



NOTICE OF RACE

Royal Brighton Yacht Club

Keelboats, Etchells, Dragons, 2.4mR & VX Ones

Sailing Season 2021-2022

The Organising Authority is The Royal Brighton Yacht Club Inc. (RBYC).

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 ORC Rule where applicable. The Single Number, Windward/Leeward rating will be used for all ORC events.
- 1.4. The Australian Measurement System (AMS) where applicable.
- 1.5. The Australian Sailing Keelboat Handicap Rule (PHS) where applicable.
- 1.6. The Sportsboat Measurement System (SMS) where applicable.

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. The RBYC Sailing Instructions dated 1st October 2021 or later as revised by a Notice to Competitors shall apply.
- 2.2. Sailing Instructions are available on the RBYC website.
- 2.3. Supplementary Sailing Instructions shall be issued as designated in the RBYC Sailing Program. (SSI)

3. Communication

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board is the Online Notice Board located at - rbyc.org.au/onb.
- 3.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 16 and 77.
- 3.3. [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. Entry is open to keelboats, Etchells, Dragons, 2.4mR and VXOnes, 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 14.

- 4.2. 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.

5. Fees

- 5.1. Required fees are as follows:
- 5.1.1. If the boat is entered by an RBYC Member, no fee is payable.
 - 5.1.2. 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
- 5.2. Fees may be changed by Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

6. Schedule of Events

- 6.1. The Schedule of Races will be published as the RBYC Sailing Program.
- 6.2. Where more than one divisional keelboat race is conducted on Keelboat State Championship (formerly known as Club Marine) race days, the first race of the day will be scored as the RBYC divisional aggregate and trophy race.
- 6.3. On occasions when a decision is made that a Saturday's racing is not possible the racing will be re-scheduled for the next available Saturday that has no scheduled racing. The decision not to race will generally be made by midday on the day of the scheduled 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.

7. Venue

The racing area will be on the waters of Port Phillip.

8. Courses

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

9. Safety

- 9.1. The Keelboat Safety Category for each race will be designated in the RBYC Sailing Program.
- 9.2. 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.
- 9.3. In addition to the requirements of the designated Safety Category, the following requirements also apply:
- 9.3.1. While racing, no anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the bow or with any part protruding outboard.
 - 9.3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting on channels 16 & 77. The radio may be permanently installed or a waterproof handheld.
 - 9.3.3. All crew on deck competing under the following conditions shall wear a lifejacket:
 - a) Keelboats entered as Two-Handed – lifejacket must comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 3.12 (minimum 50)
 - b) 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).

- 9.4. All boats are required to sign-on for each Club race day through the sign on/off system (<http://rbyc.org.au/signon>). Failure to comply with this rule for racing will result in the boat having a 3 point penalty added to their score for the race(s) without a hearing.

10. Penalty System

- 10.1. For Etchells, Dragons, 2.4mR and VXOnes boats 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.
- 10.2. Failure to comply with Australian Sailing Prescription under RRS 46 may result in a 3 point penalty without a hearing. This changes RRS 64.2

11. Scoring

- 11.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2. 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.
 - e) Appendix A5.3 shall apply for all series conducted over more than one weekend.
- 11.3. Boats holding an AMS two-handed rating, ORCc double handed or PHS two-handed rating entered as Two-Handed will be scored in the overall results of the race.
- 11.4. 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.
- 11.5. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes Appendix A 5.3

12. Media

By lodging an entry, all competitors, including owners, give absolute right and permission for any photographs and/or video footage of their boat and crew to be published in any media stream for editorial, publicity or advertising purposes.

13. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

The Organising Authority, and the host club, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to

property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in this Event or howsoever arising in connection with this Event.

14. Insurance

All boats shall have third party racing insurance cover of not less than \$AUD10 million (or equivalent thereof in any other currency) for any accident. All owners/competitors who complete the entry form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Owner/competitors not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

15. Trophies

- 15.1. 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.
- 15.2. 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.
- 15.3. Prizes may be amended by Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

16. Further Information

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