# Hobsons Bay Yacht Club

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## RMYS Big Bay Challenge

**Saturday, 15th February 2020**

## HBYC Port Phillip Sea Pilot Long Course

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## HBYC Henry Press Short Course Trophy Race

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# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Amendments

| Number | Date | Descriptions Changed | Summary of Amendment |
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## 1. Rules

The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of the Australian Sailing (AS), the International Rules for the Prevention of a Collision at Sea between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the handicapping rules for the Performance Based Handicapping System (YV), the International Rating Club (IRC) and the Australian Measurement System (AMS) where applicable and these Sailing Instructions.

## 2. Rejection of Entry

The race committee reserves to the right to reject any entry up to the preparatory signal of the relevant division.

## 3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards at Hobsons Bay Yacht Club and Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron. They may also be posted to the HBYC and RMYS websites. Competitors may be notified by SMS and/or email.

## 4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. Competitors may be notified by SMS and/or email.

## 5. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the HBYC flagstaff located on the north side of the HBYC club house and the RMYS flagstaff located on the rooftop of the clubhouse.

## 6. Class Flags

The class flags will be:

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|---|---|
| Port Phillip Sea Pilot Trophy | R |
| Big Bay Challenge | R |
| Henry Press Short Course Trophy | T |

## 7. Racing Areas

The races will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip.

## 8. The Courses

Port Phillip Sea Pilot & Big Bay Challenge – Long Courses

Course 1
Start in a southerly Easterly direction to Carrum Bight No 2 (leave to Starboard) to R1 (leave to Starboard) to Pile Beacon No. 25 (leave to Starboard) to Prince George Bank (leave to starboard), Gellibrand Shoal Mark leave to port, then to the Finish Line in a northerly direction. Approximate distance 67 nautical miles.

Course 2
Start in a southerly Easterly direction to Mornington Yacht Club Start Mark (leave to Starboard) to Prince George Bank (leave to starboard), Gellibrand Shoal Mark leave to port, then to the Finish Line in a northerly direction. Approximate distance 56 nautical miles.

Course 3
Start in a southerly Easterly direction to Mornington Yacht Club Start Mark (leave to Starboard) to Centre Mark (leave to starboard), Gellibrand Shoal Mark leave to port, then to the Finish Line in a northerly direction. Approximate distance 46 nautical miles.

Henry Press Trophy - Short Courses

Course 4 (Approx. 29.5 nm)
Start in a southerly direction to Gellibrand Light (leave to Starboard) to Centre Mark (leave to starboard), P3 (leave to starboard), P2 (leave to Port) Gellibrand Light (leave to Port) to Finish Line in a Northerly direction.

Course 5 (Approx. 32.6nm)
Start in a south Easterly direction to Carrum Bight No 2 (leave to Starboard) to Outer Anchorage (leave to Starboard) to P3 (leave to starboard), to Gellibrand Light (leave to Port) to the Finish Line in a Northerly direction.

## 9. List of Marks

The approximate locations of marks below are derived from ENCs of Port Phillip and have not been confirmed on the ground. Marks listed in the courses are as follows:

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| Carrum Bight 2 | 38° 03’ 01.6”S | 145° 04’ 34.2”E |
| Centre | 38° 03’ 15.2”S | 144° 53’ 22.0”E |
| Ch20 | 37° 51’ 29.7”S | 144° 54’ 47.6”E |
| Gellibrand Shoal Light | 37° 52’ 37.3”S | 144° 54’ 52.8”E |
| P2 | 37° 55’ 26.1”S | 144° 53’ 11.2”E |
| P3 | 37° 53’ 23.4”S | 144° 52’ 50.3”E |
| Pile Beacon No. 25 | 38° 17’ 56.0”S | 144° 55’ 57.1”E |
| Prince George | 38° 06’ 24.6”S | 144° 44’ 12.3”E |
| Outer Anchorage | 37° 57’ 00.9”S | 144° 51’ 25.8“E |
| R1 | 38° 16’ 39.6”S | 144° 58’ 30.8”E |
| MYC Start Mark | 38° 12’ 31.2”S | 145° 01’ 55.2”E |

The above information is provided as a guideline only and shall not be used for navigation. Competitors shall verify the locations of the marks for navigation during the race and note in the log any variation to that stated.

The locations of marks and features within Port Phillip Bay are depicted on the current Charts AUS143, AUS154, AUS155, and AUS157 as modified by Notices to Mariners.

## 10. Committee Vessel

10.1. The committee vessel shall display an orange flag when on station.

## 11. The Start

11.1. The starting line shall be an imaginary line between the flag mast bearing an orange flag on the committee vessel and an orange cylindrical buoy. A crowding buoy may be laid in the vicinity of the committee vessel. The starting line shall be east of Ch. 74.

11.2. The race shall be started in accordance with RRS26.

11.3. Warning Signal as follows:

| Race | Date | Warning Signal | Code Flags |
|---|---|---|---|
| Port Phillip Sea Pilot/Big Bay Challenge | 15-02-2020 | 0955hrs | R |
| Henry Press Short Course | 15-02-2020 | 1015hrs | T |

11.4. A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. These changes RRS 63.1.

## 12. The Finish

12.1. The finish shall be an imaginary line between the South East end of HBYC Club House and Ch20, leaving Ch20 to starboard and finishing in a northerly direction.

12.2. All yachts finishing shall report to Race Control by radio before they reach the breakwater at Williamstown on CH72.

12.3. All boats which retire shall report to Race Control by radio or the Race Director by Ch82 or Ch72, telephone or SMS 0474 079 202 upon making the decision to retire, and again within one (1) hour of reaching its home club or berth.

## 13. Time limit

13.1. Henry Press Trophy Race - The time limit for the race shall be 2000hrs on 16-02-2019. Yachts finishing after this time shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

13.2. Port Phillip Sea Pilot Trophy Race/Big Bay Challange – The time limit shall be 2200hrs on 15-02-2020.
Yachting finishing after this time shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

## 14. Protests and Requests for Redress

14.1. Protests shall be in writing on the prescribed form and delivered to the Office at HBYC in person or via email to racing@hbyc.org.au by 1200hrs Monday 18 February 2019. This changes RRS 61.2

14.2. Protests shall be heard as soon as possible and in the approximate order of receipt. Representatives of each boat shall be notified of the time and place of the hearing.

Safety Regulations

14.3. The race shall be conducted under the following divisions and safety categories:

14.4. For yachts competing in the Port Phillip Sea Pilot Trophy race long course and Big Bay Challenge (Division 1), Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1, Sections 1 – 6, Category 5N shall apply, with the additional equipment as described below:

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| Ref 3.21.2 | Spare compass independent of power supply |
| Ref 4.11.2 | GPS on board |
| Ref.4.06 | One additional flashlight (minimum of 2) |

14.5. For yachts competing in the Henry Press Trophy Race Short Course (Division 2), Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1, Sections 1 – 6, Category 5N shall apply.

14.6. All boats shall carry a fixed VHF radio with a permanent antenna. All boats shall keep a listening watch on VHF channels 16 and 72 and 82.

14.7. Crew Declarations

All yachts entered in the RMYS Big Bay Challenge shall complete a crew declaration as part of their entry form. This may be edited up until the start of the race. Yachts who fail to complete a crew declaration may be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1

14.8. PFD's & Harnesses

14.8.1. PFD's of the approved type will be worn when required by the Marine Safety Victoria Regulations.

14.8.2. PFD's shall be worn at all times by crew whilst on deck if sailing two handed.

14.9. It is strongly recommended that all crew of boats wear a PFD type 1 and safety harnesses (as per AS Special Regulations Section 5.02) whilst on deck when conditions are such as to warrant it. Such conditions would include:

14.9.1. When sails are reefed.

14.9.2. Where there is significant wind effect on the water or wave heights that might jeopardise the safety of the vessel or its occupants.

14.9.3. Inexperienced persons are on board.

14.9.4. When sailing at night.

14.10. No anchor shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or any part outboard.

14.11. All boats shall lodge a Safety Compliance Declaration with their home club covering the current season and complying with the safety category applicable to the division in which they are entered. Boats not complying with this requirement shall not enter.

14.12. A boat with movable ballast or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the special regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.

14.13. RRS 52 Manual Power shall be modified to allow self-steering equipment to be used if sailing two handed.

14.14. The race will not be started in the event of there being a current GALE warning for the waters of Port Phillip issued by the Bureau of Meteorology.

14.15. Racing will be abandoned if the Bureau of Meteorology issues a GALE warning for the waters of Port Phillip during the races.

## 15. Radio Sign On and Position Reporting Schedule

15.1. The primary radio channel for race communications shall be VHF Channel 72.

15.2. All boats shall report their intention to compete in the race by VHF radio on Saturday of the race as detailed below.

15.3. Race Control at HBYC shall call each yacht in Alphabetical order on Ch72, starting approx. 0903 hours, and ask to confirm their intention to race. Please wait to be called.

15.4. The operator shall say the boat name. Please respond with boat name and number of people on board (P.O.B.). eg:

Radio Operator – "Esprit"
Boat Entrant - "Esprit racing, five P.O.B."
Radio Operator – "Acknowledged Esprit"
Boats failing to comply with the compulsory radio report shall be deemed to be non-starters.

15.5. Radio Schedule for the race shall be as follows: Please wait to be called

| T ime | Activity | Channel |
|---|---|---|
| 0905 Sat | Prestart sign on - Long Course | Ch 72, SMS if no contact |
| 1305 Sat | Position Report - Long Course | Ch82, SMS if no contact |
| 1605 Sat | Position Report - Long Course | Ch82, SMS if no contact |
| 1905 Sat | Position Report - Long Course | Ch82, SMS if no contact |
| 2205 Sat | Position Report - Long Course | Ch82, SMS if no contact |
| 0905 Sat | Prestart sign on - Short Course | Ch72, SMS if no contact |
| 1205 Sat | Position Report – All Competitors | Ch82, SMS if no contact |
| 1505 Sat | Position Report – All Competitors | Ch82, SMS if no contact |

15.6. At each radio schedule, Race Control will call each yacht by their sail number and yacht name. Each yacht shall reply with their sail number, name, position number of boats in the vicinity and their identity if known.

15.7. If a yacht is not able to be contacted for a position report on either Ch82 at the times indicated on the radio schedule above, she shall SMS her sail number and position to Race Control on 0474 079 202 at the scheduled times.

15.8. See 17 below for radio reporting requirement, as yachts are approaching the finish line and finishing.

Logs

15.9. Logs are only required for competitors in the Port Phillip Sea Pilot and Big Bay Challenge races.

15.10. Skippers are required to submit a log on the form provided on the website.

15.11. The log shall reach the HBYC Office in person or via email to racing@hbyc.org.au by 1200hrs Wednesday 20 February 2019. Yachts in the Big Bay Challenge shall also submit their logs to racing@rmys.com.au.

15.12. The log for each boat shall include the following:

15.12.1. Name of each crew member and the yacht club of which they are a member.

15.12.2. The time of rounding all marks and finishing time and any boats in the vicinity.

15.12.3. Time of radio scheds

15.12.4. At 2 hourly intervals, the wind strength and direction, together with other

boats in the vicinity.

15.12.5. Any other relevant information that might be included on a log.

15.13. Failure to return log sheet with all details as described above will result in disqualification without protest. This modifies RRS 63.1.

## 16. Commercial Shipping

Regulations specify that boats shall not interfere with commercial shipping in shipping channels on Port Phillip. Any boat found to have interfered with commercial shipping shall be disqualified without a hearing, this alters RRS 63.1. A boat may use its engine to avoid such interference but shall lodge details to the Race Office at HBYC by 1200hrs on the Monday following the Port Phillip Sea Pilot Race. A boat using its engine shall not gain a benefit in the use of the engine. Any boat using its engine shall bring the boat to a complete stop before continuing the race. The Sailing Committee, at its discretion may allow such use with or without a further penalty. This modifies RRS 42.

## 17. 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.

## 18. Prizes

The Port Phillip Sea Pilots Trophy will be awarded to the 1st placed yacht on PHS in the Port Phillip Sea Pilot Race.

Trophies will be awarded to the 1st placed yachts on AMS and IRC in the Division 1.

The Squadron Cup will be awarded to the 1st placed yacht on PHS in the Big Bay Challenge.

Henry Press Trophy will be awarded to the 1st placed yachts on PHS, AMS and IRC.

Sea Pilot Best Log as voted by the HBYC Sailing Committee.

Big Bay Challenge Best Log as voted by the RMYS Sailing Committee.

Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committees.

Trophies will be presented at the HBYC and RMYS Presentation nights.

## 19. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

## 20. Insurance

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

## 21. Further Information

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