



# Hobson's Bay Yacht Club

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## 2011 – 2012 HBYC RM Smith Pursuit Series

### NOTICE OF RACE

# Introduction

Hobson's Bay Yacht Club Inc. as the Organizing Authority advises that the 2011 - 2012 RM Smith Pursuit Series will be conducted between the 09 October 2011 and the 15 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 Sections 1-6, 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing.

All those taking part in the 2011 – 2012 RM Smith 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.

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 RM Smith Pursuit Series 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 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**

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 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.

### **2.4 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 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.

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 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Heat</b>
Sunday 9 Oct 11	13:30	Heat 1
Sunday 23 Oct 11	13:30	Heat 2
Sunday 06 Nov 11	13:30	Heat 3
Sunday 27 Nov 11	13:30	Heat 4
Sunday 18 Dec 11	13:30	Heat 5
Sunday 22 Jan 12	13:30	Heat 6
Sunday 05 Feb 12	13:30	Heat 7
Sunday 25 Mar 12	13:30	Heat 8
Sunday 15 Apr 12	13:30	Heat 9

### **7 FEES**

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

## **8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

All races will be conducted under the HBYC Sailing Instructions, 2010, or as amended. Sailing Instructions will be available at HBYC Club Office and on the website in the week prior to the first race.

## **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.

## **10 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.*

## **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 will be awarded for the 2011 – 2012 RM Smith 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.

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

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

## **14 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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