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Yachting Victoria

2007-2008

Port Phillip Two Handed Series

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Organising Authority

The Organising Authority (OA) for the Port Phillip Two Handed series shall be Yachting Victoria (YV) on behalf of the Participating Clubs.

The OA will collate results from events run by the Participating Clubs (Para 2) and shall be responsible for declaring the final championship positions.

2 Participating Clubs

The Port Phillip Two Handed Series will be conducted from the 7th October 2007 to the 11th May 2008 by the following Participating Clubs.

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

3. RULES

3.1 General

The Series will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (RRS), the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of the Yachting Australia (YA), the handicapping rules for the Performance Based Handicapping System (YV, where applicable), the handicapping rules for the Australian Measurement System (AMS, where applicable), except as any of these is changed by this Notice of Race and by the Sailing Instructions

3.2 Safety Regulations

3.2.1 The Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 1, Sections 1 – 6, Category 5 shall apply with the following additions

- a. All competitors shall wear a PFD type 1 or 2 at all times when racing, and it is strongly recommend that they continue to wear a PFD until returned to their home port.
PFD's to have crotch or thigh straps fitted
- b. One GPS. This may be permanently installed or handheld.
(this modifies SR 4.11).
- c. Safety harnesses to be worn in adverse conditions and at all times when on deck on boats without lifelines.
- d. Jackstays shall be fitted.
- h. VHF radio shall be capable of operating on channels 12, 16, 67, 71,73, and 77.

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

3.2.5 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 Port Phillip Two Handed Series.

3.3 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).

3.4 Use or Autopilots or Self Steering

Rule 52 (Manual Power) shall be modified to allow self-steering, autopilots and powered winches to be used.

4. Advertising

4.1 The Port Phillip Two Handed Series is classified Category C in accordance with RRS 79.

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

5 Divisions

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

- a. Performance
- b. IRC
- c. 2 Handed IRC
- d. AMS

There must be a minimum of 3 entries to constitute a division.

5.1. 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.

5.2 AMS

Results will be calculated where a valid AMS Certificate is issued.

5.3 IRC

Results will be calculated where a valid IRC Certificate is issued. Owners may use a valid IRC two handed handicap.

5.4 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 host club or OA.

5.5 Normal Entries

Entries must be received by the host club before 1200hrs on the Thursday immediately before each race as per the schedule.

5.6 Late Entries

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

5.7 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

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

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

5.7.3 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	HOST CLUB	START for FIRST EVENT
7/10/2007	1	HBYC	1100 Hours
21/10/07	2	RMYS	1100 Hours
9/12/07	3	RBYC	1100 Hours
3/02/08	4	HBYC	1100 Hours
30/03/08	5	HBYC	1100 Hours
27/04/08	6	SYC	1400 Hours
11/05/08	7	ORCV	1100 Hours

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

All races will be conducted under the Sailing Instructions of the host club, or as amended by the host club or the OA.

Sailing instructions will be available from the host club prior to the race.

7 RACING AREA AND COURSES

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

8 SCORING

The low point scoring system Rule A4 will apply but amended as follows.
7 races are scheduled of which the best 4 results are to count (3 drops).
A minimum of 4 races are required to constitute a series.

9 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

All boats must carry VHF radios.
All boats will be required to log on before the start and give positions as required by the Sailing Instructions.
Organising 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 PRIZES

Series prizes will be awarded to the winner and, may be awarded to place getters of each division, subject to the number of starters for the race in each division. If there are insufficient starters in a division, starters or divisions may be combined at the discretion of the sailing committee.

Prizes will be presented at the Presentation Night hosted by Yachting Victoria.

11 RESAILS

Resails may be scheduled at the discretion of the host club.

13 NUMBER OF ENTRIES IN A DIVISION

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

14 INDEMNITY

All those taking part in the 2007 - 2008 Port Phillip Two Handed 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. Neither the host club, Yachting Victoria 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 any event.

Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4, which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Yachting Victoria (phone: 03 9597 0066)

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