



# Hobson's Bay Yacht Club

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## Helly Hansen & Dockland Sailing School

### 2009 Brass Monkeys Series

**NOTICE OF RACE**

# 1 INTRODUCTION

Hobson's Bay Yacht Club Inc. as the Organizing Authority advises that the 2009 Brass Monkeys Series will be conducted from the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2009 until the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2009 and run every fortnight.

All races will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip. The following conditions of entry shall apply.

# 2 RESPONSIBILITY & INDEMNITY

Unless otherwise stated, races shall be conducted under Category 6 of Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 1 Sections 1-6, 2009-20012 Racing Rules of Sailing.

All those taking part in the 2009 Brass Monkeys 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.

HBYC, its servants or volunteers shall NOT accept liability or responsibility whatsoever for death or any personal or material damage sustained by participants before, during or after any event.

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 2009 Brass Monkeys Series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2009-2012, the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of the Australian Yachting Federation (AYF), the handicapping rules for the Performance Based Handicapping System (VYC, where applicable), the Rules of the relevant Classes, except if 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.

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

## 3.2 Performance Handicaps – "Local 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.

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 YV Handicapping Rules. Handicaps will be revised between races in accordance with the HBYC Pursuit Performance Handicapping Rules.

## 3.3 Divisions

There shall be two Divisions – Division A (Spinnakers) and Division B (Non-Spinnakers). Division B may not use spinnakers or bloopers or gennakers. Normal working headsails may be poled out.

Boats may enter either Division, but may only change Divisions by written application to the Race Committee.

## 3.4 Division Flags

Boats in Division A (Spinnakers) shall fly a **BLUE** flag on the backstay. Boats in Division B (Non-Spinnakers) shall fly a **YELLOW** flag on the backstay. Boats failing to comply with this rule may be disqualified, subject to protest.

## 3.5 Resails

There will be no resails in this Series

## 3.6 Insurance

All entrants shall carry minimum liability insurance of \$10,000,000

## 4 YA SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Special regulations Category 6 of Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 1 Section 1-6, 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing shall apply.

All crew of boats without lifelines shall wear a PFD type 1 or 2 whilst on deck. It is strongly recommended that all crews of boats wear a PFD type 1 or 2 whilst on deck when conditions are such as to warrant it. Such conditions would include:

- When sails are reefed;
- Where there is significant wind effect on the water or wave heights that might jeopardise the safety of the vessel or its occupants;
- No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or any with part outboard.

## 5 DECLARATIONS 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.

## 6 ENTRY

Eligible boats shall be boats on the HBYC Yacht Register, or on the Register of a Yachting Victoria affiliated Club. An entry into any Race is deemed to be an entry into the Series.

Entries shall be completed online prior to the Thursday before the race accompanied by the prescribed fee. Late entries may not be accepted, and if accepted they shall incur a late entry fee.

## 7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Date	Start Time	Heat
Sat 2 May 09	13:30	Practice Race
Sat 16 May 09	13:30	Heat 1
Sat 30 May 09	13:30	Heat 2
Sat 13 June 09	13:30	Heat 3
Sat 27 June 09	13:30	Heat 4
Sat 11 July 09	13:30	Heat 5
Sat 25 July 09	13:30	Heat 6
Sat 8 Aug 09	13:30	Heat 7
Sat 22 Aug 09	13:30	Heat 8

## 8 ENTRY FEES

Series Entry:	Entry to be lodged online	\$135.00 for series
Individual Race Entry:	If lodged before the Thursday preceding the race	\$ 20.00 per race
	If received later than the Wednesday preceding the race (and accepted as a late entry)	\$25.00 per race

## **9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available at HBYC and on the website in the week prior to the first race.

## **10 RACING AREA AND COURSES**

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

## **11 SCORING**

The low point scoring system Rule A2 will apply, modified as follows:

*8 races are scheduled, of which 5 are required to constitute a series. If 7 or more races are completed, the worst two scores shall be discarded. If 6 races are completed, the worst score shall be discarded. If less than 6 races are completed, all scores shall count. The race held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2009 does not count as part of the series result.*

## **12 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.

## **13 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded for the 2009 Brass Monkeys Series in each Division. Prizes for each race may be awarded to the winner. Prizes will be presented at the Club Presentation Night to be held at Hobson's Bay Yacht Club.

## **14 NUMBER OF STARTERS IN A DIVISION**

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

## **15 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact the HBYC on (03) 9397 6393 or [racing@hbyc.asn.au](mailto:racing@hbyc.asn.au)

