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HBYC

Port Phillip Sea Pilots Trophy Race

In conjunction with

The RMYS Big Bay Challenge

Friday, 17th February, 2017

and

Henry Press Short Course Trophy Race

Saturday, 18th February, 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

Amendments

Number	Date	Descriptions Changed	Summary of Amendment
3	10-02-2017	YA Regulations	Change from Cat 4 to Cat 5N plus

Introduction

Hobsons Bay Yacht Club Inc. as the Organizing Authority advises the 2017 HBYC Port Phillip Sea Pilots Trophy Race, the RMYS Big Bay Challenge and the Henry Press Short Course Trophy Race will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip under the following conditions:

1 Responsibility and Indemnity

All those taking part in the HBYC Port Phillip Sea Pilots Trophy Race, the RMYS Big Bay Challenge and Henry Press Short Course Trophy Race do so at their own risk and are responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and for the sufficiency and adequacy of its equipment.

HBYC, RMYS, their servants or volunteers shall NOT accept liability or responsibility whatsoever for death or any personal or material damage sustained by participants before, during or after any event.

Attention is drawn to RRS Rule 4, which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue is hers alone."

2 Rules

The races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 1, Sections 1--6.

2.1 Advertising

The Series is classified as a Category C event in accordance with RRS 80 and ISAF Regulation 20 and the Prescriptions of Australian Sailing thereto as amended from time to time.

Boats shall, if required by the Race Committee; display in locations specified any logos, pennants or promotional material as may be supplied.

2.2 Handicapping / Divisions

There shall be two Divisions:

Division A – Yachts completing the Sea Pilots Trophy Long Course Race and Big Bay Challenge

Handicaps - PHS, AMS, IRC and 2-Handed

Division B – Yachts completing Henry Press the Short Course Race

Handicaps - PHS, AMS, IRC and 2-Handed

Performance Handicaps (PHS)

All handicaps are supplied by the official club handicapper at the boat's home club.

The HBYC Handicapper reserves the right to revise any handicap before or after the race, 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 revised between races in accordance with the HBYC Long Distance Handicapping Rules.

Handicaps will be determined by the HBYC 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 www.raceyachts.org.

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.

3 YA Special Regulations

For yachts completing Division A – Long Course - Special regulations Category 5N of Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1, Racing Rules of Sailing shall apply. Yachts in this division must also comply with the listed extras.

Ref 3.25.1(b) (i)	One permanently installed VHF radio capable of operating on channels 12, 16, 67, 71, 72, 73, 77 and 82.
Ref 3.12.3 (c)	Must have lifelines
Ref 3.20.4	Manual bilge pump

Ref 3.20.8	Bilge pump handle lanyard
Ref 3.21.2	Spare compass independent of power supply
Ref 3.25.5 (b)	Emergency antenna if main antenna is on mast
Ref 4.04.1 (a)	2 x Fire extinguishers
Ref 4.06	One additional flashlight (minimum of 2)
Ref 4.10.2	International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea
Ref 4.11.2	GPS on board
Ref 4.18.3	EPIRBs
Ref 4.21.1(a)	Lifebuoys
Ref 5.02.1 & 5.02.3	Tethers and Jackstays must be used for shorthanded crews and for all crew members on deck overnight.

For yachts completing Division B – Short Course - Special regulations Category 5N of Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1, Racing Rules of Sailing shall apply.

PFD's of the approved type will be worn when required by the Marine Safety Victoria Regulations.

For all the yachts sailing two handed, all persons shall wear a PFD type 1 whilst on deck, and it is strongly recommended that they continue to wear a PFD type 1 until safely returned to their home port.

No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or any part outboard.

Rule 52 Manual Power shall be modified to allow self-steering equipment to be used.

4 Declarations of Compliance and Safety Equipment Checklist

Competitors are required, as a condition of entry, to have completed a Declaration of Compliance for the current year, which must be lodged with their home club before entering this race.

5 Start

The Warning signals shall be:

Date	Race	Time
Friday 17 February 2017	Sea Pilots Long Course	1955hrs
Saturday 18 February 2017	Henry Press Short Course	0955hrs

6 Entry and Fees

Eligible boats shall be boats on the HBYC Yacht Register, or on the Register of a Australian Sailing affiliated Club.

Entries shall be completed via the Top Yacht Entry System available on the HBYC or RMYS websites.

Entry for HBYC Entrants is free if boat owner has paid the HBYC "On-water Safety and Training Fee".

Entry fee for boats not on the register of HBYC or RMYS is \$30.

7 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available on the HBYC website in the week prior to each race.

8 Racing Area and Courses

The racing area will be on the waters of Port Phillip.
Courses shall be described in the Sailing Instructions on the HBYC website.

9 Scoring/ Prizes

The Port Phillip Sea Pilots Trophy will be awarded to the yacht with the lowest corrected time on YV Performance Handicap in Division A (Long Course). A trophy will be awarded for 2nd place and a trophy will be awarded for 3rd place.

Subject to the number of entries as per the conditions below, trophies shall be awarded for the following:

Division A Sea Pilots Trophy (Long Course)
1st, 2nd and 3rd on corrected time based on PHS, AMS, IRC and 2 Handed.

Division B Henry Press Trophy (Short Course only)
1st, 2nd and 3rd on corrected time based on PHS, AMS and 2 Handed.

Best Log as voted by the Sailing Committee.

Conditions that apply are:

At least 7 starters in a Division or no 3rd prize, 5 starters or no 2nd prize and 3 starters or no 1st prize.

Trophies will be presented at the HBYC Presentation night.

10 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.
Each competing yacht shall carry a VHF transceiver with channels 12, 16, 67, 73 and 82 and complete the VHF radio checks as outlined in the Sailing Instructions.
VHF radio channel 82 will be used to make announcements to competitors before or during a race.

11 Crew and Next Of Kin Declarations

All yachts must lodge with the Top Yacht Entry System the contact details, including mobile phone number, of the skipper and an onshore contact who has all the names and contact details of all crew on board for the race. Any changes to these details must be communicated to the Race Director by SMS prior to the start of the race.
Failure to lodge the skipper and onshore contact details before the race or to ensure that the contents are accurate and complete may result in the boat being scored as a non-starter.

12 Manual Power

Manual Power shall be modified to allow self-steering equipment to be used for boats in two handed Division. This changes RRS 52

13 Moveable Ballast

A boat with movable ballast or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the special regulations) may move such ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability. This changes RRS 51.

14 Further Information

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