



2026 Queenscliff Maritime Weekend Trophy Race Invitation to Classic Yachts

The Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club Sailing Committee has the pleasure of inviting your classic yachts to participate in the **Queenscliff Maritime Weekend Trophy Race**, conducted as part of the Queenscliff Maritime Weekend.

The event will be held on **Saturday, 7 March** and conducted by the Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club.

As marina and berthing is limited it is advisable to make arrangements sooner rather than later.

Race Schedule

Race start times (weather permitting):

- **Division 3:** 1400 hrs
- **Division 2:** 1410 hrs
- **Division 1:** 1420 hrs

Pre-Race Activities

- **Blessing of the Fleet:**
Queenscliff Harbour, **1030-1100 hrs** will be held in the mooring area marked J, click [here](#) for a marina map.
- **Competitors' Briefing:**
Queenscliff Harbour, **1130 hrs**, at the **marina office area on the main wharf** near the area marked D on the marina plan click [here](#)
(Location signposted on the day)
- **Sail Past (racing and non-racing vessels):**
Off Queenscliff Pier, **1300-1330 hrs**

Rules & Eligibility

The race will be governed by:

- The **Australian Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing**
- **Australian Sailing Special Regulations – Part 1**
- The **Sailing Instructions** issued by Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club Inc (QLYC)

Yachts must comply with:

- **AS Category 5** – keelboats and trailable yachts
- **AS Category 7** – Couta Boats
- Applicable class rules

Entries & Registration

Entry and vessel registration is open via the Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club website **Registration and Entry** click [here](#)

The following documents will be available online:

- **Notice of Race** click [here](#)
- **Sailing Instructions** click [here](#)

Important Notes

- **All skippers and crew are required to register individually** for the event via the QLYC website click [here](#)
- **All participating skippers and crew must obtain a free SailPass**, in accordance with **Australian Sailing Racing Rule 46 (RRS 46)**
- **All participating vessels must also be registered** via the QLYC website click [here](#)

Navigation & Safety

- The race course will be determined on the day and will be selected based on the forecast conditions

- A list of QLYC race courses are available [here](#) and a chart of the courses area can be found [here](#)
- Courses include **fixed structures and strong tidal flows** — care must be exercised when rounding marks
- The **Queenscliff–Sorrento Ferry** operates in the area, departing **on the hour every hour between 0600 and 1800 hrs**

Vessel Berthing Arrangements

- **Classic yachts:**
Berthing available at **Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club** along the North and South Wharves .Note Berthing can accommodate yachts drawing up to 2.4m.
(Refer to QCYC website for details and bookings) click [here](#) for visiting and [here](#) for berthing.
- **Note** QCYC has road access between 700hrs and 2000hrs (2100hrs on Saturday and Public Holidays) You will need to present your Drivers License at the gatehouse.
- **Conta boats:**
Please contact either the **Queenscliff Harbour** [here](#) or the Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club (see above) for overnight berthing.

Post-Race Function

A **post-race presentation**, with nibbles and drinks, will be held at:

Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club

90 King Street, Queenscliff

From **1630 hrs**

We look forward to welcoming your Classic vessels to Queenscliff for this special maritime celebration.

Colin White Commodore

Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club