



2016/17

Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron

Sailing Season

NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority
BLAIRGOWRIE YACHT SQUADON
2900 Point Nepean Road, Blairgowrie 3942, Victoria

1 RULES

- 1.1 The 2016/2017 season will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) and BYS Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.2 All boats shall comply with the requirements of the State Legislation and local authorities, particularly with respect to the avoidance of commercial shipping.
- 1.3 The International Rules for Prevention of Collision at Sea, 1976, apply in all races between sunset and sunrise replacing the relevant parts of RRS Part 2.
- 1.4 Keelboats (Excluding Spry Series) - The prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 1 Category 6 will apply.
Keelboats (Spry Series) - The prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 2 Category 5 will apply.
Off the Beach Boats - The prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 2 will apply.
- 1.5 The AMS rules apply. The SMS rules apply.
- 1.6 Keelboats Division A - shall be boats with an AMS handicap of 0.800 or greater and/or a PHS handicap of 0.800 or greater.
Keelboats Division B - shall be boats with an AMS handicap of less than 0.800 and/or a PHS handicap of less than 0.800
Division allocation will be at the discretion of the BYS Sailing Committee. Boats may request in writing to move from one division to another. This will be subject to the approval of the Sailing Committee.
Keelboats Division C - shall be boats less than 8 metres in overall length. Boats of 8 metres or greater in length may seek approval from the Sailing Committee to race in Division C.
- 1.7 In races other than Division A and B Aggregate Races, any Keelboat and/or Trailable boat may elect to sail as 'No Spinnaker' within their own division. Boats sailing under PHS will receive a 3% reduction to her corrected time for that race.
- 1.8 Boats competing in Two Handed races shall have only two persons on board.
- 1.9 To be eligible for WGIS races, at least 50% of the crew must be female.

2 ADVERTISING

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

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Entry is open to any boat on the register of BYS or any other organisations affiliated with Australian Sailing.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by submitting an online entry at www.bys.asn.au/entry at least 60 minutes prior the scheduled start time.
- 3.3 Keelboats – An AS Special Regulation's Part 2 Audit Form, Crew List, and Certificate of Insurance must be submitted to the Sailing Office prior to the yacht's first race of the season.
Off the Beach Boats – A Certificate of Insurance must be submitted to the Sailing Office prior to the yacht's first race of the season.
- 3.4 Skippers and crews shall be a current financial BYS Member or a member of a club where reciprocal rights apply. Social, Intermediate and Non-Members of BYS may enter a maximum of four (4) races as a crew per BYS membership year. It shall be the responsibility of the person in charge of each boat to ensure that all crew on board for each race comply with these rules.

- 3.5 A visiting boat may enter by submitting an entry form and lodging this with the Sailing Office at least 60 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
- 3.6 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the race committee.

4 FEES

Required fees are as follows:

<i>BYS Members</i>	<i>No Fee</i>
<i>Visiting yacht</i>	<i>\$15.00 per race</i>

5 KEELBOAT DIVISION CHAMPIONS

At the end of the summer season three division champions will be named, one for each Keelboat Division.

- 5.1 These champions will be determined by:
- Keelboat Division A/B – by combining the results of the Aggregate Series and the Spry Series both based on the AMS handicap system.
- Keelboat Division C/R – by combining the results of the Aggregate and the Spry Series both based on PHS handicap with the provision for ‘no spinnaker’ handicap adjustment if selected at sign-on.
- Keelboat Division C – by combining the results of the Aggregate and the Bank of Melbourne Series based on PHS handicap with the provision for ‘no spinnaker’ handicap adjustment if selected at sign-on.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The schedule of races will be as per the BYS Sailing Program 2016/17
- 6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal each day will be listed in the BYS Sailing Program 2016/17.

7 MEASUREMENTS

- 7.1 AMS Division- Each boat wishing to be scored on AMS handicap shall produce a valid rating certificate (or provisional certificate) prior to the first race of the season.
- 7.2 SMS Division – Each boat wishing to be scored on SMS handicap shall produce a valid rating certificate (or provisional certificate) prior to the first race of the season.
- 7.3 A boat competing in a class event, shall upon request produce a valid and current measurement certificate for that class.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available online at www.bys.asn.au after 1st October 2016. A copy may also be collected from the Sailing Office.

9 VENUE

All races will be held in Port Phillip on the waters in the vicinity of Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron.

10 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be listed in Appendix A, B and C of the Sailing Instructions.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta 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.

13 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

14 ROSTERED DUTY AND AVERAGE POINTS

14.1 Crew rostered for duty on the BYS Roster shall be ineligible to enter for a race unless appropriate volunteer substitutions have been made prior to that race. Penalty of DNC shall be applied to any boat on which rostered crew have sailed.

14.2 A yacht that does not race because the majority of its crew are rostered for duty on a race day AND also signs on stating 'DUTY' shall be awarded points equal to the average of the best three of the points awarded in the series. If there has been less than four races sailed points equal to the average of the points awarded for all races in the series shall be awarded.

14.3 In any one season average points may be awarded for a maximum of two (2) race days.

15 HANDICAPS

15.1 All handicaps will be set by the BYS Handicap Committee. Changes to a yacht's sailing configuration or equipment shall be advised to the Sailing Office prior to her next race.

15.2 Handicaps set by the BYS Handicap Committee shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the BYS Sailing Office on 03 5988 8453 or via email: sailing@bys.asn.au