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AUDI IRC AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2013

To be held in conjunction with
**FESTIVAL OF SAILS
GEELONG
AUSTRALIA**

Notice of Race



1. Invitation

The Royal Geelong Yacht Club (RGYC) as the organising authority, in conjunction with Yachting Australia, invites entries from owners and charterers of eligible boats to race on the waters of Port Philip and Corio Bay between 24th January and 28th January 2013 for the 2013 Audi IRC Australian Championships.

2. Rules

- 2.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2013 – 2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF), Special Regulations and Prescriptions of Yachting Australia (YA), the 2012 IRC rule (parts 1, 2 & 3) where applicable, as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 Amendments made to this Notice-of-Race prior to 24th January 2013 will be published on the event web site (www.festivalofsails.com.au), and details of amendments made after that date will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board at Race headquarters.
- 2.3 A National Jury constituted as specified in RRS Appendix N will be appointed. The Jury's decisions will be final, in accordance with RRS 70.5. An arbitration procedure as detailed in the Sailing Instructions may be offered for protests involving an alleged breach of RRS Part 2.
- 2.4 RRS 50.2 is amended to permit boats to tack spinners to fixed or retractable bowsprits.
- 2.6 For the purpose of IRC Rules 21.1.5 (d) and (e) this regatta is on consecutive days and the sails on board shall remain the same.
- 2.7 Before the first race of the championship, all boats shall submit to the regatta office a declaration of all the sails carried on board for the duration of the regatta.
- 2.8 For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS, an arbitration hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing. A boat that accepts fault at an arbitration hearing will be penalised by having her race score increased by 25% of the difference between the boats finishing score and the score for DSQ in her division or class, rounded to the nearest whole number.

All other boats scores will remain the same. Once accepted, this decision is not subject to reopening or appeal. This alters RRS 63, 64.1(a), 66 and Appendix A.

3. Entry

- 3.1 By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer agrees that he/she will ensure that the entered yacht is covered by suitable public liability insurance of at least AU\$10,000,000 (or foreign currency equivalent), valid for racing, and current for the duration of Festival of Sails 2013.
- 3.2 By lodging an entry the entrant agrees to be bound by the rules and conditions of the event.
- 3.3 Eligible boats shall enter online electronically only, through the event web site from 0800 hrs Monday 1st October 2012 until 1700 hrs Friday 11th January 2013. Late fee entries may be accepted up to 1700 hrs, Friday 18th January 2013.
The electronic Entry Form is available from the event **website: www.festivalofsails.com.au**
- 3.4 The Entry Fee for all IRC Classes shall be AUS\$720.00. Boats that complete entry including full payment before November 1st 2012 shall receive a discount of AUS\$50.00 (Entry Fee - AUS\$670.00). Boats that complete entry including payment after Friday 11th January 2013 shall pay an additional Late Fee of AUS\$100.00 (Entry Fee - AUS\$820.00)
- 3.5 Entry Cancellation and Refunds - If written cancellation of entry is received at the Regatta Office by 1700 hrs Friday 11th January 2013, the whole fee less a AUS\$100.00 administration charge will be refunded. Thereafter, refunds will be made only in exceptional circumstances. In the event of a race being abandoned or cancelled, entry fees will not be refunded.
- 3.6 Race registration packs containing sponsor decals/pennants, Racing Guide, Sailing Instructions, Regatta Passes (wristbands) and any initial amendments to the NOR or Sailing Instructions will be available for collection from the Regatta Office at Registration.

3.7 Crew Details

- 3.7.1 Prior to the start of the Regatta, every boat shall provide Festival of Sails with details of all the crew likely to be racing on the boat, including their full names and Post Code. This shall be done online and shall be completed by the close of Late Entry (1700 hrs Friday 18th January).
- 3.7.2 Entrants are required to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the crew information provided to Festival of Sails is accurate and up-to-date.
- 3.7.3 Changes made during the regatta should be notified to the emergency contact described in 3.7.4
- 3.7.4 Prior to their first race, each entrant is required to supply Festival of Sails with the details of an emergency contact ashore who shall keep an accurate record of the details of all crew sailing on the boat on each day during the regatta.

4. Eligibility and Classes

- 4.1 IRC Class boats shall hold a valid Endorsed IRC 2012 rating certificate at the time of the races. Boats shall submit a copy of their certificate at registration. No alteration to the certificate will be permitted after that time except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct rating errors.
- 4.2 **IRC Class A** will have:-
 LH: 13.5 metres or longer
 IRC Hull Factor: 11.0 or higher.
 IRC DLR: 160 or lower.
 IRC TCC: 1.200 or higher
 IRC Age Date: 2003 or later
 Boats which meet the requirements for IRC Class A shall race in that Class.
 Boats that do not meet all the requirements for IRC Class A and have a TCC of 1.35 or greater may be reassigned into that Class.

IRC Class B will be:-

IRC rated boats that do not meet the requirements of IRC Class A that have a TCC of 1.11 and higher.
 An IRC Class B boat may be reassigned to Class C to remain with other boats of the same design

IRC Class C will be:-

IRC rated boats that do not meet the requirements of IRC Class A that have a TCC of 1.109 and lower.
 An IRC Class C boat may be reassigned to Class B to remain with other boats of the same design

- 4.3 IRC Certificates showing Age Date as One Design (OD) shall use their series date to determine her IRC Class.
- 4.4 IRC ratings (TCC) will be obtained from IRC rating certificates.

5. Safety

IRC Classes A & B and C: The safety regulations will be YA Special Regulations for Category 5 races for all races

6. Schedule of Events

Date Friday 11th January
Class All IRC Classes
Event Entries close

Date Thursday 24th January
Class All IRC Classes
Event Up to 3 W/L races Corio Bay
 Welcome Function RGYC

Date Friday 25th January
Class All IRC Classes
Event Distance Race from Corio Bay incorporating Port Philip

Date Saturday 26th January
Class All IRC Classes
Event Up to 3 W / L races Corio Bay

Date Sunday 27th January
Class All IRC Classes
Event 1 x W/L & 1 x Bay Race Corio Bay
 Dockside Celebration after racing

Date Monday AM 28th January
Class Presentation of Trophies RGYC
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The Race Committee may make changes to this schedule at any time.

7. Registration

All boats are required to complete Registration at the Regatta Office, RGYC between 1300-1700 hrs on Wednesday 23rd January or between 0800-1100 hrs Thursday 24th January. All IRC boats shall submit a copy of her IRC certificate (NoR 4.1) and Sail Declaration (NoR 2.7) at registration.

9. Sailing Instructions

It is the intention to have the Sailing Instructions available on the event web site from Thursday 10th January 2013. Printed copies will be provided to all competitors on registration at the Regatta Office.

10. Scoring System

The scoring system shall be the Low Point System, RRS Appendix A except if there are four or less races sailed for a class or division then all races shall count. There are nine (9) races scheduled and two (2) completed races shall constitute a series.

11. Conditions of Entry

- 11.1 (a) all those taking part in races conducted by the RGYC and associates do so at their own risk and responsibility.
- (b) The RGYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- (c) RGYC will not certify or carry out inspections to certify the suitability of a boat to race.
- (d) By lodging an entry, the owner/charterer agrees that;

1.1 It is a fundamental condition of entry that he, she or it releases, holds harmless and indemnifies RGYC and its associates, its office bearers, servants, agents and members and the sponsors of Festival of Sails 2013 from all liability any of those persons has to the owner/charterer or any crew member on the owner/charterer's yacht, or to any person claiming through or under any

such person arising from loss or damage how so ever caused, including negligent act or omission, arising out of or relating to:

Participation by the owner/charterer's yacht or any other yacht in a race;

The conduct or course of the race in any respect including, without limitation, any act or omission (whether reasonably foreseeable or not) causing or relating to loss of or damage to any yacht or the death or injury of any person; or

Any of the matters referred to in the paragraphs above;

1.2 Participation by the yacht and by the crew in Festival of Sails 2013 is agreed by Royal Geelong Yacht Club Inc on the basis that participation is entirely at the risk of the owner/charterer and each member of the crew on the owner/charterer's yacht;

1.3 The owner/charterer will provide each crew member or proposed crew member with a copy of these Conditions of Entry.

1.4 Attention is drawn to ISAF Fundamental Rules 3 and 4.

12. Prizes and Trophies

Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place overall in each Class.

Trophies for the overall pointscore in each class will be presented at a ceremony on the morning of Monday 28th January 2013 at Royal Geelong Yacht Club.

13. Internet Site

The event web site Festival of Sails is located at **www.festivalofsails.com.au** and information regarding the event may be obtained from this site. Entrants should check the site periodically in order to keep up to date of the latest information. The official website of the Audi IRC Australian Championship can be found at **www.irc.yachting.org.au**

14. Media Rights and Restrictions

The conditions of entry include:

a) a requirement that the owner or charterer of the boat and all crew members:

b) acknowledge that the Organising Authority owns all media rights to the 2013 Audi IRC Australian Championships and may exercise those rights as it sees fit;

c) grant the Organising Authority the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images and biographical information relating to the crew and photographs, video footage and audio recordings taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during and after the race;

Crew members of boats may, prior to, during and after the Championship, speak or provide material to any media representatives accredited by the Organising Authority, regarding the Championship and the prospects, performance or strategy of boats entered or participating in the Championship, subject to any comments and material not undermining or interfering with, or having a detrimental impact on, the Organising Authority and its officers and employees, the Race Committee, the National Jury, measurers or current or former sponsors of the Organising Authority. This approval may be revoked by the Organising Authority in respect of a boat or media representative at any time.

By lodging an Entry into the 2013 Audi IRC Australian Championships all crew members acknowledge and accept the media restrictions referred to in this paragraph 14 on the entry. Any breach of these conditions may, at the discretion of the Organising Authority or the Race Committee, lead to the rejection of an entry, the cancellation of an entry or the disqualification of a boat (refer RRS 76.1). This does not limit the right of the Organising Authority to take any other action it sees fit to enforce compliance with these conditions.

15. Mooring Arrangement & Support Facilities

Moorings for competing boats in the marina at Royal Geelong Yacht Club will be available for the period Tuesday 22nd January until Tuesday 29th January at no

charge. It is a condition of entry that boats must moor in accordance with the directions of the Marina Manager. (Boats wishing to arrive before 22nd January and/or leave after 29th January should contact the Marina Office on 03 5229 3705 to arrange berthage for the extra days.

The following tradesmen and facilities will be available during the series should they be required: Sailmaker – Rigger - Chandler - Diesel engineer - Shipwright - Slip-ping facilities - Supermarket, bakery, deli, etc. - Laundromat - ATM - Post Office and public telephones - 24 hour medical service.

16. Accommodation

If you are not staying on a boat, accommodation information is available at www.visitgeelongbellarine.com.au. There are plenty of options available in and around Geelong, ranging from high end hotels to Bed & Breakfasts, and caravan parks

For Further Details

Contact the Regatta Director direct: Denis Thompson
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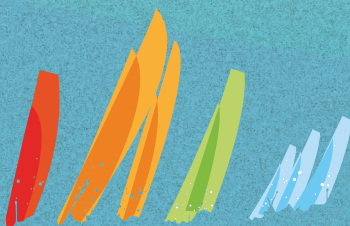
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