



Hobsons Bay Yacht Club

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**Shirley Freeman Lady Skippers Event, Race 1 of the Port Phillip
Women's Championship Series (Division 1)
100 Year Celebration Race**

and

Suffragette Cup Short Course Non Spinnaker Race (Division 2)

Sunday 17th December, 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

AMENDMENTS

Number	Date	Descriptions Changed	Summary of Amendment

Preamble - Race Format

There are two Lady Skipper Races to be conducted by the HBYC on Sunday 17th December, 2017

Division 1 is the HBYC Lady Skippers Shirley Freeman Trophy Race, which is Race 1 of the Port Phillip Women's Championship Series, starting at 11:00 hrs. Our Club Courses will be used for this event, and are approximately nine to ten nautical miles in length.

The Suffragette Cup is a Non Spinnaker Race, starting at 11:10 hrs, is aimed to encourage those Lady Skippers to sail in a race with a less competitive format. Our Manager Cup Club Courses will be used for this event and are six to seven nautical miles in length.

The crew of all boats and their supporters are invited back to our Club to attend Lunch – cost \$15. Lunches may be ordered and paid for on Top Yacht

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Hobsons Bay Yacht Club Inc. as the Organising Authority advises there are two Lady Skippers Races to be conducted on Sunday 17th December, 2017. Division 1 is the Shirley Freeman Lady Skippers Race starting at 11:00 hrs. Division 2 is The Suffragette Cup, a Non Spinnaker Race commencing at 11:10 hrs.

2. PORT PHILLIP WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

The HBYC Shirley Freeman Lady Skippers event is Race 1 of the Port Phillip Women's Championship Series.

3. RESPONSIBILITY

All boats taking part in races conducted by Hobsons Bay Yacht Club (HBYC) do so at their own risk and responsibility. Unless otherwise stated, races shall be conducted under Category 6 of Yachting Australian Racing Rules of Sailing. HBYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. Attention is drawn to ISAF Rule 4, which states ***"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue is hers alone."***

4. RULES

The Lady Skippers Races will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australian Special Regulations part 1 of the Yachting Australia (YA), handicapping rules for the Performance Based Handicapping System (YA), except as changed by this Notice of Race and by the Sailing Instructions

4.1 Divisions

Performance Handicaps (PHS)

All handicaps are supplied by the official club handicapper at the boat's home club. The YV Handicapper reserves the right to revise any handicap before or during the Series, and to make the changed handicap retrospective if required. Boat Owners/Skippers are reminded of their obligations under Rule 2 of the PHS Handicapping rules. Handicaps will be determined by the YV Handicapper under the authority of the Race Committee and shall not be subject to protest. This changes RRS 60.1 (b), 60.2 (b) and RRS 62.

AMS Division

Time on time results will be calculated for boats competing in Performance Divisions as detailed above, where AMS certification is validated on the YV website. These results will be calculated from the elapsed time obtained in each Performance Handicap Division. Skippers are reminded that they must use the sail configuration as outlined in their AMS Certificate. A copy of a valid measurement or rating certificate (where applicable) as issued by the appropriate authority shall be made available on request.

IRC Division

Time on time results will be calculated for boats competing in Performance Divisions as detailed above, where IRC certification is validated on the IRC website. These results will be calculated from the elapsed time obtained in each Performance Handicap Division. Skippers are reminded that they must use the sail configuration as outlined in their IRC Certificate. A copy of a valid measurement or rating certificate (where applicable) as issued by the appropriate authority shall be made available on request.

4.2 Special Regulations

- 4.2.1 Special regulations Category 6 of the current Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 1 Racing Rules of Sailing shall apply.
- 4.2.2 Rule 40, (Flag "Y") when displayed by the Race Committee, will only apply to boats without lifelines.
- 4.2.3 It is strongly recommended that all crews of boats without lifelines wear a PFD type 1 or type 2 whilst on deck.
- 4.2.4 It is strongly recommended that all crews of boats wear a PFD type 1 or type 2 whilst on deck when conditions are such as to warrant it. Such conditions would include:
- 4.2.5 - when sails are reefed or,
- 4.2.6 - where there is significant wind effect on the water or wave heights that might jeopardize the safety of the vessel or its occupants.
- 4.2.7 No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or any part outboard.

4.3 Declaration of Compliance and Safety Equipment Checklist

Competitors are required, as a condition of entry, to have completed a separate Declaration of Compliance and Safety Equipment Checklist which may be lodged with their home club for the 2017-2018 sailing season.

4.4 Entry

- 4.4.1 Eligible boats shall be boats on the HBYC Yacht Register, or on the register of a Yachting Victoria affiliated Club.
- 4.4.2 Eligible boats shall be under the command of, and be helmed by, a woman skipper for the duration of the race.
- 4.4.3 Entries shall be completed on the appropriate online entry form and shall arrive at HBYC Office by 1700 hours on Thursday, 14th December, 2017 accompanied by the prescribed fee of \$30 for Kindred Clubs.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Race date is Sunday, 2 17th December, 2017 at 1055 hours (Warning Signal) for the HBYC Shirley Freeman Lady Skippers Race 1 of the Port Phillip Women's Championship Series starting at 11:00 hrs. Suffragette Cup Division 2 Non Spinnaker Warning Signal at 11:05 hrs

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available from the lower foyer at HBYC prior to the race and available on the club website 48 hours in advance racing/Lady Skipper Races

7. RACING AREA AND COURSES

The racing area will be on the waters of Port Phillip. Courses shall be described in the Sailing Instructions and for this race will use the HBYC Club Courses as shown as the latest version on the HBYC web site.

8. SCORING

The low point scoring system Rule A2 will apply.

9. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions (including mobile telephones) not available to all boats while racing and which constitute outside assistance.

10. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the winner in PHS, AMS and IRC, subject to the number of starters for the race. Trophy prizes will be presented at the Club Presentation Night to be held at the Hobsons Bay Yacht Club. The Sponsor's prize may be presented at the Clubhouse after the event.

11. HANDICAPS

Handicaps will be determined by YV Handicapper **John Duffin** and shall not be subject to protest. This changes RRS 60.1(b), 60.2(b) and RRS 62.

12. RESAILS

If the race is not sailed on its scheduled day, it may be resailed at a later date at the discretion of the Race Committee.

13. NUMBER OF STARTERS IN A DIVISION

3 or more starters will constitute a Race.

14. INDEMNITY

All those taking part in the 2017 HBYC Lady Skippers Races 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 HBYC, its servants nor volunteers shall accept liability or responsibility whatsoever for death or any personal or material damage sustained by participants before, during or after any event.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact HBYC on 9397 6111.