

# Hobsons Bay Yacht Club

## Notice of Race



The Hobsons Bay Yacht Club (HBYC) as the Organising Authority, invites owners of eligible boats to apply to participate in HBYC races to be held on Port Phillip from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 to 25 August 2024 as published in the Sailing Calendar on the HBYC website at <https://www.hbyc.org.au>

### 1. Rules

The races will be governed by: -

- 1.1. The rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2. The Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 1
- 1.3. The Yachting Victoria (YV) Performance Based Handicap System (PHS)
- 1.4. Offshore Racing Congress Rating System (ORC Club)
- 1.5. The Australian Measurement System (AMS)
- 1.6. The requirements of Ports Victoria (PV)
- 1.7. Any required protocols to ensure compliance with Government COVID-19 regulations and guidance.

Any actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.2 (b) and 62.1.

#### Changes to Rules

RRS 51 is changed so that a boat with moveable ballast or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the Special Regulations (SR's) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability to the extent permitted by their stability rating.

RRS 52 is changed:

- a) To allow self-steering equipment to be used by boats sailing in a Two-Handed division and/or race.
- b) To allow the adjustment of movable water ballast or canting keels on any boat and the use of stored power to do so, and
- c) To allow the use of stored power for sail handling and sail trimming on any boat.

### 2. Eligibility

- 2.1. Races are open to all boats on the HBYC yacht register, or an AS affiliated yacht club, who have submitted a current AS 2017 - 2021 Special Regulation Equipment Audit Form to their home club.
- 2.2. It will be mandatory for an Independent Safety Audit to be undertaken prior to the commencement of a boat's first race for all Cat 5, 5N and 6 boats entered into HBYC events. Any HBYC boat not undertaking/passing an independent audit will be disqualified from all previous results for the current season.
- 2.3. Series entries shall be completed via the HBYC website 48 hours prior to the first race. Casual entries shall be completed via the HBYC website 48 hours prior to the race. Entries shall provide full details of the boat and confirm that the boat meets insurance and safety requirements.
- 2.4. Boats sailing single-handed in any race or series shall comply with the 'Solo Racing Recommendations' located at <https://hbyc.org.au/requirements%2Fguidelines>
- 2.5. All HBYC boats shall complete annually and submit to HBYC.
  - A written MOB Procedure for retrieving a crew member from the water.
  - Proof of an 'on the water' MOB drill.
  - Refer to requirement at <https://hbyc.org.au/requirements%2Fguidelines>
- 2.6. It is recommended that non HBYC boats have effective MOB procedures in place.
- 2.7. All boat owners shall ensure a Sail Pass membership has been completed by all visiting crew/competitors without an Australian Sailing Sail Number. Available at <https://hbyc.org.au/sail-pass-for-non-members>. Non-compliance may result in the Race Committee scoring the boat Disqualified (DSQ) without hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

2.8. All HBYC entered boats shall supply Race/Land officers according to the issued 'Race Roster' and required guidelines.

### 3. Safety

- 3.1. Safety Categories for all HBYC events are published in the HBYC Sailing Calendar.
- 3.2. A compliant and functional marine grade VHF radio shall be carried and monitored on both the race channel and ch 16, for all races. This modifies AS Special Regulations sub-clause 3.25.  
Refer also Solo Sailing Recommendations at <https://hbyc.org.au/requirements%2Fguidelines>
- 3.3. Lifejackets shall be worn at night and at times of heightened risk. Marine Safety Victoria regulations regarding Life Jackets shall always apply.
- 3.4. No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or any part outboard.
- 3.5. Boats failing to undertake any of the above (Section 2 and 3) will be scored 'Did Not Compete' DNC without hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

### 4. Schedule and Warning Signal/Start Times

The Schedule of Races and Warning Signal/Start Times shall be as follows.

#### **HBYC Club Aggregate: 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – 16 March 2024**

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 (Long Distance, to Portarlington),	Warning Signal at 9:55hrs
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 (Two Handed),	Warning Signal at 10:55hrs
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 (HBYC Club Course Series)	Warning Signal at 10:55hrs
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 (Long Distance to Mornington),	Warning Signal at 9:55hrs
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 (Two Handed),	Warning Signal at 10:55hrs
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 (HBYC Club Course Series)	Warning Signal at 13:55hrs

#### **Chris Webb Two-Handed Series: 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023– 14 April 2024**

Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	
Sunday's 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Warning Signal at 10:55hrs for all races.

#### **The Inside Project - RM Smith Summer Pursuits: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Sunday's 1 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2023	
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Warning Signal at 13:55hrs for all races.

#### **Gunn & Co - Thursday Evening Pursuit: 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Thursdays 12 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	
Thursdays 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	
Thursdays 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	
Thursdays 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	
Thursdays 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024	
Thursdays 7 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Warning Signal at 17:55hrs for all races.

**John Neilson Long Distance Series: 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 to Portarlinton,	Warning Signal at 9:55hrs
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 to Wyndham Harbour	Warning Signal at 10:55hrs
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 to Mornington	Warning Signal at 9:55hrs
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024 to Portarlinton	Warning Signal at 9:55hrs
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 to St Leonards	Warning Signal at 9:55hrs

**The Steam Packet Thursday Female Helm Pursuit: 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2023	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	
Thursdays 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	Warning Signal at 17:55hrs for all races.

**HBYC Club Course Series: 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023 – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2024**

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2023	Warning Signal tbc
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Warning Signal 10:55 hrs
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Warning Signal 13:55 hrs for all following.
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	
Saturday 3 August 2024	

**Port Phillip Sea Pilots Trophy Race and Henry Press Trophy Race**

Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Warning Signal tbc
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**Shirley Freeman Trophy and Alice Varady Trophy**

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2023	Warning Signal for first race 10:55hrs
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**Next Generation Race**

Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Warning Signal for first race 12:55hrs
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**Dinghy Races**

Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Warning Signal for first race tba
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**The Inside Project - Brass Monkey Winter Series: 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – 24<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

Saturdays 4 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	
Saturdays 1 <sup>st</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	
Saturdays 13 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	
Saturdays 10 <sup>th</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	Warning Signal for Div. One at 11:55hrs. Subsequent divisions at nominated intervals for all races.

**5. Sailing Instructions**

Sailing Instructions and Appendices to each race/series are published on the Club website and shall be available not less than one week prior to the first race.

**6. Courses**

Will be as published in the relevant Sailing Instruction Appendices and HBYC Course Booklet.

**7. Pursuit Races**

Any entrants in race/series and/or division designated 'Pursuit' shall not use spinnakers unless specifically allowed per race/series. Normal working sails may be poled out. This changes RRS 50.

**8. Handicapping**

8.1. Boats will be allocated a performance handicap by the HBYC Club Handicapper.

8.2. Allotted handicaps shall not be grounds for protest/request for redress and the Sailing Committee may make corrections to handicaps at any time. This changes RRS 60.1.

**9. Scoring**

For each division, the low point scoring system shall apply changed as follows: -

One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

**10.1 Races Generally**

- When 1 to 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- When 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her two worst scores.

**10.2 Brass Monkey and Thursday Twilight Series**

- When 1 to 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- When 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- When 8 to 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her two worst scores.
- When 11 to 13 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her three worst scores.
- When 14 to 16 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her four worst scores.

Casual Entries shall not receive a series score.

There will be no re-sails unless advised in any changes to Sailing Instructions

A minimum of three boats are required to start in a class or division for a race/series to be scored. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

**10. Trophies and Prizes**

Will be as per the Appendices to Sailing Instructions per race/series.

**11. Disclaimer of Liability**

11.1. Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

11.2. HBYC will not accept any liability for the material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after any race, series, or event.

**12. Insurance**

12.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with currently valid third-party liability insurance of not less than \$10,000,000.00 A certificate of insurance shall be lodged with the HBYC office prior to a boat's first race.

12.2. Boats failing to comply will be scored 'Did Not Compete' (DNC) without hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

**13. Further Information**

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