



Sailing Season 2019 - 2020

NOTICE OF RACE

Races covered by this Notice of Race are designated club events in the Royal Brighton Yacht Club Sailing Program commencing 1st October 2019

1 RULES

- 1.1 All races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1, Sections 1 – 6, shall apply for Keelboats.
- 1.3 The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 shall apply for Off The Beach Boats and Kiteboards.
- 1.4 The IRC Rule where applicable.
- 1.5 The Australian Measurement System (AMS) where applicable.
- 1.6 The Australian Sailing Keelboat Handicap Rule (PHS) where applicable.
- 1.7 The Sportsboat Measurement System (SMS) where applicable.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Entry is open to boats and kiteboards on the register of RBYC or any other organisation affiliated with Australian Sailing, that has provided a current Safety Compliance Declaration and Checklist. All boats and kiteboards that have insurance cover as described in Section 15.
- 2.2 Kiteboards where the skipper is a member of Kiteboarding Australia.
- 2.3 Eligible boats shall enter on-line at www.rbyc.org.au prior to the commencement of the race or series. Keelboats entering any race or series as Two-Handed shall have no more than two persons aboard while racing and may use self-steering.

3 FEES

- 3.1 Required fees are as follows:
If the boat is entered by an RBYC Member, no fee is payable.
If the boat is entered by a non-member of RBYC, the fee will be as follows:
 - a) \$400 for the season
 - b) \$100 for a series greater than 8 race days
 - c) \$50 for a series with 8 race days or less
 - d) \$25 per race day (Keelboats & One-Design Keelboats)
 - e) \$10 per race day (OTB & Kiteboards)
- 3.2 Fees may be changed by Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The Schedule of Races will be published as the RBYC Sailing Program.
- 4.2 Where more than one divisional keelboat race is conducted on Club Marine race days, the first race of the day will be scored as the RBYC divisional aggregate and trophy race.

5 SAFETY

- 5.1 The Keelboat Safety Category for each race will be designated in the RBYC Sailing Program.
- 5.2 Where a Safety Category has been designated in the RBYC Sailing Program, all

competing boats shall lodge a Safety Compliance Declaration and Checklist covering the appropriate safety category prior to racing. Boats failing to comply will have their entry refused.

- 5.3 In addition to the requirements of the designated Safety Category, the following additions apply to all keelboats:
- a) While racing, no anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the bow or with any part protruding outboard.
 - b) All keelboats shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting on channels 16 & 77. The radio may be permanently installed or a waterproof handheld.
 - c) All crew on deck competing under the following conditions shall wear a lifejacket:
 - i. Keelboats entered as Two-Handed – lifejacket must comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 3.12 (minimum 50)
 - ii. Keelboats competing as Cat 7 on a boat without lifelines complying with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 3.12 (e.g. Etchells and Dragons) - lifejacket must comply with AS Special Regulations Part 2, Section 5.01.2 (minimum 50S).
- 5.4 OTB and Kiteboards - All competitors must Sign On for each race day before the start of the first race and must Sign Off no later than one hour after the finishing time of the last boat. The Sign On Sheets will be located at the Jock Sturrock Sailing Centre for OTB boats and at the kite beach for Kiteboards

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 The RBYC Sailing Instructions dated 1st October 2019 or later as revised by a Notice to Competitors shall apply.
- 6.2 Sailing Instructions are available on the RBYC website.
- 6.3 Supplementary Sailing Instructions shall be issued as designated in the RBYC Sailing Program. (SSI)

7 VENUE

Racing will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip.

8 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

For Etchells and Dragon racing in One Design races the penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One-Turn Penalty, except that for infringements within the zone, as defined in the RRS, shall be a Two-Turn penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2 The Low Points Scoring System specified in Appendix A will apply as modified below:
- a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - b) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - c) When from 10 to 14 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
 - d) When 15 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.
- 10.3 Boats holding an IRC short-handed certificate, AMS two-handed rating and/or PHS two-handed rating entered as Two-Handed will be scored in the overall

results of the race.

- 10.4 Keelboats entered in a series will be scored according to either their Fully Crewed or their Two-Handed handicap. Boats wishing to sail with both configurations are required to lodge an additional entry.
- 10.5 The current Australian Sailing Yardsticks shall be used in calculating the mixed class OTB fleet racing results.
- 10.6 Boats without a published Australian Sailing Yardstick will be allocated a yardstick number by the Race Committee.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 11.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 11.2 RBYC Race Control will use VHF Channel 77.

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 Prizes may be awarded to the boats placing first, second and third, depending on the number of starters in a race or series as follows:
 - a) A minimum of five starters are required for a third prize to be awarded.
 - b) A minimum of four starters are required for a second prize to be awarded.
- 12.2 Only boats on the RBYC Boat Register and entered by an RBYC member are eligible to win any RBYC Trophy Race or Series with the exception that financial members of a fleet affiliated with the International Etchells Association are eligible to win RBYC Etchells Trophies.
- 12.3 Prizes may be amended by Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14 MEDIA RIGHTS

By participating in these races, competitors automatically grant to Royal Brighton Yacht Club and its sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the competitor during the period of the races without compensation.

15 INSURANCE

Each participating boat or kiteboard shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$10 Million per incident or the equivalent and maintain this cover for the period of the series. If a boat fails to maintain her insurance during the series, she shall be deemed to be ineligible and scored DNC for each race until her insurance is restored.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

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