



Hobson's Bay Yacht Club

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2011 – 2012 HBYC Club Aggregate

NOTICE OF RACE

Introduction

Hobson's Bay Yacht Club Inc. as the Organizing Authority advises that the 2011 - 2012 HBYC Club Aggregate will be conducted between the 08 October 2011 and the 21 April 2012.

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

1 Responsibility and Indemnity

Unless otherwise stated, races shall be conducted under Category 6 of Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 1, 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing.

All those taking part in the 2011 – 2012 HBYC Club Aggregate 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."

2 Rules

The 2011 - 2012 HBYC Club Aggregate will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2009-2012, the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of the Yachting Australia (YA), 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.

2.1 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.

2.2 Resails

There will be no resails in this Series.

2.3 Handicapping / Divisions

Performance Handicaps – "Local Handicaps"

All handicaps are 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 YA SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Special regulations Category 6 of Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 1, 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 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 or wave heights that might jeopardise the safety of the vessel or its occupants;
- When required by law.

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

4 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 2011 -2012 sailing season.

5 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. No extra cost over the race entries paid to host clubs will be charged.

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

6 FEES

Entry fees will apply for each division of each race entered as prescribed on the Club Aggregate online Entry Form.

7 **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Saturday 08 Oct 11	HBYC Walter Paton Trophy / Alex Nelson (AMS) Trophy
Saturday 22 Oct 11	HBYC Bernie Kavanagh Trophy
Saturday 12 Nov 11	HBYC Vice Commodore's Cup
Saturday 26 Nov 11	HBYC Nick Maina Trophy
Saturday 10 Dec 11	HBYC Commodore's Cup
Saturday 17 Dec 11	HBYC Jessie Cup
Saturday 21 Jan 12	HBYC Club Person of the Year Trophy
Saturday 11 Feb 12	HBYC Mornington Cup
Saturday 17 Mar 12	HBYC Heat 9
Saturday 31 Mar 12	HBYC Rear Commodore's Cup
Saturday 14 Apr 12	HBYC Cock 'O' Hobsons Bay
Saturday 21 Apr 12	HBYC Don Thompson Trophy / Michael Wilson (AMS) Trophy

8 **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

All races will be conducted under the HBYC Sailing Instructions, 2010, or as amended.

Races hosted by other Yacht Clubs shall be sailed under the sailing instructions issued by that Club.

Sailing Instructions will be available at HBYC Club Office and on the website in the week prior to the first race or from the office of a participating club.

9 **RACING AREA AND COURSES**

The racing area will be on the waters of Port Phillip.

Courses shall be described in the Sailing Instructions and shown as the latest version on the HBYC web site or as issued by the host clubs.

10 **SCORING**

Heat 11 – HBYC Cock 'O' Hobsons Bay – is 2 short courses. Should only one race be completed then this shall count as the Club Aggregate race. Should 2 races be completed then the results of the second race shall count as the Club Aggregate race.

Subject to entries, there shall be a Champion in Y.V., AMS and IRC Divisions.

For each Division, the low point scoring system Rule A2 will apply, modified as follows:

12 races are scheduled, of which 6 are required to constitute a series. If 10 or more races are completed, the worst 3 scores shall be discarded. If less than 10 and more than 8 races are completed, the worst 2 scores shall be discarded. If 8 or 7 races are completed, the worst score will be discarded. If 6 races are completed, all scores shall count.

11 **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.

12 **PRIZES**

Prizes for each race shall be awarded to the winner and may be awarded to place getters, subject to the number of starters for the race.

Prizes will be presented at the Club Presentation Night to be held at Hobson's Bay Yacht Club.

13 NUMBER OF STARTERS IN A DIVISION

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

14 CREW AND NEXT OF KIN DECLARATIONS

For the long distance (passage) races, (refer to the appropriate NOR) conducted by HBYC, all yachts must submit Crew and Next of Kin Declarations to the HBYC Race Director or their delegate 60 minutes BEFORE the start of the race. Any changes after this time and prior to the start of the race must be communicated to the Race Director by CH 73 prior to the start of the race.

Failure to submit a Crew and Next of Kin Declaration before the race or to ensure that the contents are accurate and complete may result in the boat being scored as a non-starter (DNC).

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

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