



RMYS WINTER SPINNAKER SERIES

Saturday 12 May – Saturday 8 September

NOTICE OF RACE

Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, the Organising Authority, invites entries from keelboats currently on the register of an Australian Sailing (AS) affiliated yacht club to the RMYS Winter Spinnaker Series.

1. RULES

1.1. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in;

- 1.1.1.** The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.1.2.** The special regulations and prescriptions of Australian Sailing Part 1 for racing boats,
- 1.1.3.** The Australian Measurement System (AMS),
- 1.1.4.** The IRC Rules, parts 1, 2 and 3,
- 1.1.5.** The Yachting Victoria Performance Handicap System
- 1.1.6.** The requirements of the Port of Melbourne Corporation (POMC) regulations and
- 1.1.7.** The HBYC Brass Monkey Series Sailing Instructions.
- 1.1.8.** RRS 52 Manual Power shall not apply.
- 1.1.9.** Marine VHF radios shall be carried. They may be permanently installed or waterproof handheld and must be capable of operating on channels 12, 16, 72 and 73.
- 1.1.10.** No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or with any part outboard.
- 1.1.11.** Crew declarations for all RMYS yachts must be submitted as per 1.5(e) and 1.5(f) of the RMYS SIs V5.0 and relevant amendments.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1. Before being eligible to enter a first race of the season, all yachts shall:

- 3.1.1.** Lodge an Australian Sailing 2017-2021 Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form (minimum category 6) on 1 July (current forms expire 30 June 2018),
- 3.1.2.** Show proof of appropriate third party and personal insurance cover, with a minimum of AUD \$10,000,000 public liability,
- 3.1.3.** Ensure that while the yacht is racing, equipment necessary to comply with the relevant safety prescriptions is carried, and the appropriate level of insurance cover is maintained.

4. ENTRY

- 4.1. Entry shall be made via the RMYS website – www.rmys.com.au
- 4.2. Series entries shall close on Thursday 10 May 2018.
- 4.3. Casual entries must be received by 1200 on the Thursday prior to each race.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Yachts on the RMYS yacht register will not be charged race entry fees.
- 5.2. Series entrants not on the RMYS yacht register will be charged \$150.
- 5.3. Casual entrants not on the RMYS yacht register will be charged \$30 per race.
- 5.4. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee and a late entry fee of \$30 may apply.

6. SCHEDULE

Date	Race	Div 1 - Warning	Div 2 - Warning	Div 3 - Warning
Sat 12 May 18	1	1305	1315	1325
Sat 26 May 18	2	1305	1315	1325
Sat 16 June 18	3	1305	1315	1325
Sat 30 June 18	4	1305	1315	1325
Sat 14 July 18	5	1305	1315	1325
Sat 28 July 18	6	1305	1315	1325
Sat 11 August 18	7	1305	1315	1325
Sat 25 August 18	8	1305	1315	1325
Sat 8 September 18	9	1305	1315	1325

There will be no re-sails as part of the series.

7. DIVISIONS

- 7.1. Division 1 yachts shall consist of all yachts not in divisions 2 and 3.
 - 7.1.1. RMYS Yachts are ineligible for the HBYC Brass Monkey Trophy.
 - 7.1.2. RMYS are eligible for the HBYC Measurement Cup.
- 7.2. Division 2 shall consist of S80s and Diamonds.
- 7.3. Division 3 shall consist of yachts wishing to compete in a pursuit style race.

8. RATING AND HANDICAPS

- 8.1. A copy of a valid Rating Certificate (where applicable) as issued by the appropriate Rating Authority shall be made available upon request by the host club or organising authority.
- 8.2. Results will be calculated where a valid AMS Certificate is issued. Owners are reminded that they must use the sail and weight configuration as outlined in their AMS Certificate.
- 8.3. Results will be calculated where a valid endorsed IRC Certificate is issued. Owners are reminded that they must use the sail and weight configuration as outlined in their IRC Certificate. The crew number requirements of IRC Rule 22.4.3 shall apply.
- 8.4. The initial Event Performance Handicap (EHC) will be determined by the Race Committee. The Race Committee reserves the right to revise any handicap during the Series, and to make a changed handicap retrospective. Boat Owners/Skippers are reminded of their obligations under Rule 2 of the Performance Handicap Rules.
- 8.5. The cut-off times for all handicaps and ratings shall be 1200hrs on the Friday before each race. No changes to handicaps or ratings will be accepted after this time, except as a result of a measurement protest, or to correct rating office errors. The Race Committee may make corrections to handicaps or ratings at any time. This changes RRS 78.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be the HBYC Brass Monkey Series Sailing Instructions, which will be available on the HBYC website (www.hbyc.org.au) on Monday 7 May 2018.

10. VENUE

The racing area shall be the waters of Port Phillip.

11. COURSES

The courses shall be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. SCORING

- 12.1.** 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2.** When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.3.** When from 6 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 12.4.** When from 8 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst two scores.
- 12.5.** Casual entrants will not be included in the series scores.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1.** First, second and third place in each rating and handicap system will be awarded.
- 14.2.** The HBYC Measurement Cup Trophy will be awarded to the first placed HBYC, RYCV or RMYS yacht on AMS and IRC.
- 14.3.** Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising 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.

16. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD 10 Million per incident or the equivalent.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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