



Hobson's Bay Yacht Club

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2009 – 2010 HBYC RM Smith Pursuit Series Sponsored by Newport Cellars

NOTICE OF RACE

1 INTRODUCTION

Hobson's Bay Yacht Club Inc. as the Organising Authority, advises that the 2009 – 2010 RM Smith Newport Cellars Pursuit Series, will be conducted between the 11th October 2009 and the 11th April 2010.

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, 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 – 2010 RM Smith Newport Cellars Pursuit Series will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2009-2012, the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia (Y.A.), the handicapping rules for the Performance Based Handicapping System (Y.V. 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 80 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 Handicapping

Performance Handicaps – "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 Pursuit Performance Handicapping Rules.

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.

3.3 Permitted Sails

The series is a non-spinnaker event. Boats may not use spinnakers or bloopers or gennakers. Normal working headsails may be poled out.

3.4 Y.A. Special Regulations

3.4.1 Special regulations Category 6 of Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 1,

- 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing shall apply.
- 3.4.2 For the all yachts that compete in a two-handed race or a two handed division, all persons shall wear a PFD type 1 or 2 whilst on deck, and it is strongly recommended that they continue to wear a PFD type 1 or 2 until safely returned to their home port.
- 3.4.3 All crew of boats without lifelines shall wear a PFD type 1 or 2 whilst on deck.
- 3.4.4 It is strongly recommended that all crews of boats wear a PFD type 1 or 2 and approved harnesses 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 wave heights that might jeopardize the safety of the vessel or its occupants.
 - When sailing at night.
- 3.4.5 No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or any part outboard.

3.5 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 2009 -2010 sailing season.

4 ENTRY

- 3.6.1.a Eligible boats shall be boats on the HBYC Yacht Register, or on the Register of a Yachting Australia affiliated Club.
- 3.6.1.b An entry into any Race is deemed to be an entry into the Series.
- 3.6.1.c 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. Late entries may not be accepted, and if accepted they shall incur a late entry fee.

5 FEES

Entry fees will apply for each race entered as prescribed on the Hot Pursuit Entry Form.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races start at 13.30hrs on the following Sundays: 11th Oct, 25th Oct, 22nd Nov, 6th Dec, 17th Jan, 7th Feb, 21st Feb, 14th Mar, and 11th Apr.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

All races will be conducted under the HBYC Sailing Instructions, 2009, or as amended. Sailing instructions are available from the Club office.

8 RACING AREA AND COURSES

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

9 SCORING

Subject to entries there shall be a Hot Pursuit Champion in performance-handicap division (Local Handicaps.) The low point scoring system Rule A2 will apply, modified as follows:

9 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.

10 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.

11 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for the 2009 – 2010 RM Smith Newport Cellars Pursuit Series. 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.

12 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.

13 RESAILS

There will be no resails in this Series

14 NUMBER OF STARTERS IN A DIVISION

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

15 INDEMNITY

- 16.1 All those taking part in the 2009 – 2010 HBYC Pursuit 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.
- 16.2 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"
- 16.3 Failure to complete the declaration attached to the entry form may lead to a yacht being declared a non starter in that race or for the series, if it is a series entry.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

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