



NOTICE OF RACE
2018 WESTERN PORT CHALLENGE
and
YOUNGER SET WESTERN PORT CHALLENGE
For "Off The Beach" Boats
Saturday 13th January 2018

Organising Authority: Yachting Westernport (YWP)

Host Club: Westernport Yacht Club Inc. (WYC)

1 Rules

All races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats and the rules of the respective classes, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions. Each entry shall acknowledge that the entry is bound by the above.

2 Alteration of Racing Rules

- 2.1** The racing rules will be modified in accordance with rule 86 as follows.
- 2.2** Rule 26 timing of signals is as follows: 3 minutes Warning Signal for that division, 2 minutes Preparatory, 1 min Preparatory removed, 0 mins signal removed for that division start. The warning signal for each succeeding division will be the start signal of the preceding division.
- 2.3** Rule 35 Time Limits will be changed so that all boat finishing outside time limits will be scored DNF.
- 2.4** Rule 44.1 Taking a Penalty. 720 degrees will be changed to 360 degrees for multi-hulls.
- 2.5** Rule A4.1 Scoring. A boat starting 15 minutes later than her starting signal will be scored DNS.
- 2.6** Rule 61.1(a). The red flag exemption applies to all boats.
- 2.7** Rule 66. The time allowed for a request to reopen a hearing is reduced to 30 minutes.

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1** The object of the Westernport Challenge is to bring together as many members of Westernport Yacht Clubs as possible for mutual enjoyment and friendly competition.
- 3.2** Entries will be accepted from "Off the Beach" boats, which are registered with recognised Yachting Westernport Clubs. Each competitor must be a financial sailing member of a Yachting Westernport Club.

- 3.3** Entries shall be made online through TryBooking by 18:00 hours on Friday 12th January 2018. The entry system will open for booking from 9am January 2, 2018 at the following link.
<https://www.trybooking.com/TMED>
- 3.4** Late entries may be lodged with the Race Officer of the home club of the boat for transmission to the Race Officer of the host club by 10:30 hours, or to the Race Officer at the host club by 11:00 hours on the day of the race, accompanied by the required fee plus a late fee (see item 4).
- 3.5** Incorrect or incomplete entries may be disallowed at the discretion of the Host Club Race Officer.
- 3.6** Each boat must have a current or archival clearly defined Yachting Victoria Yardstick. Boats without a defined yardstick can only enter by prior arrangement with the Race Committee. The onus rests with the entrant to provide satisfactory evidence of the boat's yardstick to the Race Committee, not less than seven (7) days prior to the race.
- 3.7** The Race Committee has allocated the following yardsticks; Pacer without spinnaker 130 and Pacer Pursuit 115.
- 3.8** A competitor from each boat must "sign on" on the sheets provided at Westernport YC before 1230 hrs OR alternatively a boat may sign on at the member's club before 1200 hrs.
- 3.9** Each boat or skipper in charge of a boat must have valid racing insurance that provides third-party legal liability cover to a minimum level of \$5,000,000. The Entry Form includes a declaration to this effect.
- 3.10** To be eligible for the Western Port Challenge Shield a club must have 6 or more entrants. Three or more entrants are required to be eligible for the Western Port Challenge Younger Set Shield.
- 3.11** Advertising will be permitted according to Category C.

4 Entry FEES

The Entry fee is \$10.00 per boat. The late fee is a further \$20.00 per boat (see 3.4).

5 Schedule of Events

- 5.1** An information session will be held at WYC by the Officer of the Day at 12:00 hours on race day. Check with your home club for information sessions that may be available at your club prior to the race.
- 5.2** The warning signal for the first start will be at 13:00 hours Saturday 13th January 2018.
- 5.3** First re-sail, if required, will be held at 13:00hrs on Sunday, 21 January 2018

6 Measurements

Measurement is not required.

7 Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available on the Westernport Yacht club site.

<http://www.westernport.org.au>

8 Racing Area

The racing area will be on the waters of Western Port in the vicinity of the Westernport Yacht Club.

9 Courses

The course shall be a triangle as described in the sailing instructions.

10 Prizes and the award conditions are as follows:

- 10.1 **The Western Port Challenge perpetual shield** awarded to the winning club.
- 10.2 **The Westernport Younger Set perpetual trophy** awarded to the winning club of the younger set race. Skipper and crew must be under 21 years of age on Saturday 13th January 2018.
- 10.3 **The Rod Johnson Memorial Trophy** awarded to the club with the best junior crew. A minimum of three boats and all crew members must be under 16 years of age on the 13th January 2018.
- 10.4 **The Westernport Challenge Multihull Shield** awarded to the overall winner of divisions 1 and 2.
- 10.5 **The Westernport Challenge Monohull Shield** awarded to the overall winner of divisions 3, 4, and 5.
- 10.6 **Individual lady prize** awarded to the each of the crew members of the leading boat with a lady skipper.
- 10.7 **Individual junior prize** awarded to each of the crew of the leading boat with a skipper under the age of 16 on Saturday 13th January 2018.
- 10.8 **Individual divisional prizes** awarded to each of the crews placed first second or third in each division, in both the Western Port Challenge and the Western port Younger Set challenge, subject to the number of boats per division as follows:
 - 10.8.1 If there are 5 boats or more – first, second and third.
 - 10.8.2 If there are 4 boats – first and second.
 - 10.8.3 If there are 3 boats – first only.
 - 10.8.4 No individual divisional prizes will be awarded if there are less than 3 boats in a division.

11 Disclaimer of Liability

- 11.1 Competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk. See FUNDAMENTAL RULE 4, DECISION TO RACE. The Organising Authority and Host Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event.

12 Further Information

For further information, contact:

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