

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 4 November 2021 to 27 August 2022 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 the Port of Melbourne Corporation (POMC)
- 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.

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. 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.
- 2.3. Boats sailing single-handed in any race or series shall comply with the 'Solo Racing Recommendations' located at <https://hbyc.org.au/requirements%2Fguidelines>
- 2.4. HBYC boats shall have on board a crew member who has completed the HBYC Man Overboard Awareness Session together with a written (on board and lodged with HBYC) MOB procedure for retrieving a crew member from the water and have completed an "on water" MOB drill, both of which shall be submitted annually prior to the start of each Sailing Season.
Refer to recommendation at <https://hbyc.org.au/requirements%2Fguidelines>
- 2.5. It is recommended that non HBYC boats have effective MOB procedures in place.
- 2.6. All boat owners shall ensure a Sail Pass membership has been completed by all visiting crew/competitors. Available at <https://www.hbyc.org.au>
- 2.7. All HBYC entered boats shall supply Race/Land officers according to the issued 'Race Roster' and guidelines for criteria.

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, 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. Fees

- 4.1. Boats on the HBYC yacht register shall not be charged an entry fee.
- 4.2. Series entry fees for non HBYC boats shall be \$150.00

4.3. Casual entry fees for non HBYC boats shall be \$30.00

5. Schedule and Warning Signal/Start Times

The Schedule of Races and Warning Signal/Start Times shall be as published in the HBYC 'Sailing Calendar'.

6. 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.

7. Courses

Will be as published in the relevant Sailing Instruction Appendices.

8. Pursuit Races

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

9. Handicapping

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

9.2. Allotted handicaps shall not be grounds for protest/request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1.

10. Scoring

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

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

10.2. When 1 to 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10.3. 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.

10.4. 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.

10.5. Casual Entries shall not receive a series score.

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

10.7. 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.

11. Trophies and Prizes

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

12. Disclaimer of Liability

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

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

13. Insurance

13.1. 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.

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

14. Further Information

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