



2019 Port Phillip AMS Regatta Wednesday 23 January 2019

Notice of Race

Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, the Organising Authority, invited entries from keelboats currently on the register of an Australian Sailing (AS) affiliated yacht club and with a current AMS certificate to compete in the 2019 Port Phillip AMS Regatta.

1. Rules

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in:

- a) The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing
- b) The AMS Rating Rules of Yacht Racing Services Association Inc.

1.2. Australian Sailing (AS) Prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 1 will apply.

1.3. Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing:

- a) RRS51: A boat with moveable or variable ballast (with the meaning of those terms in the Special Regulations) may move the ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.
- b) RRS 52: RRS 52 does not apply to the adjustment and operation of sails or the adjustment of moveable appendages on any boat.
- c) RRS 55: is amended by adding the following sentence to the rule: "However, discarding cotton, wool or any other biodegradable material when setting a sail is permitted."

2. Advertising

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

3. Eligibility

3.1. The regatta is open to:

- a) All single hull, self-righting keelboats that comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 6.

3.2. Boats with a non-provisional AMS rating certificate issued by Yacht Racing Services Association (YRSA).

4. Entry and Fees

4.1. Eligible boats may enter the series via the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron website (www.rmyns.com.au) before 1200 on Wednesday 19 December 2018. Late entries after this date may be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority and may be subject to a late fee.



- 4.2. All keelboats will also be scored in Performance Handicap (PHS) system.
- 4.3. The entry fee for the regatta will be \$50 per boat. The additional late entry fee will be \$20.

5. Schedule

- 5.1. Racing will take place on Wednesday 23 January.
- 5.2. The scheduled warning signal for the first race shall be 1025.
- 5.3. Subsequent races shall be started as soon as possible after the completion of the previous race, not necessarily in the same divisional sequence.
- 5.4. The regatta shall comprise of up to three (3) races.
- 5.5. There shall be no warning signal made after 1500.

6. Ratings and Handicaps

- 6.1. Each boat shall have a valid rating certificate as issued by Yacht Racing Services Association Inc.
- 6.2. AMS ratings shall be as provided by the rating authority at 1200 on Thursday 17 January 2019.
- 6.3. No alteration to the boat's rating will be permitted after this date and the completion of the series, except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct rating office errors.
- 6.4. Performance handicaps (PHS) will be assigned by the Race Committee and are not subject to protest or request for redress.
- 6.5. The Race Committee may make corrections to handicaps or ratings at any time.
- 6.6. The boats will be assigned to divisions at the discretion of the Race Committee, depending on fleet size.

7. Sailing Instructions

- 7.1. The sailing instructions will be available on the RMYS website (www.rmys.com.au) on or before Monday 7 January 2019.

8. Venue

- 8.1. All racing will be conducted on the waters of Port Philip, in the vicinity of Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron.

9. The Courses

- 9.1. The courses to be sailed will be detailed in the sailing instructions.

10. Scoring

- 10.1. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2. When more than one race is completed a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores with no exclusions.

11. Prizes

- 11.1. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 11.2. The prize giving will be held as soon as practicable after racing in the RMYS Olympic Bar.

12. Radio Communication

- 12.1. Except in an emergency a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

13. Media Rights and Restrictions

- 13.1. By participating in the 2019 Port Phillip AMS Regatta competitors automatically grant the Organising Authority and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time, at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the competition without compensation.
- 13.2. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority.



13.3. Competitors may be required for interviews or press conferences during the regatta.

14. Disclaimer of Liability

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

15. Insurance

15.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD 10 million per event with racing risk extension.

Further Information

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