



Hobson's Bay Yacht Club

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2012 Brass Monkeys Series

NOTICE OF RACE

1 INTRODUCTION

Hobson's Bay Yacht Club Inc. as the Organizing Authority advises that the 2012 Brass Monkeys Series will be conducted from the 5th May 2012 until the 25th August 2012 and run every fortnight.

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

2 RESPONSIBILITY & 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 2012 Brass Monkeys 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."

3 RULES

The 2012 Brass Monkeys Series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2009-2012, the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of the Australian Yachting Federation (AYF), the handicapping rules for the Performance Based Handicapping System (VYC, where applicable), the Rules of the relevant Classes, except if 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 79 and ISAF Regulation 20.

Boats shall, if required by the Race Committee; display in locations specified any logos, pennants or promotional material as may be supplied.

3.2 Performance Handicaps – "Local 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.

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 YV Handicapping Rules. Handicaps will be revised between races in accordance with the HBYC Pursuit Performance Handicapping Rules.

3.3 Divisions

There shall be two Divisions – Division A (Spinnakers) and Division B (Non-Spinnakers). Division B may not use spinnakers or bloopers or gennakers. Normal working headsails may be poled out.

Boats may enter either Division, but may only change Divisions by written application to the Race Committee.

3.4 Division Flags

Boats in Division A (Spinnakers) shall fly a BLUE flag on the backstay. Boats in Division B (Non-Spinnakers) shall fly a YELLOW flag on the backstay. Boats failing to comply with this rule may be disqualified, subject to protest.

3.5 Resails

There will be no resails in this Series

3.6 Insurance

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

4 AYF SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Special regulations Category 6 of Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 1 Section 1-6, 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 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;

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

5 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.

6 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 lodged online with the Race Committee HBYC by Wednesday 2nd May 2012.

Late entries may be accepted up to midday Friday 4th May 2012 and may incur an additional charge.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Date	Start Time	Heat
Sat 5 May 12	13:30	Heat 1
Sat 19 May 12	13:30	Heat 2
Sat 02 June 12	13:30	Heat 3
Sat 16 June 12	13:30	Heat 4
Sat 30 June 12	13:30	Heat 5
Sat 14 July 12	13:30	Heat 6
Sat 28 July 12	13:30	Heat 7
Sat 11 Aug 12	13:30	Heat 8
Sat 25 Aug 12	13:30	Heat 9

8 FEES

Series Entry:	Online entry no later than Wednesday 2 nd May 2012	\$165.00 for series
Individual Race Entry:	Online entry no later than midday on the Friday preceding the race,	\$ 30.00 per race

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at HBYC and on the website in the week prior to the first race.

10 RACING AREA AND COURSES

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

11 SCORING

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.

12 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.

13 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for the 2012 Brass Monkeys Series in each Division. 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.

14 NUMBER OF STARTERS IN A DIVISION

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

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

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