



MELBOURNE OSAKA CUP
Double-Handed Yacht Race 2025

Notice to Competitors No.15

Revised start date and time for Final Start

A revised Melbourne Osaka Cup NTC 15 dated 30/03/2025, Melbourne Osaka Cup SIs V8.0 and NoR V7.0 have been published on the Melbourne Osaka Cup [website](#).

The ORCV-On Water Manager advises the final start date and time which were delayed in NTC 14, will now occur on 31st March 2025 with a warning signal of 1625hrs.

Amendments to the Sailing Instructions document include:

5. The Start

5.2 The following table shows the scheduled dates and times for each warning signal.

Date 2025	March 2 nd	March 9 th	March 17 th	March 23 rd	March 30 th
Warning Signal (AEDT)	1635	1555	1125	1425	1525

Has been amended to:

5.2 The following table shows the scheduled dates and times for each warning signal.

Date 2025	March 2 nd	March 9 th	March 17 th	March 23 rd	March 31 st
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A3 Pre-Race sign on Schedule

A3.1. A pre-race sign on schedule will be conducted on VHF Radio Channel 82 commencing at the times (AEDT) listed below:

Date 2025	March 2 nd	March 9 th	March 17 th	March 23 rd	March 30 th
Sign on schedule VHF 82	1545	1515	1045	1345	1445

Has been amended to:

A3.1. A pre-race sign on schedule will be conducted on VHF Radio Channel 82 commencing at the times (AEDT) listed below:

Date 2025	March 2 nd	March 9 th	March 17 th	March 23 rd	March 31 st
Sign on schedule VHF 82	1545	1515	1045	1345	1545

A4 Shipping Movements and Transiting Port Phillip Heads

Date 2025	March 2 nd	March 9 th	March 17 th	March 23 rd	March 30 th
Shipping advice schedule VHF 82	1615	1545	1115	1345	1515

Has been amended to:

A4.1 At the Times(AEDT) shown below, Ocean Racing will broadcast advice of shipping movements through Port Phillip Heads on VHF Ch12

Date 2025	March 2 nd	March 9 th	March 17 th	March 23 rd	March 31 st
Shipping advice schedule VHF 82	1615	1545	1115	1415	1615



Amendments to the Notice of Race include:

1.The Race

- 1.1 This is a 5,000 nautical mile, Category 1 race (plus the additional requirements listed in Appendix A of this Notice of Race), starting in the vicinity of Portsea Pier in Victoria, Australia and finishing in Osaka Bay, Japan. All entries shall be monohull sailing yachts crewed by two persons. The race is a non- stop and unassisted event. Any yachts determined to have received outside assistance may have a penalty of up to 30% added to their elapsed time. The finish line at Osaka will be manned for 21 days after the arrival of the first yacht, after that time finishers will record their own finishing time.

The race will have a starting window commencing on Sunday 2nd March 2025 and concluding on Sunday 30th March 2025. The main start will be on Sunday 16th March 2025. Depending on entries, slower yachts will start earlier and faster yachts later than the main start.

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The race will have a starting window commencing on Sunday 2nd March 2025 and concluding on **Monday 31st March 2025**. The main start will be on Sunday 17th March 2025. Depending on entries, slower yachts will start earlier and faster yachts later than the main start.

- 10.3 Weather briefings will be provided as follows:
Both crew members from each yacht shall attend the relevant briefing. This briefing may be virtual as per paragraph 10.1
Start date and information:
- 2/3/2025. This briefing will be at 1200hrs via a Teams Link to be provided to the starter.
 - 9/3/2025. This briefing will be in-person at Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron at 1200hrs and also available via a Teams Link to be provided to starters.
 - 16/3/2025: This briefing will be in-person at Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron at 1200hrs, and also available via a Teams Link to be provided to starters.
 - 30/3/2025: This briefing will be at 0900hrs via a Teams Link to be provided to the starter.



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 - 9/3/2025. This briefing will be at Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron at 1200hrs and also available via a Teams Link to be provided to starters.
 - 17/3/2025. This briefing will be at 0830hrs via a Teams Link to be provided to starters.
 - **31/3/2025. This briefing will be at 0900hrs via a Teams Link to be provided to the starter.**

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30/03/2025
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