

Hobsons Bay Yacht Club

Notice of Race



The Organising Authority for the 2024-2025 Season is the Hobsons Bay Yacht Club (HBYC), with races to be run in conjunction with Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron (RMYS) and Royal Yacht Club of Victoria (RYCV).

In this Notice of Race, the term home club means the club where the boat is registered.

Racing will be conducted in the waters of Port Phillip

1. Rules

The races will be governed by: -

- 1.1. The rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) shall apply.
- 1.3. The Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 1
- 1.4. The Yachting Victoria (YV) Performance Based Handicap System (PHS)
- 1.5. Offshore Racing Congress Rating System (ORC Club)
- 1.6. The Australian Measurement System (AMS)
- 1.7. The requirements of Ports Victoria (PV)
- 1.8. The Marine Safety Act (Vic) 2010

Changes to Rules

- 1.9. 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.
- 1.10 RRS 52 is changed:
To allow self-steering equipment to be used by boats sailing in a Two-Handed division and/or race.
To allow the adjustment of movable water ballast or canting keels on any boat and the use of stored power to do so, and
To allow the use of stored power for sail handling and sail trimming on any boat.
- 1.11 **[DP]** Denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 64.1
- 1.12 **[SP]** Denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- 1.13 **[NP]** Denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

2. **[SP]** Eligibility

- 2.1. Races are open to all boats of an AS affiliated yacht club, who have submitted a current Australian Sailing Equipment Audit Form to their home club and have met their home Club's audit requirements (refer Appendix A of this document).
- 2.2. Each participating boat shall be insured with a current third-party liability insurance of not less than \$10,000,000.00. A certificate of insurance shall be lodged with the home club office prior to a boat's first race.
- 2.3. Series entries shall be completed via the home Club's website 48 hours prior to the first race of the series or in the case of a casual single race entry 48 hours prior to the race being entered. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.
- 2.4. All competitors (skippers and crew) shall be members of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing or World Sailing MNA or purchase a Sail Pass for each sailing day.
- 2.5. Any requirements set by the yacht's home club
 - For short-handed/single handed sailing
 - Man Overboard (MOB) requirements
 - For the provision of race management volunteers
- 2.6. Boats failing to undertake any of clause 2 will be scored 'Did Not Compete' (DNC) without hearing.

3. **[SP]** Safety

- 3.1. Special Regulation Equipment Safety Categories for all events are published in the home Club's Sailing Calendar.
- 3.2. A compliant and functional marine grade VHF radio shall be carried and monitored, at all times, on the designated race channel and ch 16, for all races. This modifies AS Special Regulations sub-clause 3.25.

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all competitors.

- 3.3. Life jackets 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. For yachts sailing in twilight events, fixed or emergency navigation lights shall be carried
- 3.6. Boats failing to undertake any of clause 3 will be scored 'Did Not Compete' (DNC) without hearing.

4. Fees

- 4.1. Boats on the HBYC, RYCV and RMYS yacht register shall not be charged an entry fee.
- 4.2. Casual entry fees for boats registered at other clubs shall be \$40.00 per race

5. Schedule and Warning Signal/Start Times

For the Schedule of Races and Warning Signal/Start Times refer to Appendix A to this document

6. Sailing Instructions

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

7. Courses

Will be as published in the relevant Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

8. 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.

9. Handicapping

- 9.1. Boats will be allocated a performance handicap and/or pursuit handicap by the home Club's Handicapper. A review of an allotted handicap must be directed, in writing, to the Sailing Committee.
- 9.2. [NP] Allotted handicaps shall not be grounds for protest/request for redress and the Sailing Committee may make corrections to handicaps at any time.

10. Scoring

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

- Series scoring – RRS Appendix A part A5.3

A minimum of two race's is required to be completed to constitute a series.

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 to 14 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her two worst scores.
- When 15 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her three 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.

11. Trophies and Prizes

Will be as per the home Club's NOR and/or Supplementary Sailing Instructions per race/series.

12. Disclaimer of Liability

- 12.1. Competitors participate entirely at their own risk.
- 12.2. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.

'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'

- 12.3. HBYC, RYCV and RMYS 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.

13. Further Information – HBYC Sailing Administrator – Stephen Cheney racing@hbyc.org.au

Notice of Race - Appendix A – HBYC boats only

A Eligibility

- A.1 It will be mandatory for an Independent Special Regulation Equipment Audit to be undertaken prior to the commencement of a boats 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.
- A.2 Boats sailing single-handed in any race or series shall comply with the Solo Sailing Policy located on the HBYC website.
- A.3 Boats in any race or series shall comply with the Man Overboard Policy located on the HBYC website.
- A.5 Boats shall supply Race Officer Assistant/Land officers according to the issued 'Race Roster' and required guidelines.

B. Schedule and Warning Signal/Start Times

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

Club Aggregate: **12 October 2024 – 5 April 2025**

Saturday 12 October 2024 (Long Distance, Portarlinton),	Warning Signal at 9:55hrs
Sunday 27 October 2024 (Two Handed),	Warning Signal at 10:40hrs
Saturday 9 November 2024 (Long Distance, Henry Press)	Warning Signal at 9:55hrs
Saturday 23 November 2024 (Club Course Series),	Warning Signal at 13:55hrs
Sunday 7 December 2024 (Long Distance, Mornington),	Warning Signal at 10:55hrs
Sunday 23 February 2025 (Two Handed),	Warning Signal at 10:40hrs
Saturday 5 April 2025 (RMYS Club Course Series)	Warning Signal at 13:55hrs

Chris Webb Two-Handed Series: **6 October 2024 – 23 March 2025**

Sunday 6 October 2024	
Sunday 27 October 2024	
Sunday 24 November 2024	
Sunday 9 February 2025	
Sunday 23 February 2025	
Sunday 23 March 2025	Warning Signal at 10:40hrs for all races.

Club Course Series **23 November 2024 – 5 April 2025**

Saturday 23 November 2024	Warning Signal at 13:55hrs
Saturday 30 November 2024	Warning Signal at 13:25hrs
Saturday 5 April 2025	Warning Signal at 13:55hrs

Gunn & Co - Thursday Evening Pursuit: **10 October 2024 – 27 March 2025**

Thursday 10, 17, 31 October 2024	
Thursday 7, 14, 28 November 2024	
Thursdays 5 December 2024	
Thursdays 9, 16, 23 January 2025	
Thursdays 6, 13, 20 February 2025	
Thursdays 6, 13, 27 March 2025	Warning Signal at 17:55hrs for all races.

John Neilson Long Distance Series: **12 October 2024 – 12 April 2025**

Saturday 12 October 2024 (Portarlinton),	Warning Signal at 9:55hrs
Saturday 9 November 2024 (Henry Press)	Warning Signal at 9:55hrs
Saturday 7 December 2024 (Mornington)	Warning Signal at 9:55hrs
Saturday 1 March 2025 (St. Leonards)	Warning Signal at 9:55hrs
Saturday 12 April 20245 (Wyndham Harbour)	Warning Signal at 10:55hrs

'Next Generation' Series**19 October 2024 – 15 March 2025**

Saturday 19 October 2024

Saturday 18 January 2025

Saturday 15 March 2025

Warning Signal 12:55hrs for all races.

Port Phillip Sea Pilots Trophy Race

Saturday 29 March 2025

Warning Signal tbc

Shirley Freeman Trophy and Alice Varady Trophy

Sunday 1 December 2024

Warning Signal for first race 10:55hrs

RM Smith Summer Pursuits:**29 September 2024 – 27 April 2025**

Sunday 29 September 2024

Sunday 3 November 2024

Sunday 15 December 2024

Sunday 19 January 2025

Sunday 16 February 2025

Sunday 9 March 2025

Sunday 27 April 2025

Warning Signal at 13:55hrs for all races.

Brass Monkey Winter Series:**3 May 2025– 23 August 2025**

Saturday 3, 17, 31 May 2025

Saturdays 14, 28 June 2025

Saturdays 12, 26 July 2025

Saturdays 9, 23 August 2025

Warning Signal for Div. One at 11:55hrs.
Subsequent divisions at nominated intervals
for all races.**The Steam Packet Thursday Female Helm Pursuit:****24 October 2024 – 20 March 2025**

Thursday 24 October 2024

Thursday 21 November 2024

Thursday 12 December 2024

Thursday 30 January 2025

Thursday 27 February 2025

Thursday 20 March 2025

Warning Signal at 17:55hrs for all races.

Weekend Female Helm Series**10 November 2024 – 16 March 2025**

Saturday 10 November 2024

Saturday 15 February 2025

Saturday 16 March 2025

Warning Signal 13:55hrs for all races.