



Hobsons Bay Yacht Club Inc. Don Thompson Trophy Race To St Leonards – 21st April 2012

Notice of Race

THE RACE

The Hobsons Bay Yacht Club Inc., as Organising Authority, invites entries of eligible boats from the Yachts on the Register of the Hobsons Bay Yacht Club Inc. or kindred clubs to compete in the Don Thompson Trophy Race to St Leonards.

The Race will be sailed on the waters of Port Phillip under the authority of the Hobsons Bay Yacht Club Inc.

The Race is to be conducted on Saturday 21st April 2012 starting at 1000 hours.

RESPONSIBILITY

All boats taking part in the Don Thompson Trophy Race to St Leonards 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:

YV Performance, AMS and IRC Handicaps and Non Spinnaker Division - 0955 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 Australian Yachting Federation (AYF), 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 (YV, AMS, IRC and Non Spinnaker), AYF Special Regulations Part 1, Sections 1 – 6, Category 5 shall apply, with the recommendation of additional equipment as described below.

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

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 2011-2012 season. Boats not complying with this requirement will not be entered.

Insurance

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

Rule 52 Manual Power

Shall be modified to allow the use of canting keels, power winches and water ballast in PHD Divisions only.

ADVERTISING

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

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.

Skippers are reminded that they must use the sail configuration as outlined in their AMS or IRC Certificate.

THE COURSE

The Course - Williamstown direct to St Leonards. Distance approximately – 22 nautical miles.

TIME LIMIT

The time limit on the race will be published time of Sunset on Saturday 21st April 2012.



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 shall be lodged online with the Race Committee HBYC by Wednesday 18th April 2012.

Late entries may be accepted up to midday Friday 20th April 2012 and may incur an additional charge.

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 by 1700hrs Thursday, 19th April 2012 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.

SCORING SYSTEM & PRIZES

The Don Thompson Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the lowest corrected time on YV Performance Handicap. A Trophy will be awarded for 2nd and 3rd placegetters.

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

1st, 2nd & 3rd on corrected time based on AMS Handicap

1st, 2nd & 3rd on corrected time based on IRC Handicap

1st, 2nd & 3rd on corrected time in Non-Spinnaker Division

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.