



Sailing Season 2020 - 2021

NOTICE OF RACE OTB Racing

Races covered by this Notice of Race are designated club events in the Royal Brighton Yacht Club Sailing Program commencing 1st October 2020

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 2 shall apply for Off the Beach (OTB) Boats.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. Entry is open to OTB boats 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 must have insurance cover as described in Section 15.
- 2.2. Eligible boats shall enter on-line at www.rbyc.org.au prior to the commencement of the race or series.

3. FEES

- 3.1. Required fees are as follows:
 - 3.1.1. If the boat is entered by an RBYC Member, no fee is payable.
 - 3.1.2. If the boat is entered by a non-member of RBYC, the fee will be as follows:
 - a) \$100 for the season
 - b) \$50 for a series greater than 8 race days
 - c) \$25 for a series with 8 race days or less
 - d) \$10 per race day
 - 3.1.3. 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. On occasions when a decision is made that a Sunday's racing is not possible the racing will be re-scheduled for the next available Sunday that has no scheduled racing. The decision not to race will generally be made by midday on the day of the schedule race; the date and time of the re-scheduled races will be available on the Notice Board and the Club's website by 3 pm of the same day.

5. SAFETY

- 5.1. All competitors are required to sign-on for each Club race day through the sign on/off system (<http://rbyc.org.au/signon>) or by using the Sign-on sheets available at the Sailing Office. Failure to comply with this rule for racing will result in the competitor having a 3 point penalty added to their score for the race(s) without a hearing.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be available on the RBYC website or at the Sailing Office.

7. THE VENUE

Racing will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip adjacent to the Royal Brighton Yacht Club.

8. THE COURSES

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

9. SCORING

- 9.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2. 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.
- 9.3. The current Australian Sailing Yardsticks shall be used in calculating the mixed class OTB fleet racing results.
- 9.4. Boats without a published Australian Sailing Yardstick will be allocated a yardstick number by the Race Committee.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 10.1. RBYC Race Control will use VHF Channel 77.
- 10.2. 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. PRIZES

- 11.1. 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.

- 11.2. Only boats on the RBYC Boat Register and entered by an RBYC member are eligible to win any RBYC Trophy Race or Series.
- 11.3. Prizes may be amended by Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1. Competitors participate in the racing entirely at their own risk. See the rule relating to 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 racing covered by this Notice of Race.

13. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 13.1. 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.

14. INSURANCE

- 14.1. Each participating OTB 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.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

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