



## **2017 Channel Race**

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

Sunday 8 October 2017

Conducted by:

**THE ROYAL YACHT CLUB OF TASMANIA**

## **1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania (RYCT)

## **2. RULES**

- 2.1 Races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-20.
- 2.2 Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS).
- 2.3 RRS 50.2 is changed to allow the use of fixed or retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.
- 2.4 RRS 52 is changed by adding "The use of stored power may be used for the hoisting, reefing or furling of sails"
- 2.5 RRS 63.1 and A5 are changed by adding the following to each "The Race Committee may apply penalties without a hearing to boats which infringe the sailing instructions relating to keeping clear of start and finish lines. Penalties shall be as specified in the sailing instructions."
- 2.6 Protest Arbitration-Appendix T of the RRS applies except that the arbitrator may be a member of a subsequent protest hearing.
- 2.7 Boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 5 for Groups 1, 2, 3 & 4 except that a fitted VHF radio is mandatory (This amends Special Regulation 3.25.1(b)). Group 5 shall comply with Category 7 together with a VHF radio (this may be a hand held unit).
- 2.8 General Rules as described in Section 1 of the Organising Clubs' fixtures and sailing instructions booklets.
- 2.9 The minimum number of crew to be on board is three (3) unless special dispensation sought in writing from the Organising Authority is granted by the Race Committee before the race.

## **3. ELIGIBILITY**

Entry is open to owners of boats on the register or the supplementary register of the BYC, DSS, RYCT or GBBC. Other entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority from members of other clubs affiliated with Australian Sailing.

The Race Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entry.

Boats wishing to enter AMS or IRC shall provide a valid AMS and/or IRC Rating Certificate(s) before the race.

## **4. ENTRY**

- 4.1 Entries may be lodged via the RYCT website. For competitors who do not have access to the internet, a hard copy entry form appears at the end of the Notice of Race – the completed form shall be lodged with the Race Office no later than 1700hrs on Thursday 5 October 2017.
- 4.2 No entry will be deemed to have been accepted until approved by the Race Committee.
- 4.3 Entry fees

Race Entry	\$25
Each additional Handicap Group	\$10

## **5. INSURANCE**

All competing boats are required to have a current Certificate of Insurance for the period of the race including Third Party Liability and Public Liability Insurance of not less than AUS \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars) for any one incident.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Day	Date	Start Line	First Warning Signal
Sunday	8 October 2017	Castray Start all groups	1000hrs

## 7. GROUP ALLOCATION

Boats will be allocated to Groups by the Combined Clubs Race Committee using Time Correction Factors (TCF) based on the Performance Handicapping System (PHS). Boats may be allocated to a Group outside of these parameters at the discretion of the Combined Clubs Race Committee

Group	Qualifying Boats
Group 1 (including AMS &/or IRC)	PHS TCF greater than 1.000
Group 2 (may include AMS)	PHS TCF between 0.900 and 1.000
Group 3 (may include AMS)	PHS TCF between 0.800 and 0.900
Group 4 (may include AMS)	PHS TCF between 0.700 and 0.850
Group 5	Cat 7 boats (and Cruisers)

Non-Spinnaker entrants will be allocated to a group best suited to their PHS performance.

Groups may be combined if there are insufficient entries in any Group.

## 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available from RYCT by 12 September 2017 and placed on the Club's websites. The Channel Race will use Section 2B of the Combined Clubs Sailing Instructions.

## 9. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The Official Notice Board for each race will be located on the Notice Board of the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania. Copies of notices will be placed on the other Club Notice Boards as soon as practical before and following the race.

## 10. RACING AREA

The waters of the River Derwent & D'Entrecasteaux Channel.

## 11. COURSES

As described in the Sailing Instructions.

## 12. SCORING

Races shall be scored based on handicap or rating system.

## 13. PRIZES

Trophies may be awarded to the first boat on Line Honours and in PHS. Prizes may be awarded in IRC and AMS handicap divisions based on the number of entries:

Five entries	1 <sup>st</sup> prize
Six to nine entries	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> prizes
Ten or more entries	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> prizes

A minimum of 5 entries is required to constitute a group.

## **14. SAFETY**

- 14.1 The attention of all persons taking part in the Channel Race is drawn to the requirement to be aware of the application of the *Marine Safety (Misuse of Alcohol) Act, 2006*.
- 14.2 For all boats a fully operational permanently installed VHF radio is mandatory. Group 5 boats may use a handheld VHF radio.
- 14.3 Persons in charge are also reminded of the requirement for the wearing of lifejackets where full lifelines are not provided. AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 5, 5.01.1 (j) shall apply.
- 14.4 For all Category 7 races for Sports boats AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 5, 5.01.1 (j) (Lifejackets) shall apply, and is recommended for all other boats without rails.
- 14.5 It is also recommended that entrants have a Man Overboard procedure that all crew members have practiced.
- 14.6 Boats must report any serious on water incidents to the Race Officer/Race Committee as soon as practical (for example man overboard, collision, grounding or crew injury).
- 14.7 Attention is also drawn to the requirement for boats to keep well clear of vessels under pilotage especially vessels proceeding through the Tasman Bridge.

## **15. LIABILITY DISCLAIMER**

- 15.1 All persons taking part in this race, whether as entrants or otherwise, do so at their own risk and responsibility. Particular attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4 Decision to Race. The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania's executives, boards, servants and agents and all other parties involved with the conduct and organisation of the race disclaim any and every responsibility for loss, damage, injury, death or inconvenience that might occur to persons or property, both ashore and/or afloat, as a consequence of participation in the race covered by this notice of race and by the sailing instructions.
- 15.2 The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- 15.3 The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania reserves the right to refuse or withdraw any entry.

# 2017 Channel Race Race Entry Form



## SECTION 1 – BOAT DETAILS

Sail Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Boat: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Skipper/s: \_\_\_\_\_ YA Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Safety Category of Boat:

Category 5

Category 7

## SECTION 2 – ENTRY DETAILS

Entry Fee: \$25.00  Additional Handicap Group: AMS \$10.00  IRC \$10.00

Total Entry: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 3 – OWNER/S DETAILS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (M) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Member of: BYC  DSS

RYCT

GBBC

OTHER

## SECTION 4 – CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

**That it is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start in a race, or once having started, whether to continue to race.**

The owner/skipper acknowledges the possibility that risks will be created by or associated with the following and accepts those risks:

- the perils of the sea;
- the seaworthiness or otherwise of any boat participating;
- The participation, including negligent participation, by all persons associated with Club races, including participation as owner, skipper, crew person, race organiser or otherwise;
- The defaults, acts and omissions of the conducting Club, and their officers, and crews of boats.

The owner/skipper acknowledges that the Organising Club does not, and cannot, control, diminish or affect the perils of the sea. The owner/skipper acknowledges that the Conducting Club does not certify or carry out inspections with respect to the seaworthiness or suitability of any boat. Participation by the boat and by the crew is agreed on the basis that participation is entirely at the risk of the owner/skipper and each member of the crew. The owner/skipper will advise each crew member or proposed crew member of the details of these conditions of Entry.

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing, by AS Prescriptions thereto, by the Sailing Instructions, by the Class Rules, all other rules that govern the events and the provisions of the Club Registration Form which I have lodged and/or revalidated. I also declare that my boat complies with the safety requirements of the appropriate part of the AS Safety Regulations, as listed in Section 2, the Safety Requirements of the appropriate Statutory Authority and the Safety Requirements of the Class Rules.

Signed by Owner/Skipper: \_\_\_\_\_

***This entry is invalid unless the boat complies with section 1 of the Sailing Instructions and a current AS special regulations equipment audit form is signed***

## OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Invoice Number: Top Yacht Entered:  Audit Form Checked: