCYC member** who must notify the Gatehouse (**03 5254 9468**) at Bridge Street at least 24 hours prior to the arrival of their visitors to allow them to access the bridge and causeway road.





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The driver of the vehicle will be required to have their VicRoads Licence (not a digital copy) with them on arrival at the gate and indicate that they are visiting QCYC for the KISS event. The security gate is open only between 7am and closes 7pm sharp on Saturday 26 August with no exit from the club outside these hours.

c. Further advice re QCYC visit the [QCYC Website](#)

For further information about the Rally event, please contact -

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