



Hobson's Bay Yacht Club

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2008 -2009

HBYC Two Handed Series

NOTICE OF RACE

1 INTRODUCTION

Hobson's Bay Yacht Club Inc. as the Organising Authority advises that the 2008 -2009 HBYC Two-Handed Series will be conducted between the 5th October 2008 and the 29th March 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 5 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 Two-Handed Series 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 (Y.V., where applicable), the handicapping rules for the Australian Measurement System (AMS, where applicable) the handicapping rules for the International Racing Certificate (IRC, where applicable) and, 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 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. All divisions will be started concurrently.

3.2.1.a Performance Division-“Local Handicaps”

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 HBYC Two-Handed Handicapping Rules.

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 5 of Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 1 Sections 1-6, 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing shall apply.
- 3.3.2 All persons shall wear a PFD type 1 whilst on deck, and it is strongly recommended that they continue to wear a PFD type 1 until safely returned to their home port.
- 3.3.3 No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or any part outboard.
- 3.3.4 Rule 52 Manual Power shall be modified to allow self-steering equipment to be used.

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 or the Register of a Yachting Victoria affiliated Club.
- 3.5.1.b An entry into any Race is deemed to be an entry into the Series.
- 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 for each division entered as prescribed on the Two-Handed Entry Form.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

DATE	START TIME	HEAT
5 th October 2008	11.00	Heat 1
9 th November 2008	11.00	Heat 2
30 th November 2008	11.00	Heat 3
1 st February 2009	11.00	Heat 4
29 th March 2009	11.00	Heat 5

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

All races will be conducted under the HBYC Sailing Instructions, dated June 2005, or as amended. Sailing instructions are available from the HBYC office.

6 RACING AREA AND COURSES

The racing area will be on the waters of Port Phillip. Courses shall be described in the Sailing Instructions.

7 SCORING

Subject to entries there shall be a Two-Handed Champion in Y.V., AMS and IRC divisions. For each Division, the low point scoring system Rule A2 will apply, modified as follows:

5 races are scheduled, of which 3 are required to constitute a series. If 4 or more races are completed, the worst score shall be discarded

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.

Boats should contact the HBYC Race Office on VHF Ch 73 during the race as described in the Sailing Instructions.

9 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to each Division for the overall series. Heat prizes may also be awarded.

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 will be no resails in this series.

12 CREW DECLARATIONS

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

13 NUMBER OF STARTERS IN A DIVISION

3 or more starters in a Division will constitute a Race.

14 INDEMNITY

14.1 All those taking part in the 2008 -2009 HBYC Two Handed Series 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 Failure to complete the declaration attached to the entry form may lead to a yacht being declared a non starter for that race or for the series, if it is a series entry.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

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