



2016 PONRABEL SHIELD

AND GEOFF HISCOCK MEMORIAL RACE

NOTICE OF RACE

The Tamar Yacht Club invites entries for the 2016 Ponrabel Shield and Geoff Hiscock Memorial Race, to be held in Bass Strait on Saturday and Sunday the 19th and 20th of March 2016 by the Tamar Yacht Club Inc., Park Street, Launceston.

RULES

The series will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016, the prescriptions and special regulations of the YA and by the Sailing Instructions.

ADVERTISING

Advertising on boats shall comply with the requirements of Yachting Australia, RRS 2013-2016 Rule 79 and subsequent amendments thereto.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES

The races are open to boats currently registered with a Yacht Club affiliated with Yachting Australia. All helmsmen shall be members of, a Yacht Club affiliated with Yachting Australia.

Entries should be made on the attached form, accompanied by the **Entry Fee and Current 2015-2016 Cat 4 Safety Certificate** and sent to:
Tamar Yacht Club, 7 Park Street, Launceston 7250

No entry fee will be accepted without a Current 2015-2016 Safety Certificate

Entries close 5p.m. on **Thursday 17th March 2016 for the Ponrabel Shield and the Geoff Hiscock Memorial Race.**

Late Entries close on the Friday prior to the event at 5p.m. and must be accompanied by an Extra \$20-00.

FEES

Required Fees for entry to the 2016 Ponrabel Shield & Geoff Hiscock Memorial Race shall be **\$20-00 per race.**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – Division 1 and Cruising Division

Ponrabbell Shield Sat. 19th March 2016 Low Head to Mersey River

High Tide Low Head 0836 hrs (AEDT)
Start Time Warning Signal 1025 hrs (AEDT)

Geoff Hiscock Trophy Race Sun 20th March 2016 Mersey River to Low Head

High Tide Low Head 0928 hrs (AEDT)
Start Time Warning Signal 0955 hrs (AEDT)

DIVISIONS

At least three entries are required to make a Division.

Cruising Division

A Yacht will only be eligible for this division if they have competed in no more than two offshore races in the last two years, or at the discretion of the Race Director.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the TYC Website.

RACING AREA

Tamar River, Southern Bass Strait and the entrance to the Mersey River.

COURSES

The courses shall be ocean races as described in the sailing instructions.

HANDICAPS

Handicaps will be determined by the Tamar Yacht Club Sailing Committee.

SAFETY CATEGORY

Cat. 4 _____

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2016 PONRABEL SHIELD

SATURDAY 19th MARCH 2016

RULES

The series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions and special regulations of Yachting Australia and by these Sailing Instructions. Advertising on boats shall comply with the requirements of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

ENTRIES

Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the Tamar Yacht Club. Eligibility requirements for boats are that the boat be currently registered with a Yacht Club affiliated with the Yachting Australia, have adequate Third Party Public Liability Insurance, and shall be able to produce proof of such cover if so required. Eligibility requirements for competitors are that the helmsman be currently registered with a Yacht Club affiliated with the Yachting Australia. No entry will be accepted without a current Safety Certificate.

RESPONSIBILITY

All those taking part in the Ponrabel Shield and Geoff Hiscock Memorial Race do so at their own risk and responsibility. The organisers do not and cannot diminish the affect of the perils of the sea are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted, or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment, nor for any damage or injury either ashore or afloat which may result from participating in the series. Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4 which states:-

“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”

4. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Tamar Yacht Club Website.

5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in sailing instructions will be notified to competitors on **VHF Channel 77** - 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start.

6. STARTING SIGNALS

6.1 Starting Signals will be made from the Committee Boat.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACE

7.1 The Race is scheduled as follows:

DIVISION	DATE	WARNING SIGNAL	HIGH TIDE
CRUISING & DIVISION 1	Sat March 19th	10:25	0700 (AEDT)

8. CLASS FLAGS
The class Flag will be Code Flag “K”
9. RACING AREA
Tamar River and Bass Strait and the Mersey River entrance.
10. THE COURSE
From start to finish line at Devonport, Seaward side of Hebe Reef and Wrights Island, Channel side of Green and Red Farewell Beacons at all times.
11. THE START
 - 11.1 The race will be started using Rule 26.
 - 11.2 The starting line will be between the North West Bank Pile (West of She Oak Point) and a Committee Boat anchored to the East, starting in a northerly direction.
12. THE FINISH
A transit from the Finishing Leads on the Western Shore and the most Seaward Pile F1 on the Eastern side of the entrance to the Mersey River.
- 12.1 FINISH TIMES
It is the responsibility of each yacht to note and record their own time and finishing position in relation to other yachts. *Note: please use GPS time*. (Finish times shall be submitted in writing to a TYC representative if required) on Saturday 19th March 2016.
13. TIME LIMIT
The time limit will be 1800 hrs on 19th March 2016 for the first yacht to finish in each class. Boats failing to finish within 75 minutes after the first boat in its Division finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored as Did Not Finish.
14. PROTESTS
 - 14.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Mersey Yacht Club and delivered there within 1 hour of the time of the last yacht to finish.
15. RADIO USAGE
All yachts are asked to keep a listening watch on **V.H.F. Ch 77** for any race information prior to the start. All yachts to keep a listening watch on VHF Ch 16 during the race.
16. SAFETY CATEGORY
Race Category is **CAT. 4**.
17. ALTERNATIVE COURSE
At the sole discretion of the Officer of the Day.
18. CANCELLATION:
In the event of a gale warning or wind speed exceeding 37 KNOTS, the race may be cancelled. Competitors will be notified on VHF Channel 77

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

APPENDIX 1

ALTERNATE COURSE

11. THE COURSE

From the start to Point Rapid Beacon, then to PDYC mark X. then to PDYC mark Z to the finish. Leaving Point Rapid Beacon to starboard. Channel side of Shag Rock and Shag Rock Beacon at all times.

12. THE START

12.1 The race will be started using Rule 26.

12.2 The starting line will be between a signal mast on Sheoak Point and North West Bank Beacon and starting in a Southerly direction.

13. THE FINISH

PDYC finish line (a line from the Signal Mast on Starting Box to outer PDYC mark "B". NOTE: Mark "A" is the inner distance limit mark). [(Finish in a Southerly direction)].

13.1 FINISH TIMES

May be taken by the OOD ashore, but it is in the interest of all yachts to note and record their own times and finishing position in relation to other yachts.

Note: please use GPS time.



GEOFF HISCOCK MEMORIAL RACE

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SUNDAY 20th MARCH 2016

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4. SCHEDULE OF RACE

DIVISION	DATE	WARNING SIGNAL
1st Div. & Cruising	Sunday 20 th March	09.55

LOCATION

Mersey River/Bass Strait/Tamar River

5. RACING AREA

Mersey River, Bass Strait and Port Dalrymple Yacht Club finish line.

6. TIME LIMIT
1800 hrs. on 20th March 2016 for first yacht to finish.
7. SAFETY CATEGORY
Race Category is **CAT. 4.**
8. COURSE
From the start to the finish line at the Port Dalrymple Yacht Club in the Tamar River. Seaward side of Wrights Island and Hebe Reef and all Channel Marks in the Tamar River.
- 8.1 START LINE
A line between the most seaward Pile F1 on the Eastern side of the entrance to the Mersey River and a vessel anchored to the West. (Keep a listening watch on VHF CH 77 for any change to the starting procedure).
- 8.2 FINISH LINE
Port Dalrymple Yacht Club Start/Finish Line.
- 8.3 THE FINISH
It is the responsibility of each yacht to note and record their own time and finishing position in relation to other yachts. **Note: please use GPS time.** Finish times shall be submitted in writing to the Tamar Yacht Club by Wednesday 12th February 2014.
9. THE START
The race will be started using Rule 26
10. CANCELLATION
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ARBITRARY HANDICAP SPECIFICATION DECLARATION

Please provide the following information in relation to the yacht entered.

Boat Name:

Length Overall Beam

Draft Displacement

Sail Area

Design

Year Designed (estimate)

Year Built (estimate)

Construction

Fractional or Masthead

Please provide details of all sails that will be carried on board.

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Describe keel and give details of any appendages (i.e. shoal draft, trapezoid, centreboard,
bulbs, wings etc.)

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Approx. how many crew will be carried

Would you describe the internal fit-out and internal gear that will be carried in the race as
racing or cruising

Describe any alterations to the yacht, or sails acquired, since the 2012/2013 season

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“To the best of my knowledge I believe that the above information is accurate”

SIGNATURE:..... (Owner/Owners Representative)

