



Melbourne Trailable Yacht Club Inc 2016- 2017 Summer Series Notice Of Race

Incorporating Three Sub Series

Short Course Series		Womens Skipper Series	Long Course Series	
Heats 1 & 2	Sun 23 October		Heat 1	Sun 20 November <u>Note 1</u>
Heats 3	Sun 06 November*	Heat 1 Sun 06 November*	Heat 2	Sun 11 December
Heat 4	Sun 05 February*	Heat 2 Sun 05 February*	Heat 3	Sun 26 February
Heats 5 & 6	Sun 19 March		Heat 4	Sun 02 April
Heat 7	Sun 30 April*	Heat 3 Sun 30 April*	Heat 5	Sun 28 May

* Womens Skippers Series heat will be the first race sailed on the day followed by the Short Course Series race

Note 1: Heat 1, Sunday 20 November, is to be sailed as part of the RYCV Lipton Cup Regatta. Note earlier start time and Addendum to this Notice Of Race

1 Rules

- 1.1 The Series will be governed by the current *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the special regulations of the AYF Category 5, each Trailable yacht's class rules, (except as any of these are altered by the sailing instructions) and by the sailing instructions.
- 1.2 Class dispensations already approved by the Yachting Australia (YA) or Yachting Victoria (YV) will be recognised.
- 1.3 Trailable yachts need not comply with Special Regulation 4.21(a) provided that a PFD1 or 2 shall be worn by each member of the crew.
- 1.4 A race will only be conducted if there are 3 or more starters signed on.
- 1.5 Racing will be conducted in accordance with the MTYC Safety Manual. Attention is drawn to Clause 3.4 – A Guide For Race Abandonment.

2 Eligibility and Entry

- 2,1 The Long Course and Short Course Series are open to all boats of the Melbourne Trailable Yacht Club Inc (MTYC).
- 2.2 The Women Skippers Series is open to all boats of the MTYC, skippered by women members of MTYC. (Other boats may race but will not be eligible for the Womens Skippers Series).
- 2.3 A current, signed Declaration of Compliance & Safety Equipment Checklist, is required for each yacht and must be lodged with the MTYC safety facilitator, who will provide a 'Cat 5' sticker which must be displayed on the transom.
- 2.4 Visitors will be included in the individual race results, but will not be included in the Series results.
- 2.5 Visiting yachts must either show a current 'Cat 5' sticker or complete and sign a Declaration of Compliance & Safety Equipment Checklist on the day.
- 2.6 Visiting skippers and crew that are not members of another yacht club and therefore do not have a current Yachting Australia membership card (Silver Card) can sail a maximum of 3 races before membership is required.
- 2.7 New members to MTYC are eligible to enter the Series. Races sailed as a visitor prior to joining MTYC will be taken into account.
- 2.8 Crew shall consist of at least one adult and one other person both of whom shall be able to handle the boat independently.

3. Race Entry Fees and Entry Form (Visitors Only)

MTYC members – no fee or Entry Form applicable

Visitors fee of \$10 per boat per day (1 or 2 races). Refer clauses 2.3 and 2.4.

4 Schedule of Events

- 4.1 Refer to the list of dates at the start of this Notice of Race.
- 4.2 Briefing: Approx 0945hrs
- 4.3 Start at 1100hrs or as otherwise advised. On days when two races are held, the second race start will be as soon as practicable after the last boat finishes the first race.
- 4.4 Multiple starts may be scheduled depending on the range of CBH's between the competing yachts.

5. Measurements

Yachts entered as standard yachts of a recognised class shall comply with the class rules of that yacht. Yachts not complying with class rules must provide accurate information on the entry form. The Race Committee reserves the right to set or adjust PBH.

6. Insurance

All participating yachts shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance having a minimum cover of \$10,000,000.

7. Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions may be available at briefing sessions and are available on the www at <http://www.mtyc.yachting.org.au/>

8. Venue

8.1 Briefings are held in the car park/rigging area at St Kilda Marina.

8.2 The racing area will be on Port Phillip as shown in the illustration attached.

9. Courses

The course shall be as described in the sailing instructions or as modified at the Briefing Session, on the day of racing.

10. Scoring

10.1 The Low Point scoring system, Appendix A *The Racing Rules of Sailing* will apply to both the Short Course Series and Long Course Series. Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores. If less than seven (7) heats are sailed only 1 race score shall be dropped. A minimum of three (3) heats is required to constitute a series, in which case all three heats shall count.

10.2 Clause A9 in Appendix A – Race Scores In A Series Longer Than A Regatta – shall apply.

10.3 Race Results will be calculated for The Short Course Series and the Long Course Series based on Performance Based Handicap (PBH) and a Class Based Handicap (CBH) results. .

11. Prizes

11.1 Trophies for CBH and PBH will be awarded on the day to the combined results for both races and the single race if only one heat sailed. (11+ entrants – 1st, 2nd and 3rd; 6 -10 boats – 1st and 2nd; less than 6 entrants – 1st only).

11.2 At the end of the Short Course Series and Long Course Series, trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd for PBH and CBH for each Series.

11.3 Perpetual trophies for 1st overall PBH and 1st overall CBH will also be presented, based on the combined results of the Short Course and Long Course Series.

12. Radio Communications

Competitors are required to conduct a Radio Check and Sign On with the Race Officer or his nominee on **VHF 72** and should dual watch **VHF Channels 16 and 72** for the duration of the event for emergency monitoring and calling. This requirement is the responsibility of the owner or skipper to enforce.

13. Indemnity

13.1 All participants compete in races conducted by the MTYC at their own risk.

13.2 MTYC is not responsible for the sea worthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted, or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment or its crew.

13.3 MTYC accepts no responsibility for any damage, injury or loss sustained by any boat, equipment or crew and/or persons associated, whether ashore or afloat and whether or not occurring during any rescue operation.

13.4 Attention is drawn to Racing Rules of Sailing Fundamental Rule 4 – Decision To Race: ***“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”***

14. Further Information

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Illustration A – Racing Area Port Phillip

