

# Australian Yachting Championships 2017

***Thursday 23 March – Sunday 26 March 2017***

## **Notice of Race**



CRUISING YACHT CLUB OF AUSTRALIA  
*Home of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race*



## 1. INVITATION

The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, the Organising Authority (in conjunction with Australian Sailing) invites owners of eligible boats to enter the Australian Yachting Championships 2017 to be sailed on the Tasman Sea between Thursday 23 March and Sunday 26 March 2017.

## 2. RACE SCHEDULE

Thursday March 23	Windward/Leeward races (up to 3 races)
Friday March 24	Windward/Leeward races (up to 3 races)
Saturday March 25	Passage Race
Sunday March 26	Passage Race

## 3. CLASSES

Racing will be conducted for IRC, ORCi and PHS Divisions.

The composition and allocation of boats into divisions in a rating category will be determined by the Race Committee and shall not be subject to protest or grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)).

## 4. RULES

All races will be governed by the current versions of:

- (a) the **rules**, as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2016 - 2019 ("**RRS**") of World Sailing;
  - (b) the Australian Sailing Prescriptions and Special Regulations
  - (c) the IRC 2016 Rules Parts 1, 2 and 3, if applicable
  - (d) the ORC Rating System Rules 2016 if applicable
- except as any one of these are amended by the Sailing Instructions (SI).

### 4.1 Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing

RRS 51: A boat with movable or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the Special Regulations) may move the ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.

RRS 52: RRS 52 does not apply to the adjustment and operation of sails or the adjustment of movable appendages on any boat.

### 4.2 National Jury

The Organising Authority will appoint a National Jury for the Championship.

## 5. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

## 6. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The Official Notice Board is a notice board bearing that name in the downstairs hallway of the clubhouse of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia.

## 7 ELIGIBILITY

### 7.1 Eligibility of Boats

#### 7.1.1 General Requirements

A boat shall:

- be single hulled and self righting;
- comply with the Special Regulations Part 1 for Race Category 4.

#### 7.1.2 Insurance

The owner or charterer of a boat entered in the race shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat current when racing, with a sum insured of not less than A\$10 million.

#### 7.1.3 IRC Boats

A boat may only be entered in the IRC rating category if the boat:

- has a current, valid 2016 IRC Certificate, being an Endorsed Certificate issued by RORC or UNCL;
- complies with all of the current IRC Rules and Regulations, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).

#### 7.1.4 ORCi Boats

A boat may only be entered in the ORCi rating category if the boat:

- has a current, valid ORCi Certificate; and
- complies with all of the current ORC Rating System Rules, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).

#### 7.1.5 Equipment Audits

All boats are required to have an Australian Sailing Special Regulations Equipment Compliance Form for Category 4 or higher audited by an approved auditor.

A boat requiring an equipment audit at the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia should make a booking at the Sailing Office.

## 8. ENTRY AND REGISTRATION

8.1 Entry shall be made through the online entry system through the Australian Yachting Championships website <http://www.australianyachtingchampionship.org.au>

8.2 The following fees shall be paid by credit card, cheque or electronic funds transfer on submission of the entry or late documentation, as appropriate. They are not refundable or rebatable. All fees include Goods and Services Tax (a tax invoice will be issued on request). In the event that fewer than 5 entrants are received for a handicap category by 17 March owners will be given the option of entering another category (if eligible) or have their entry fee fully refunded.

Entry fee	A\$800
Additional handicap category entry fee - for each additional category	A\$75
Additional Late Entry Fee	A\$100

8.3 A boat may enter in any of the following categories:

- IRC;
- ORCi;
- PHS

- 8.4 The following shall be supplied to the CYCA Sailing Office no later than 1200 hours on Friday 17 March 2016:
- Completed Entry Form through the online entry system
  - Entry Fee
  - Rating Certificates (as required in NOR 7.1)
  - Audited Special Regulations Equipment Compliance Form for Cat 4 or higher.

8.5 An entry and the above items may be accepted after that date at the discretion of the Organising Authority, subject to a request for late acceptance being made to the Organising Authority in writing, accompanied by the specified Late Entry Fee.

## 9. COURSES

The courses shall be windward leeward and offshore passage courses and shall be as detailed in the Australian Yachting Championships 2017 Sailing Instructions.

## 10. HANDICAPS/SCORING

10.1 The Scoring system will be the Low Point System, RRS Appendix A.

10.2 The series will consist of up to 8 races. 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series

10.3 If 6 or more races are completed a boats highest score shall be discarded.

10.4 When fewer than 6 races are completed a boats series score shall be the total of her race scores.

10.5 IRC race results will be calculated by the application of the IRC Time Corrector (TCC) as printed on each boats IRC Certificate as a multiplier of the boat's elapsed time.

10.6 ORCi results will be calculated by the application of the Time-on-Time Simplified Scoring Option, using the Inshore ToT rating as printed on each boats ORCi Certificate as a multiplier of elapsed time.

10.7 PHS Handicaps will be calculated by the application of a Time Correction Factor ("TCF") as a multiplier of the boat's elapsed time. A boat's TCF may be adjusted after each race.

## 11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available after 0900 hours on 3 March 2017 at the Sailing Office or on the Australian Yachting Championships website <http://www.australianyachtingchampionship.org.au>.

## 12. TROPHIES AND PRIZEGIVING

Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third placing in each division. The prize giving will be held following racing on Sunday 26 March 2017.

### 13. MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS

The conditions of entry include a requirement that the owner or charterer of the boat and all crew members:

- acknowledge that the Organising Authority owns all media rights to the Australian Yachting Championships and may exercise those rights as it sees fit;
- grant the Organising Authority and Australian Sailing 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;

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.

### 14 CONTACT DETAILS

For further information please contact:

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**Conditions of Entry**

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The owner/charterer:

- 1 acknowledges that this entry is made subject to the conditions set out in the Notice of Race, as it may be amended;
- 2 acknowledges that all races will be governed by the current versions of:
  - the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2016-2019 of World Sailing
  - the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing,except as any of these are modified by the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, as they may be amended, and by the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions;
- 3 acknowledges and accepts the risks, including the risk of harm to persons, associated with:
  - (a) the perils of the sea;
  - (b) the seaworthiness or otherwise of any boat participating in any race comprising part of the Australian Yachting Championships 2017;
  - (c) the participation, including negligent participation, by all persons in any such race, including participation as owner, charterer, crew person, official, race organiser or otherwise;
  - (d) the defaults, acts and omissions, including negligent defaults, acts and omissions, of Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (“CYCA”) and Australian Sailing and their officers, officials, employees, agents, volunteers and members, and the crews of all boats;
- 4 acknowledges and accepts that CYCA and Australian Sailing:
  - (a) does not and cannot control, diminish or affect the perils of the sea;
  - (b) is not in a position to take precautions against the risk of harm to persons arising from the perils of the sea;
  - (c) is not in a position to provide advice, assistance or support to boats and crews during the course of any such race.
  - (d) does not certify the seaworthiness or suitability to race of any boat;
- 5 agrees:
  - (a) to release, hold harmless and indemnify CYCA and Australian Sailing, and their officers, employees, agents, volunteers from all liability any of those persons has to the owner/charterer or any crew member on the boat, or to any person claiming through or under any such person, arising from loss of life or injury to persons, or loss or damage to property, howsoever caused, including by negligent act or omission, arising out of or relating to:
    - (i) participation by the boat or any other boat in any race comprising part of the Australian Yachting Championships 2017;
    - (ii) the conduct or course of the race in any respect including any act or omission (whether reasonably foreseeable or not) causing or relating to loss of or damage to any boat or the death of or injury to any person; or
    - (iii) any of the matters referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4;
  - (b) that the benefit of paragraph 5(a) is held on trust by CYCA and Australian Sailing for the respective officers, employees, agents, volunteers and members of the CYCA and Australian Sailing
  - (c) that participation by the boat and crew in any race comprising part of the of Australian Yachting Championships 2017 is agreed by CYCA and Australian Sailing on the basis that participation is entirely at the risk of the owner/charterer and each member of the crew on the boat and that CYCA and Australian Sailing are not responsible for the boat or its crew; and
  - (d) it is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each boat to decide whether to start or not to start in any race comprising part of the Australian Yachting Championships 2017 or, once having started, whether to continue to race;
- 6 acknowledges and agrees that the contract formed by the acceptance of this entry by CYCA and Australian Sailing is governed by the law of New South Wales and that any liability for harm to persons that results from breach of an express or implied warranty that the Australian Yachting Championships 2017 and all services relating thereto will be conducted or rendered with reasonable care and skill is excluded;
- 7 agrees that if the owner/charterer or any person on the owner’s/charterer’s behalf requests the Race Committee or any officer, employee or volunteer of CYCA or Australian Sailing to arrange for special assistance because the boat has become disabled, or for any other reason, then the owner/charterer indemnifies CYCA and Australian Sailing and their officers, employees and agents in respect of any liability, cost or expense which may thereby be incurred;
- 8 confirms that:
  - (a) the information in the Entry Form (or required by the Notice of Race and already held by CYCA) is correct and up-to-date;
  - (b) subject to the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Organising Authority will be advised immediately in writing or by acknowledged facsimile or email, of any change to that information;
  - (c) no alteration likely to affect the handicap of the boat has been made since the boat was last raced and that if any such alteration is made the CYCA will be notified immediately, in writing, or by acknowledged facsimile or email.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner/charterer/attorney DATE: \_\_\_\_\_