



Hobson's Bay Yacht Club

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2009 Lady Skippers Race

Sunday 15th Feb 2009

1330 Hrs

NOTICE OF RACE

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1 INTRODUCTION

Hobson's Bay Yacht Club Inc. as the Organising Authority advises that the 2009 Lady Skippers Race will be conducted on Sunday 17th Feb 2009.

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, 2009 - 2012 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 2009 Lady Skippers Race will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2009-2012, the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of the Yachting Australian (YA), the handicapping rules for the Performance Based Handicapping System (YV), except as changed by this Notice of Race and by the Sailing Instructions.

3.1 Advertising

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

3.2 Divisions

Entry is open to all boats in the Performance Handicap Division. 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 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.

3.3 Special Regulations

3.3.1 Special regulations Category 6 of Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 1 Sections 1-6, 2009-2012 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.

3.3.3 It is strongly recommended that all crew of boats without lifelines wear a PFD type 1 or type 2 whilst on deck.

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-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.

3.3.5 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 2007 - 2009 sailing season.

3.5 Entry

3.5.1 Eligible boats shall be boats on the HBYC Yacht Register, or on the register of a Yachting Victoria affiliated Club.

3.5.2 Eligible boats shall be under the command of, and be helmed by, a woman skipper for the duration of the race.

3.5.3 Entries shall be completed on the appropriate application form and shall arrive at HBYC Office by 1200 hours on the Friday prior to the race accompanied by the prescribed fee.

3.5.4 Fees: The entry fee will be \$20 including GST. Late entries, if accepted, will be \$25.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACE

Race date is Sunday 15th Feb at 1330hrs.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

All races will be conducted under the HBYC Sailing Instructions, dated June 2005, or as amended. Sailing instructions will be available from the lower foyer at HBYC prior to the race and available on the club website 48 hours in advance.

6 RACING AREA AND COURSES

The racing area will be on the waters of Port Phillip. Courses shall be described in the Sailing Instructions and for this race will use the twilight courses as described in Part C.

7 SCORING

The low point scoring system Rule A2 will apply.

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 will be awarded to the winner and, may be awarded to place getters, subject to the number of starters for the race. Trophy prizes will be presented at the Club Presentation Night to be held at the Hobson's Bay Yacht Club. The Sponsor's prize may be presented at the Clubhouse after the event.

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

If the race is not sailed on its scheduled day, it may be resailed at a later date at the discretion of the Race Committee.

12 NUMBER OF STARTERS IN A DIVISION

3 or more starters will constitute a Race.

13 CREW DECLARATIONS

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

14 INDEMNITY

14.1 All those taking part in the 2009 HBYC Lady Skippers Race 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: Please contact HBYC on (03) 9397 6111