



Hobson's Bay Yacht Club

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2008-2009

Club Aggregate

NOTICE OF RACE

1 INTRODUCTION

Hobson's Bay Yacht Club Inc. as the Organising Authority, advises that the 2008-2009 HBYC Club Aggregate, will be conducted between the 18th October 2008 and 18th April 2009. All races will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip.

The following conditions of entry shall apply.

2 RESPONSIBILITY

All boats taking part in races conducted by Hobson's Bay Yacht Club (HBYC) do so at their own risk and responsibility. Unless otherwise stated, races shall be conducted under category 6 of Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 1 Sections 1-6, 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing. HBYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. Attention is drawn to ISAF Rule 4, which states ***"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue is hers alone."***

3 RULES

The 2008-2009 HBYC Summer Aggregate will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2005-2008, the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia (Y.A.), the handicapping rules for the Performance Based Handicapping System (YV, where applicable), the handicapping rules for the Australian Measurement System (AMS, where applicable), the Rules of the relevant Classes, except as any of these is changed by this Notice of Race and by the Sailing Instructions.

3.1 Advertising

The Series is classified as a Category C event in accordance with RRS 79 and ISAF Regulation 20 and the Prescriptions of the Y.A. thereto as amended from time to time.

Boats shall, if required by the Race Committee; display in locations specified any logos, pennants or promotional material as may be supplied.

3.2 Divisions

3.2.1 Entry is open to all boats in the following Divisions; AMS boats shall start in their respective Y.V. Handicap Division.

3.2.1.a Performance Handicap

All handicaps as supplied by the official club handicapper at the boat's home club. The HBYC Handicapper reserves the right to revise any handicap during the Series, and to make the changed handicap retrospective if required. Boat Owners/Skippers are reminded of their obligations under Rule 2 of the Y.V. Handicapping Rules. Handicaps will be revised between Races in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of Y.V. performance handicapping.

3.2.1.b AMS Division

Time on time results will be calculated for boats competing in Performance Divisions as detailed above, where a valid AMS Certificate is submitted; these results will be calculated from the elapsed time obtained in each performance Handicap Division. Skippers are reminded that they must use the sail configuration as outlined in their AMS Certificate. A copy of a valid measurement or rating certificate (where applicable) as issued by the appropriate authority shall be made available on request.

3.2.1.c IRC Division

Time on time results will be calculated for boats competing in Performance Divisions as detailed above, where a valid IRC Certificate is submitted; these results will be calculated from the elapsed time obtained in each performance Handicap Division. Skippers are reminded that they must use the sail configuration as outlined in their IRC Certificate. A copy of a valid measurement or rating certificate (where applicable) as issued by the appropriate authority shall be made available on request.

3.3 Y.A. Special Regulations

- 3.3.1 Special regulations Category 6 of Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 1 Sections 1-6, 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing shall apply.
- 3.3.2 Rule 40, (Flag"Y") when displayed by the Race Committee, will only apply to boats without lifelines.
- 3.3.4 It is strongly recommended that all crew of boats without lifelines wear a PFD type 1 whilst on deck.
- 3.3.5 It is strongly recommended that all crews of boats wear a PFD type 1 whilst on deck when conditions are such as to warrant it. Such conditions would include:
 - When sails are reefed or:
 - Where there is significant wind effect on the water or wave heights that might jeopardize the safety of the vessel or its occupants.
- 3.3.6 No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or any part outboard.

3.4 Declaration of Compliance and Safety Equipment Checklist

Competitors are required, as a condition of entry, to have completed a separate Declaration of Compliance and Safety Equipment Checklist which may be lodged with their home club for the 2008 - 2009 sailing season.

3.5 Entry

- 3.5.1.a Eligible boats shall be boats on the HBYC Yacht Register.
- 3.5.1.b An entry into any Race is deemed to be an entry into the Series. No extra cost over the race entries paid to host clubs will be charged.
- 3.5.1.c Entries shall be completed on the appropriate application form and shall arrive at HBYC Office by 1200 hours on the Wednesday prior to the race accompanied by the prescribed fee. Late entries may not be accepted, and if accepted they shall incur a late entry fee.

3.6 Fees

Entry fees will apply as prescribed on the Block Entry Form.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

18 th October 2008	HBYC WALTER PATON TROPHY ALEX NELSON (AMS TROPHY)
25 th October 2008	CLUB AGGREGATE RACE No 2
16 th November 2008	HBYC REAR COMMODORE'S CUP
22 nd November 2008	HBYC ACROSPIRE TROPHY
29 th November 2008	NICHOLAS MAINA TROPHY
13 th December 2008	HBYC COMMODORE'S CUP
31 st January 2009	CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR TROPHY
14 th February 2009	HBYC BERNIE KAVANAGH TROPHY
14 th March 2009	HBYC JESSIE CUP
28 th March 2009	HBYC VICE COMMODORE'S CUP

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

All races hosted by HBYC, will be conducted under the HBYC Sailing Instructions, dated June 2005, or as amended.

Races hosted by other Yacht Clubs shall be sailed under the sailing instructions issued by that Club.

Sailing instructions are available from the lower foyer at HBYC, or from the office of a participating club.

6 RACING AREA AND COURSES

The racing area will be on the waters of Port Phillip.

Courses shall be described in the Sailing Instructions, issued by the host clubs.

7 SCORING

Subject to sufficient entries there shall be a Club Aggregate Champion in Y.V. division, AMS divisions and IRC division.

For each race, the low point scoring system Rule A2 will apply, modified as follows:

10 races are scheduled, of which 5 are required to constitute a series. If 9 or more races are completed, the worst three scores shall be discarded. If less than 9 and more than 7 races are completed; the worst two scores shall be discarded. If 7 or 6 races are completed, the worst score will be discarded. If 5 races only are completed, all scores shall count.

8 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions (including mobile telephones) not available to all boats while racing and which constitute outside assistance.

9 PRIZES

Prizes for each race shall be awarded to the winner and, may be awarded to place getters, subject to the number of starters for the race.

Prizes will be presented at the Club Presentation Night to be held at the Hobson's Bay Yacht Club.

10 HANDICAPS

Handicaps will be determined by the Race Committee and shall not be subject to protest. This changes RRS 60.1 (b), 60.2(b) and RRS 62.

11 RESAILS

There shall not be resails in this series

12 NUMBER OF STARTERS IN A DIVISION

3 or more starters will constitute a Race.

13 CREW AND NEXT OF KIN DECLARATIONS

13.1 Crew declarations shall be submitted to HBYC by 1200 hrs on the Monday following the race.

13.2 For the long distance (passage) race, conducted by HBYC, all yachts must submit Crew and Next of Kin Declarations to the HBYC Race Director or their delegate 60 minutes BEFORE the start of the race. Any changes after this time and prior to the start of the race must be communicated to the Race Director by CH 73 prior to the start of the race, failure to submit a crew/Next of Kin Declaration before the race or to ensure that the contents are accurate and complete may result in the boat being scored as a non- starter (DNC).

14 INDEMNITY

14.1 All those taking part in the 2008-2009 HBYC Summer Season do so at their own risk and responsibility and are responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and for the sufficiency and adequacy of its equipment. Neither HBYC, its servants or volunteers shall accept liability or responsibility whatsoever for death or any personal or material damage sustained by participants before, during or after any event.

14.2 Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4, which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact the HBYC on (03) 9397 6393