



NOTICE OF RACE

CLUB RACES

FOR "OFF THE BEACH BOATS" and "TRAILABLE YACHTS"
TO BE HELD OVER THE SAILING SEASON AS SPECIFIED IN THE CYC CALENDAR.
ORGANISING AUTHORITY: COWES YACHT CLUB Inc.(CYC)

Warning: If you participate in these activities your rights to sue the supplier under the Fair Trading Act 1999 if you are killed or injured because the activities were not supplied with due care and skill or were not reasonably fit for their purpose, are excluded, restricted or modified in the way set out in this notice.

Note: The change to your rights, as set out in this notice does not apply if your death or injury is due to gross negligence on the supplier's part. "Gross negligence" is defined in the Fair Trading (Recreational Services) Regulations 2004.

Exclusion of implied terms: The terms implied into contracts for the supply of services by virtue of sections 32J and 32 JA of the Fair Trading Act, are hereby expressly excluded from the provision of recreational services by Cowes Yacht Club Inc. to members and other participants in club activities.

1. RULES

The race will be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* and the current *Yachting Australia Special Regulations*.

The racing rules will be modified in accordance with Rule 86 as follows:

- Part 4 preamble – All competitors are required to wear PFDs at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.
- Rule 26 – starting signals (club house start)
- Rule 35 – time limits
- Rule 44.1 – penalties for multihulls changed from 720° to 360°.
- Rule 61.1(a)(2) – the red flag exemption applies to all boats.
- Rule 61.3 – Protest lodgement time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat in the race finishes.
- Rules A4 & A5 - scoring

2. SAFETY

All Off the Beach boats must comply with the safety regulations specified in the current *Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats*.

All Trailable Yachts must comply with Category 6 safety regulations specified in the *Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 1 for Racing Boats* with the following inclusions:

- 3.07.4 Removable hatches to have locks and lanyards
- 3.24.3 Engine, permanently installed or outboard
- 3.24.4 Outboard motors for trailable boats, to be mounted at all times
- 3.24.5(a) Engine to provide minimum speed into 12 knot headwind
- 3.24.5(c) Sufficient fuel for 1 hour of motoring at minimum speed(3.24.5(a)).
- 3.25 Marine VHF transceiver installed as specified (27Mhz or HF only, not permitted)
- 4.21.1 Lifebuoy or other approved device with drogue (no light for daylight race)
- 4.23.1 Heaving line accessible to cockpit

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

Entries may be made on the day by signing on as specified in the Sailing Instructions by Full club members and Visitors (provided that they have paid the appropriate visitors fee in advance). Each boat must be able to provide a current, or archival, clearly defined Yachting Victoria Yardstick or for Trailable Yachts a current CBH. Boats without a defined yardstick or CBH can only enter by prior arrangement with the Race Committee. The onus rests with the entrant to provide satisfactory evidence of the boat's yardstick or CBH to the Race Committee. The race committee may alter any Yardstick or CBH at its discretion at any time.

Each boat or skipper in charge of a boat must have valid racing insurance that provides third-party legal liability cover to a minimum level of \$10,000,000 is now required.

There must be presented, or have been presented previously during the sailing season, a completed Australian Sailing Safety Compliance Declaration and Checklist for the boat. This declaration must have been received and verified by a Cowes Yacht Club Committee member. Participants under the age of 18 must present, or have presented previously during the sailing season, a parental consent form signed by a Parent, Legal Guardian or Custodian.

3.1 RESTRICTIONS

The minimum number of boats entered to constitute a valid race is three.

4. FEES

An entry fee is not applicable for CYC members. Visitors need to pay the appropriate fee.

5. ADVERTISING

Advertising will be permitted according to Category C.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The details of the dates and start times of the CYC Club races can be found on the CYC Sailing Calendar. The Club Races (and this NOR) do NOT cover or include: Around French Island, Cock of the Bay, the Tasar/Pacer Challenge, the Triangular Series, Match racing, the Westernport Challenges (OTB and TY/Keel/Multi) or the Southern Westernport Challenge.

7. MEASUREMENTS

Measurement is not required.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions are available at www.cowesyachtclub.com

9. VENUE AND RACING AREA

Races will be conducted from the Club. The racing area will be on the waters of Western Port in the vicinity of Cowes Yacht Club.

10. ADVERSE WEATHER

If a Gale warning or higher as issued by the BOM is current on the day of the race, the race is cancelled.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

In addition to the matters contained in Clause 2 of this Notice of Race, competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk, see FUNDAMENTAL RULE 4, DECISION TO RACE. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event.

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

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