



Hobsons Bay Yacht Club

Racing Pack

Season 2022 / 2023



Introduction

This pack has been developed for new or prospective members of Hobsons Bay Yacht Club to provide a simple pathway to keel boat racing either as a crew member or an owner/skipper.

Hobsons Bay Yacht Club has an enviable history of yacht racing at all levels, both within Port Phillip and Off-Shore and at National regattas.

The HBYC Sailing Committee are keen to encourage all member to achieve success at many levels.

If you are new to sailing, on any level, please join our “Force in Racing” mentoring program.

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Paul Neilson - Commodore

“Force in Racing” – Mentor Program

The “Force in Racing – Mentor Program” an initiative developed by the Sailing Committee is intended to facilitate growth in race participation and performance of both HBYC boats and members.

The program will -

1. create opportunities for participating “[pathway crew](#)”,
2. provide boat “[owners and skippers](#)” with capable crew and information to expand their racing program or results, and
3. Identify “[Mentors](#)” within the club who will make themselves available to share knowledge and information in some way.

Any one person could be in all the above categories. e.g. an elite smaller boat owner, needs crew to win the range series, but has a personal ambition to crew in offshore racing.

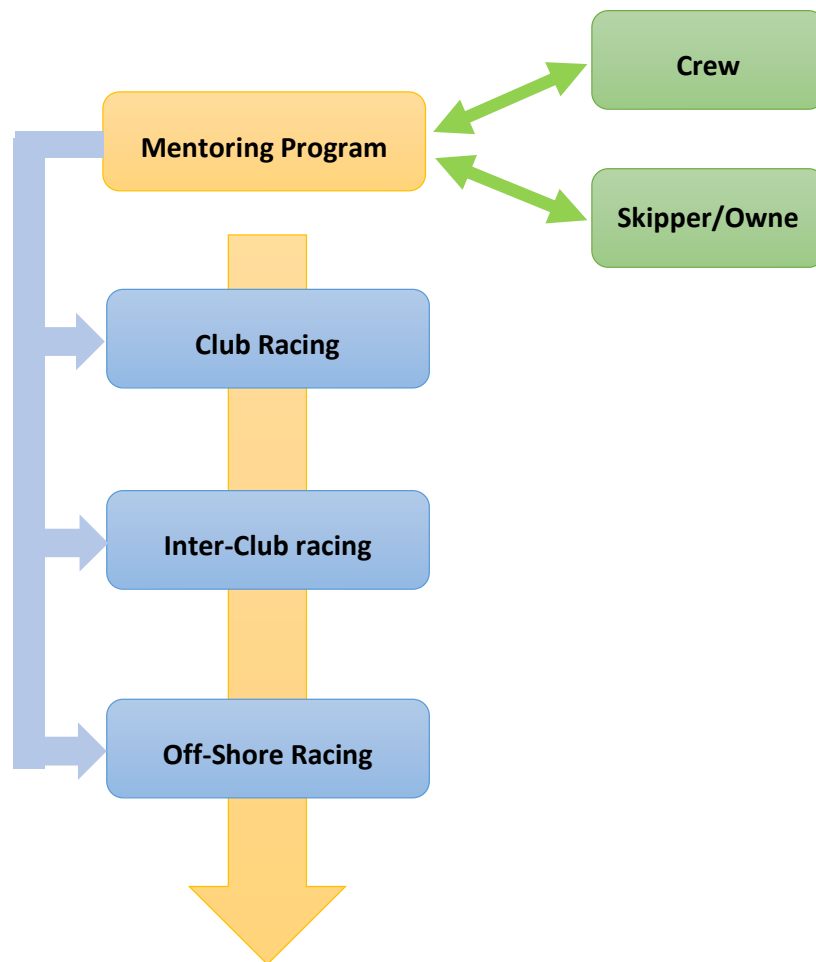
Let us build on our history and experience of Club, Inter-Club and Ocean racing with wins at all levels. We wish to create pathways for new sailors, both boat owners and crew and connect aspiring sailors to either boats or development programs.

If you are interested in the program, please fill in the Nomination form available via the following link. This will enable us to match you with a suitable mentor.

Sailing Pathways

The following pathways to differing levels of sailing are all possible, for both new crew and/or new boat owner/skipper.

They all start with the Mentor program.



Primary Sailing Events

Refer to the sailing calendar for all dates and times.

Discover Sailing Day

An opportunity to join club members on their boats and understand the joy of sailing.

The Office/Mech-n-Air Wednesday Evening Twilight

'Shot Gun' start with spinnakers for the more experienced who need an adrenalin shot during the week.

- 21 weekly races across the summer season.

'Raine and Horne' Thursday Evening Twilight (Pursuit)

Pursuit style racing with simple 'non spinnaker' courses.

- 16 weekly pursuit races spread throughout the summer season

'The Steam Packet' Women's Helm Thursday Evening Twilight (Pursuit)

Pursuit style racing with simple 'non spinnaker' courses.

- 6 pursuit races spread throughout the summer season

RM Smith Summer Pursuits

Pursuit style racing with simple 'non spinnaker' courses on a Sunday afternoon.

- 6 pursuit races spread throughout the summer season.

John Neilson Long Distance Series

Long distance passage races to a destination. Boats are welcome to stay overnight and sail home in company the next day

- 4 races spread throughout the season:
 - Portarlinton
 - Wyndham Harbour
 - Mornington
 - St Leonards

Primary Sailing Events

Chris Webb Two-Handed Series

Two-handed racing around our traditional 18-mile course

- 6 races spread throughout the season

HBYC Club Aggregate

For the more experienced, an opportunity to demonstrate your sailing skills across a variety of events and become the Club Champion for the year.

- 6 races (Long Distance x 2, Two-Handed x 2, Club Course x 2)

HBYC Rating Championship Series

Windward leeward racing with the best of Port Phillip sailors

- HBYC boats within the Australian Sailing Range Series with an AMS and/or ORC rating.

Inter-Club Races

Individual Kindred Club races are available.

Please refer to the sailing calendar.

Next Generation Race

Open to skippers under 35 years of age, come and win the 'Manager Cup'

Brass Monkey Winter Series

Traditional winter series for the 'top end of the bay'. Join HBYC, RYCV and RMYS boats compete across three divisions.

- 9 races including Div 1, Div 2 (S80's), Div 3 Pursuit

Female racing

Hobsons Bay Yacht Club runs races and series where the condition of entry is that a female is at the helm for the duration of the race. These races are proven to be very popular and ideal for women who wants to have go at helming through a race.

'The Steam Packet' Women's Helm Thursday Evening Twilight (Pursuit)

Pursuit style racing with simple 'non spinnaker' courses.
Six pursuit races spread throughout the summer season

The Hobsons Bay Lady Skipper Race / Shirley Freeman Memorial Trophy

This race is over 100 years old and became as much of a social event as it is a race. It is a competitive but fun day on the water that ends at the club with a party that all always look forward to. For the less competitive participants there is an alternative option to enter the **Alice Varady Trophy** (non-spinnaker).

In more recent years, the Shirley Freeman Memorial Trophy race has also been part of the Port Philip Women Championship Series (known as PPWCS), which includes 5 female race events from the top of Port Philip Bay.

More information at: <https://www.shesails.org.au/ppwc/>.

Pre-race information

Start Times / Safety Categories / Courses...

Website Calendar - <https://hbyc.org.au/calendar-1>

The website calendar holds all the information required in regard to racing events, including 'warning signal' times and safety categories races belongs to.

Notice of Race - <https://hbyc.org.au/race-documents>

Primary document outlining rules, eligibility, safety, scoring, prizes for the proposed sailing season.

Sailing instructions - <https://hbyc.org.au/race-documents>

Outlines requirements for each race, courses (via relevant appendix), start, finish, protest/redress, safety and communication.

Notice to Competitors - <https://hbyc.org.au/notice-to-competitors>

Any 'notices to competitors' will be published here, together with an email which may be sent to each registered boat skipper.

Pre-race information

Race Eligibility

As per the 'Notice of Race' (NOR) to be eligible for racing you need to fulfil the following requirements:

- ★ Be on the **HBYC yacht register**
- ★ Have submitted the '**Special Regulation Equipment Audit Form**' and have an 'Independent Safety Audit' undertaken. <https://hbyc.org.au/as-safety-audit-forms>
- ★ Complete the **Pre-Season Declaration** - <https://hbyc.org.au/pre-season-declaration>
- ★ Complete a written **MOB Procedure** together with undertaking an annual **MOB practical session**.

Refer to requirement at <https://hbyc.org.au/requirements%2Fguidelines>

- ★ Provide a **Crew Declaration** prior to each race <https://hbyc.org.au/crew-declaration>
- ★ Enter a race or race series via the 'TopYacht Entry System' (TES) available via this link <https://hbyc.org.au/results%2Fentry%2Fstart-sheet>

Sail pass

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO GIVE SAILING A GO?

****NOW YOU CAN WITH A SAILPASS****

SailPass is a flexible pass that allows you to discover sailing in a **fun, safe** and affordable way.

It is a fantastic way to have a great day out and learn new skills with your friends, family or work colleagues, while enjoying the lifestyle and amazing locations provided by a sailing club near you.

SailPass gives you the opportunity to try sailing a number of times, plus it allows you to get the feel for a club before doing a course or becoming a club member.

There is no need to own a boat or even know how to sail, as experienced sailors will take you aboard their boats where you can help set the sails, take the helm or simply come along for the ride.

More information at <https://hbyc.org.au/sail-pass-for-non-members>

GET A **SAILPASS** AND GET ON THE WATER TODAY!



Race Contacts and Officials

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**For more information or if you would like to get involved,
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