



YACHTING WESTERN PORT
2018 WESTERN PORT CHALLENGE
for

Trailable Yachts - Keel Boats - Multihulls

NOTICE OF RACE

10th February 2018 Hosted by Cowes Yacht Club Inc.

1 Organising Authority:

The Organising Authority shall be the Sailing Committee of Cowes Yacht Club Inc. (CYC) on behalf of Yachting Western Port (YW).

2 Rules: – this race conducted by CYC will be governed by:

2.1 The ***Racing Rules of Sailing*** (RRS), except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

2.2 Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS).

2.3 The Handicapping Rules of Australian Sailing (AS), except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

2.4 Class Rules of the yachts racing.

3 Advertising:

A competitor shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

4 Eligibility and Entry:

4.1 Entry is open to all Trailable Yachts, Keelboats and Multihulls that are financial members of a Yachting Western Port affiliated Yacht Club.

4.2 Eligible boats may be entered for this race by completing the online Race Entry, Declaration Form, paying the race entry fee online and lodging it by 0900hrs ESDST 9th February 2018 (or later in accordance with clause 4.3).

4.3 Late entries may be accepted after 0900hrs ESDST on 9th February 2018 at the discretion of the CYC Sailing Committee.

4.4 The Sailing Committee reserves the right to refuse entry to any boat.

Online Entry URL is as follows:

<http://www.cowesyachtclub.com/western-port-challenge.html>

5 Fees:

The entry fee for the race will be \$25.30

Late Entry Fee for the race will be \$50.30

6 Safety:

All boats competing in this race must comply with Category 6 AS Special Regulations Part 1 with the following inclusions: (Below is a heading summary only, refer to the full wording of the referenced Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1)

Reference

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 motoring at minimum speed(3.24.5(a)).
3.25(b)	Marine VHF transceiver installed as specified (Marine 27Mhz or Marine HF only are NOT permitted)
4.21.1(a)	Lifebuoy or other approved device with drogue (self igniting light for daylight races not required)
4.23.1	Heaving line accessible to the cockpit

7 Schedule of Races & Sailing Instructions:

7.1 The 2018 Western Port Challenge for Trailable Yachts, Keelboats and Multihulls is scheduled for the 10th February 2018 starting in the vicinity of the Cowes Yacht Club, unless otherwise advised see 7.4, at 11:00hrs ESDST.

7.2 A re-sail if required will take place on the 24th March 2018.

7.3 Sailing Instructions will be published on the CYC website.

7.4 The Race Start area may be relocated to an area that has more favorable conditions. In this case the Committee boat will fly Code Flag L with one sound signal as a 'follow this boat' to the new starting location. This change of start area will also be announced on VHF Channel 73.

8 Courses:

Courses are detailed in Appendix A of the Sailing Instructions.

9 Scoring:

9.1 The Low Point Scoring System of the rules Appendix A shall apply to all races except as modified by these sailing instructions.

9.2 Overall Club Team Scoring: Each Club with a minimum of three finishers is eligible to be considered for a score in the team results. To encourage greater participation a Club may enter more than the minimum number of boats and not be penalised for this. The calculation to determine the winning Yacht Club shall be the sum of the best three boat results in all eligible divisions.

9.2.2 A division can only be eligible to be counted for the Club Team score providing 3 or more different Yachting Western Port Clubs are entered in that division.

10 Prizes:

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the YW committee. Individual prizes per division and the Western Port Challenge Shield perpetual trophy for the best team will be presented at the Annual General Meeting of Yachting Western Port.

11 Disclaimer of Liability:

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. Neither Yachting Western Port, The Cowes Yacht Club, the Organising Authority, their employees and volunteers accept liability for any material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the 2018 Western Port Challenge.

12 Insurance:

12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with currently valid third-party liability insurance of not less than \$10,000,000 per incident.

12.2 Each competitor shall acknowledge the prescribed 'Declaration of Insurance Cover' for the boat being entered when submitting their Entry.

13 Radio Communications:

A listening watch shall be maintained by all yachts racing as detailed in the sailing instructions.