



COMBINED CLUBS 2016-17 SAILING PROGRAMME COMMUNICATION TO CLUB MEMBERS JULY 2016

The Combined Clubs Committee has agreed to a Sailing Programme for Season 2016-17 for Harbour and Long Race Pennant Series. In planning the programme, the Committee considered the feedback from the survey conducted by the Southern Keelboat Group and information provided by individual clubs.

The programme features:

- Similar format to last year for both Harbour and Long Race Series
- Mid-river Harbour Series races will be a mixture of Windward/Leeward, Triangle and longer Harbour races.
- Harbour Series will be run over eight (8) race days.
- Long race series will be run over eight (8) race days.
- Races sailed before 1 January 2017 will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-16 as amended. Races sailed after 31 December 2016 will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-20.
- The existing 2013-2017 Australian Sailing (AS) formerly Yachting Australia (YA) Special Regulations are valid until 30 June 2017
- All boats must also lodge the relevant 2013-2017 AS Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form at one of the Combined Clubs before their entry becomes valid.

COMPETITORS ARE REMINDED OF AUSTRALIAN SAILING RRS RULE 56 CREW ELIGIBILITY

For many years now it has been a requirement for all crew sailing on a boat racing in events under the Australian Sailing Prescriptions to the Racing Rules of Sailing to be members of a Club. Exceptions to this requirement are those sailing no more than three races in a season and those taking part in Twilight races.

Compliance with this prescription in Tasmania is generally very high, however it seems some boat owners are not aware of the Rule. If boats do not comply then owners and skippers expose themselves to the possibility of being scored DSQ in races in which they carry crew who have done more than three races and who are not members of a Yachting Tasmania-affiliated Club.

But as well as avoiding DSQ, there are good positive reasons why crew members should be members of a Club. First with membership comes automatic personal accident insurance associated with on and off water activities to do with sailing. Details are on the Australian Sailing (formerly YA) website. Uninsured crew, or their family, may be required to take legal action against their skipper or boat owner to obtain access to insurance coverage in the event of injury or death.

Club membership supports our sport. Yacht and Sailing Clubs develop juniors, run training courses, conduct regattas, provide rescue boats, train and support volunteers and have input to the governance and rules of sailing, amongst a host of other activities.

Club members are the backbone of the sport and more members allow clubs to provide more activities and facilities.

It is unfair on those who do comply with the AS (formerly YA) prescription that others are allowed to participate at no cost. Very few, if any other organised sporting activities are provided at no cost to the participant. All Clubs have affordable levels of Crew Membership and strongly encourage owners and skippers to introduce their crew as new members.

RRS 55 – TRASH DISPOSAL

The temporary exemption that has been in place regarding elastic or wool bands used for setting sails has been withdrawn. "A competitor shall not intentionally put trash in the water".

RRS 52 – MANUAL POWER

RRS52 is changed by adding "The use of stored power may be used for the hoisting, reefing or furling of sails."

SAFETY

There has been some confusion around the requirement to notify the Race Officer or Race Committee on the day if your boat is involved in a serious incident while racing (examples are, man overboard, collision, grounding or crew injury). As per Sailing Instruction 1.19 the Race Officer is the Officer in Charge of Safety and is there to help you. However there have been a number of incidents in recent times that have not been reported.

The wording will be changed to clarify that in the case of a serious incident on the water the Race Officer/Race Committee must be advised as soon as practical so that if the incident is unable to be managed by the boat itself the Race officer can direct assistance as required.

Competitors please be aware that it will be mandatory that boats competing in Combined Clubs Harbour Series races carry a fully operational VHF radio (this can be a hand held unit).

AGREED FINAL PROGRAMME

The race days have been allocated around the traditional regattas / races we have each year: Maria Island Race, Bruny Island Race and Crown Series Regatta.

COMBINED CLUBS OPENING DAY **Saturday 8 October 2016**

LONG RACE SERIES

- 09 October 2016 Long Race Series Race 1 (Channel) RYCT
- 22 October 2016 Long Race Series Race 2 DSS
- 03 December 2016 Long Race Series Race 3 RYCT
- 14 January 2017 Long Race Series Race 4 (Betsey Is) DSS
- 04 February 2017 Long Race Series Race 5 BYC
- 25 February 2017 Long Race Series Race 6 BYC
- 18 March 2017 Long Race Series Race 7 RYCT
- 8 April 2017 Long Race Series Race 8 DSS

HARBOUR SERIES

- 15 October 2016 Harbour Series Race 1 BYC
- 29 October 2016 Harbour Series Race 2 BYC
- 12 November 2016 Harbour Series Race 3 DSS
- 26 November 2016 Harbour Series Race 4 RYCT
- 21 January 2017 Harbour Series Race 5 RYCT
- 13 February 2017 Harbour Series Race 6 (RHRA) DSS
- 4 March 2017 Harbour Series Race 7 DSS
- 25 March 2017 Harbour Series Race 8 BYC

OTHER RACES

Fri 16 - Sun 18 Sept 2016	Pipe Opener	DSS/HYC
Fri 14 October 2016	Des Cooper Memorial Race	RYCT
Wed 20 October 2016	Overnight Race	BYC
Fri 4 November 2016	Invitation Sprint Series	RYCT
Sat 5 November 2016	Showdown Regatta	RYCT
Sat 5 November 2016	Green Island Race	RYCT
Fri 18 November 2016	Maria Is Race	RYCT
Sat 19 November 2016	Galapagos Duck Race	BYC
Fri 9– Sat 10 December 2016	IOR Regatta	BYC
Sat 17 December 2016	Bridge Race	DSS
Tue 27 December 2016	National Pies L2H	DSS/TYC
Mon 2 January 2017	KOD	DSS
Sun 8 January 2017	Nibbs Electrical Pursuit Race	BYC
Wed 25 January 2017	Zuidpool Rock night race	DSS
Sat 11 February 2017	Bruny Is Race	RYCT
Fri 17– Sun 19 February 2017	Crown Series	BYC
Sat 11– Sun 12 March 2017	Cygnets Regatta	PCSC
Sat 1 April 2017	Barnes Bay Regatta	KBC
Sat 8 April 2017	Beneteau Regatta	RYCT
Fri 14– Mon 17 April 2017	Dover Regatta (Easter)	PESC
Fri 28– Sat 29 April 2017	Navigation Trial	RYCT