



**MELBOURNE OSAKA CUP**  
Double-Handed Yacht Race 2025

## Notice to Competitors No.6

A revised copy of the Melbourne Osaka Cup Sailing Instructions V3.0 dated 13/02/2025 has been published on the [Melbourne Osaka Cup website](#).

Amendments to the document include:

### Item 1 - Sailing Instructions -Introductory Note

The 2025 Melbourne to Osaka Double Handed Yacht Race (Melbourne Osaka Cup) will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip, Bass Strait, the Tasman Sea, the Coral Sea, the North Pacific Ocean and Osaka Bay. The race is organised and conducted by Melbourne to Osaka Double-Handed Yacht Race Limited (The Organising Authority [OA]), in cooperation with the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria (ORCV), the Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC) and the Osaka Hokko Yacht Club (OHYC).

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In addition, JSAF (Japan Sailing Federation), are officially supporting the race. JSAF Approval number: 2024-58

### Item 2 - 5.3 The Start

The Starting Line shall be between the signal mast displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and a red inflatable mark in the vicinity of the Portsea Pier at the port end.

#### Shall be amended to

The Starting Line shall be between the signal mast displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and a red inflatable mark in the vicinity of the Portsea Pier at the port end for the **main start on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025**.

#### In addition:

5.3.1 For all remaining starts on the 2<sup>nd</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> March 2025, the start line shall be between a signal mast on the Portsea Pier (port end) and a yellow mark (starboard end.) Lat 38 18.714s 144 42.863e as per the diagram attached in the Sailing Instructions.

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### **Item 3 - 1.Appendix A1 Race communications**

A1.1 Race communications shall be via VHF radio, satellite phone (voice and text) and email.

- VHF frequencies will be Channels 12, 16, 19, 20, 72, 73 and 82.
- Email contact shall be [rd@melbourneosaka.com](mailto:rd@melbourneosaka.com)
- Satellite phone calls and text will be to +61 TBA and +61 TBA

#### **Shall be amended to:**

Race communications shall be via VHF radio, satellite phone (voice, direct message and email.) Direct messages may be via satellite phone SMS or WhatsApp direct message to the race Director.

- VHF frequencies will be Channels 12, 16, 19, 20, 72, 73 and 82.
- Email contact shall be [rd@melbourneosaka.com](mailto:rd@melbourneosaka.com)
- Satellite phone calls and text will be to Primary Race Director phone **+61 494 355 324** and Secondary Race Director Phone **+61 418 396 605**

### **Item 4- A5 Routine Position Reports**

A5.2 Yachts are required to report their position at 0600 and 1800 AEST (See 1. Rules Para 1.2 regarding AEST/AEDT) by satellite phone text message daily to the numbers listed in Appendix A 1.1

#### **Shall be amended to:**

Yachts are required to report their position at 0600 and 1800 AEST (See 1. Rules Para 1.2 regarding AEST/AEDT) by satellite phone direct message daily to the Primary Race Director phone **61 494 355 324**

### **Item 5 - A14 Notifying an Incident to Race Management**

(3) An image of the Medical Incident form should be sent to the RD via email.

#### **Shall be amended to :**

(3) An image of the Medical Incident form should be sent to the RD via email.  
**[rd@melbourneosaka.com](mailto:rd@melbourneosaka.com)**

(4) Make contact with the Race Director by Satellite phone who will contact the Race Medical Officer (RMO)

#### **Shall be amended to:**

(4) Make contact with the Race Director by **Satellite phone 61 494 355 324**, who will contact the Race Medical Officer (RMO)



### **Item 6- General communication to Entrants**

This is to confirm that as NTC 5 General Information, Communication -Satellite Phones, the OWM has approved the use of WhatsApp for sending and receiving direct messages in addition to satellite phone SMS type direct messages.

If you have not already provided the following information, please forward to [admin@melbourneosaka.com](mailto:admin@melbourneosaka.com)

**Boat name:**

Satellite phone 1: SMS system or Messaging App (eg.Direct messages, PredictWind, WhatsApp etc.)

Satellite phone 2: SMS system or Messaging App (eg. Direct messages, PredictWind, WhatsApp etc.)



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