

# **NOTICE OF RACE**

## **Port Phillip Long Distance Series 2007-2008**

The Port Phillip Long Distance Series was established in 2000 and scored from the major long distance races run by the Keelboat Clubs on Port Phillip Bay. Each Participating Club is to issue its own Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, but all documents should be compatible with this Notice of race.

The 2007-2008 Long Distance Series will be conducted from 27<sup>th</sup> October 2007 to 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008

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## ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) for the Long Distance Series shall be the Participating Clubs.

The Participating Clubs are:

- Hobson's Bay Yacht Club
- Royal Brighton Yacht Club
- Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron
- Royal Yacht Club of Victoria
- Sandringham Yacht Club

### 1. RULES

#### 2.1 General

The Long Distance Series will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (RRS).

#### 2.2 Safety Regulations

2.2.1 The Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 1, Sections 1 – 6, Category 4 shall apply with the following additions

- a. One GPS. This may be permanently installed or handheld. (this modifies SR 4.11).
- b. At least two flashlights and spares (this modifies SR 4.06.1)
- c. One manual bilge pump operable with all hatches closed.
- d. Additional medical items – Panadeine x20 Disprin x20
- e. PFD's to have crotch or thigh straps fitted.
- f. Each crew member to wear strobe when on deck at night.
- g. Jackstays shall be fitted.
- h. Marine VHF Radios shall be carried. VHF Radios may be permanently installed or a marine waterproof handheld and must be capable of operating on channels 12, 16, 67, 71, 73, and 77.

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

2.2.5 All boats shall lodge with their own club a Safety Equipment Declaration covering the 2007-2008 season. Boats not complying with this requirement will not be entered and will not be eligible for Long Distance Series scoring.

#### 2.3 Insurance

All entrants shall carry a currently valid third party and public liability insurance of not less than AUD\$5 Million (recommended AUD\$10 Million).

### 2. ADVERTISING

3.1 The Long Distance Series is classified Category C in accordance with RRS 79.

3.2 Boats shall, if required by the Organising Authority, display in locations specified any logos, pennants or promotional material as may be supplied.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

Entry is open to monohull boats in AMS, IRC, Performance Handicap (PHD) and 2 Handed Divisions. AMS and IRC boats shall start in their respective Performance Handicap Division. To be scored in the Long Distance Series boats must enter the Host Clubs Trophy Races.

## **4. DIVISIONS**

Boats may be scored in the following Divisions depending on entries.

- a. Performance
- b. IRC
- c. AMS
- d. 2 Handed
- e. IRC Grand Prix (as defined in the Club Marine Range Series)

### **5.1.1 PHD and 2 Handed Division**

All performance handicaps will be as supplied by the official club handicapper at the boat's home club in accordance with the YV Handicap rules. Yachting Victoria Performance Handicap Committee reserves the right to revise any handicap during the Series, and to make a changed handicap retrospective if required. Boat Owners/Skippers are reminded of their obligations under Rule 2 of the Performance Handicap Rules.

### **5.1.2 AMS**

Results will be calculated where a valid AMS Certificate is issued. Owners are reminded that they must use the sail and weight configuration as outlined in their AMS Certificate.

### **5.1.3 IRC**

Results will be calculated where a valid IRC Certificate is issued. Owners are reminded that they must use the sail and weight configuration as outlined in their IRC Certificate.

## **5.2 Rating Certificate**

A copy of a valid Measurement or Rating Certificate (where applicable) as issued by the appropriate Authority, ie. AMS and IRC shall be made available upon request by the OA.

## **5.3 Normal Entries**

Entries must be received by the host club before 1200hrs on the Thursday immediately before each race as per the Schedule (Para 5).

## **5.4 Late Entries**

Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the host club.

## **5.5 Handicaps**

The cut-off dates for all handicaps shall be 1200hrs on the Friday before each race as per the schedule. No changes to handicaps will be accepted after this time. This changes Rule 78.2

5.5.1 Performance Handicaps must be provided by the home club for each entry before 1200 on the Friday before the race.

5.5.2 AMS handicaps will be those validated by the Measurement Authority (YV) and current at 1200hrs on the Friday before the race.

### **5.5.3 IRC**

Handicaps will be those validated by the Measurement Authority (YA) and current at 1200hrs on the Friday before the race.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

DATE	HEAT	RACE	HOST CLUB	START for FIRST EVENT
26/10/07	1	Livingstone	RYCV	1900 Hours
23/11/07	5	Tam O'Shanter	SYC	1900 Hours
15/02/08	4	Lady Nelson	RBYC	1900 Hours
1/03/08	2	Sea Pilots	HBYC	1000 Hours
11/04/08	3	Big Bay Race	RMYS	1900 Hours

## 6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Series Sailing Instructions will be issued for the Long Distance Series. Sailing Instructions shall be available from each participating club or Yachting Victoria from late September.

## 7. RACING AREA

The racing area is Port Phillip Bay.

## 8. COURSES

Races will be conducted in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

## 9. RADIOS

All boats must carry VHF radios (see 2.2.1 above).

All boats will be required to log on before the start and give positions as required by the Sailing Instructions. Organizing Clubs shall arrange relay vessels or nominate land stations to receive position reports from all designated marks of the course. Clubs will ensure effective radio reception coverage for entire duration of race.

## 10. SCORING

### Long Distance Series Division Championship

The Individual Long Distance Divisional Championship will be scored on the Low Points Scoring System (RRS Appendix A) modified as follows: The best three results shall be used to determine the series result.

## 11. PRIZES

Prizes will be presented at the Yachting Victoria presentation function.

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

The Long Distance Trophy

The Long Distance Trophy shall be presented to the winner of the most populated division

Trophies will be presented to the winner of each division

## 12. NUMBER OF STARTERS

Three or more Starters will constitute a Race or a Division