



Hobsons Bay Yacht Club Port Phillip Sea Pilots Trophy Race



Notice of Race Saturday 28th February 2009

THE RACE

Hobsons Bay Yacht Club (HBYC), as the organising authority, invites owners and crew of eligible boats to compete in the Port Phillip Sea Pilots Trophy to be held on the waters of Port Phillip on Saturday 28th February 2009.

RESPONSIBILITY

All boats taking part in the Port Phillip Sea Pilots Trophy do so at their own risk and responsibility and are responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. Neither HBYC or 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 the event. Attention is drawn to ISAF Fundamental Rule 4, which states "*The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue is hers alone.*"

THE START

The race will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip. The Starting Line will be in the vicinity of Station Pier.

Warning Signals as follows:

Division A (Long Course) - YV Performance Handicap, AMS, IRC & Two Handed 0955 hours

Division B (Short Course) - YV Performance Handicap, AMS, IRC & Two Handed 1000 hours

RULES

General

The race will be governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2009-2012, the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of the Yachting Australia (YA), the International Rules for the Prevention of a Collision at Sea between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the handicapping rules for the Performance Based Handicapping System (YV), the International Rating Club (IRC) and the Australian Measurement System (AMS) where valid certificates have been supplied, the Rules of the relevant Classes, except as any of these is changed by this Notice of Race and by the Sailing Instructions.

Safety Regulations

For boats entered in the long course (Division A - YV, AMS, IRC & Two Handed), YA Special Regulations Part 1, Sections 1 – 6, Category 4 shall apply, with the addition of equipment as described overleaf.

For boats entering in the short course (Division B - YV, AMS, IRC and Two Handed), YA Special Regulations Part 1, Sections 1 – 6, Category 5 shall apply, with the recommendation of additional equipment as described overleaf.



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For boats entering the Two-Handed Division competitors shall wear a PFD Type 1 or 2 at all times.

Additional Safety Equipment

Racing Rules of Sailing Para No	
4.03.1	Jackstays Fitted
4.06	One additional flashlight (minimum of 2)
3.21.2	Spare Compass independent of power supply
3.25	VHF radio
4.11.2	GPS onboard

Rule 40, (Flag "Y") When displayed by the Race Committee, will only apply to boats without lifelines. All crew of boats without lifelines shall wear a PFD type 1 or 2 whilst on deck at all times.

PFD's & Harnesses

PFD's of the approved type will be worn when required by the Marine Safety Victoria Regulations December 2005.

It is also strongly recommended that all crew of boats wear a PFD type 1 or 2 and safety harnesses (as per YA Special Regulations Section 5.02) be worn 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.
- Inexperienced persons are on board.
- When sailing at night.

Bow Anchors

No anchor shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or any part outboard.

Safety Equipment Declaration

All boats shall lodge with their own club a Safety Compliance Declaration covering the 2008-2009 season. Boats not complying with this requirement will not be entered.

Insurance

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

RRS 51 Moveable Ballast A boat with movable ballast or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the special regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.

RRS 52 Manual Power Shall be modified to allow self-steering equipment to be used in the Two Handed Division only.

ADVERTISING

The race is classified Category C in accordance with RRS 79 and ISAF Regulation 20, and the Prescriptions of the YA 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.



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ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

Entry is open to all boats registered with a Yacht Club affiliated with Yachting Australia or Yachting Victoria. Entry to the YV Performance Handicap Divisions is open to boats with a YV Performance Handicap. Entries in the IRC and AMS Handicap Divisions must be in possession of valid certificates.

THE COURSES

The course for Division A - YV Performance Handicaps, AMS, IRC and Two Handed divisions will be approximately 74 nautical miles.

The course for Division B - YV Performance, AMS, IRC and Two Handed Divisions will be approximately 42 nautical miles.

To be eligible for the Port Phillip Sea Pilots Trophy, boats must sail the longer course.

TIME LIMIT

Division A: The time limit on the race will be 0800 hrs on Sunday 1 March 2009.

Division B: The time limit on the race will be 0000 hrs on Sunday 1 March 2009.

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.

ENTRIES

Entries will be accepted online at the club website (www.hbyc.asn.au) and shall be lodged 12 noon Monday 23 February 2009. Late entries may be accepted up to 12 noon Wednesday 25 February 2009 and will incur an additional charge.

CREW AND NEXT OF KIN DECLARATIONS

The Sailing Instructions will provide skippers responsibilities in respect to notifying Race Control of crew numbers.

REJECTION OF ENTRY

The Race Committee reserves to itself the right to accept or reject any entry up to the preparatory signal of the relevant Divisions.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

It is anticipated that the Sailing Instructions will be available to all entries accepted by the Race Committee no later than 1700hrs Wednesday, 25 February 2009 at their respective clubs. Additional copies will be available at Hobsons Bay Yacht Club prior to the race, or at www.hbyc.asn.au

HANDICAPS

All handicaps will be as supplied by the official club handicapper at the boat's home club however HBYC reserves the right to revise any performance handicap.

RESAILS

There shall be no resails.

NUMBER OF STARTERS IN A DIVISION

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



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SCORING SYSTEM & PRIZES

The Port Phillip Sea Pilots Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the lowest corrected time on YV Performance Handicap in Division A (Long Course). Trophy will be awarded for 2nd place and a trophy will be awarded for 3rd place.

Subject to the number of entries, trophies shall also be awarded for the following:

1st, 2nd & 3rd on corrected time based on AMS handicap in Division A

1st, 2nd & 3rd on corrected time based on IRC handicap in Division A

1st, 2nd & 3rd on corrected time based on YV Performance Handicap in Two Handed Division A.

1st, 2nd & 3rd on corrected time based on YV Performance Handicap in Division B (Short Course)

1st, 2nd & 3rd on corrected time based on AMS handicap in Division B

1st, 2nd & 3rd on corrected time based on IRC handicap in Division B

1st, 2nd & 3rd on corrected time based on YV Performance Handicap in Two Handed Division B.

Best Log as voted by the Sailing Committee.

The following conditions shall apply:

There shall be seven (7) starters in a Division or no third prize, five (5) starters or no second prize, three (3) starters or no first prize. -If the number of entries is less than three (3) the Division may be combined with the most appropriate Division.

Trophies will be presented at the HBYC Presentation night.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Moorings will be available for visiting boats.

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