



Cowes yacht club



## NOTICE OF RACE

### WESTERNPORT CHALLENGE & YOUNGER SET WESTERNPORT CHALLENGE

FOR "OFF THE BEACH BOATS"

To be held on Saturday 14th January 2012 at 1300 hours.  
First Re-sail if required: Sunday 22nd January 2012 at 1300 hours  
Second Re-sail if required: Sunday 5th February 2012 at 1300 hours.

Host Club: Cowes Yacht Club (CYC)

Organising Authority: Yachting Westernport (YWP)

More information and entry form: [www.cowesyachtclub.com](http://www.cowesyachtclub.com)



#### 1. RULES

All races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2 For Off The Beach Boats, the Class rules, and the Sailing Instructions. Each entry shall acknowledge that the entry is bound by the above.

**Warning:** If you participate in these activities your rights to sue the supplier under the Fair Trading Act 1999 if you are killed or injured because the activities were not supplied with due care and skill or were not reasonably fit for their purpose, are excluded, restricted or modified in the way set out in this notice.

**Note:** The change to your rights, as set out in this notice does not apply if your death or injury is due to gross negligence on the supplier's part. "Gross negligence" is defined in the Fair Trading (Recreational Services) Regulations 2004.

**Exclusion of implied terms:** The terms implied into contracts for the supply of services by virtue of sections 32J and 32JA of the Fair Trading Act, are hereby expressly excluded from the provision of recreational services by Cowes Yacht Club inc to members and other participants in club activities.

## **2. ALTERATION OF RACING RULES**

The racing rules will be modified in accordance with Rule 86 as follows.

2.1 Rule 44.1 Taking a Penalty. 720° will be changed to 360° for multihulls.

2.2 Rule A4.1 Scoring. A boat starting 15 minutes later than her starting signal will be scored DNS.

2.3 Rule 61.1(a). The red flag exemption applies to all boats.

2.4 Rule 66. The time allowed for a request to reopen a hearing is reduced to 30 minutes.

## **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

### **3.1**

The object of the Westernport Challenge is to bring together as many members of Westernport Yacht Clubs as possible for mutual enjoyment and friendly competition.

### **3.2**

Entries will be accepted from "Off the Beach" boats, which are registered with recognised Yachting Westernport Clubs. Each competitor must be a financial sailing member of a Yachting Westernport Club.

### **3.3**

Entries shall be made on the prescribed entry form and lodged with the Race Officer of the home club of the boat for transmission to the Race Officer of Cowes YC by 1100 hours, or to the Race Officer at Cowes YC by 1100 hours on the day of the race, accompanied by the required fee (see item 4).

### **3.5**

Each boat must have a current, or archival, clearly defined Yachting Victoria Yardstick. Boats without a defined yardstick can only enter by prior arrangement with the Race Committee. The onus rests with the entrant to provide satisfactory evidence of the boat's yardstick to the Race Committee, not less than seven (7) days prior to the race.

### **3.6**

A competitor from each boat must sign on at the member's club before 1200 hours, or "sign on" on the sheets provided at Cowes YC before 1230 hours.

### **3.7**

Each boat or skipper in charge of a boat must have valid racing insurance that provides third party legal liability cover to a minimum level of \$5,000,000. The Entry Form includes a declaration to this effect.

### **3.8**

Advertising will be permitted according to Category C.

## **4. FEES**

The Entry fee is \$10.00.

## **5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Check with your home club for information sessions that may be available prior to 1100 hours on race day.

The warning signal for the first start will be at 1255 hours.

There will be a briefing held at the club by the Officer of the Day at 1130 hours on race day.

Scheduled race to be held on Saturday 14 January at 1300 hours.

First Re-sail, if required, Sunday 22 January 2012 at 1300 hours.

Second Re-sail, if required, Sunday 5 February 2012 at 1300 hours.

## **6. MEASUREMENTS**

Measurement is not required.

## **7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions are available at [www.cowesyachtclub.com](http://www.cowesyachtclub.com)

## **8. RACING AREA**

The racing area will be on the waters of Westernport Bay in the vicinity of the Cowes Yacht Club.

## **9. COURSES**

The course shall be a Trapezium as described in the sailing instructions.

## **10. PRIZES**

The list of prizes and the award conditions will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

They include:

- The Westernport Challenge Shield
- The Westernport Younger Set Trophy; (skipper & crew under 21 years)
- The Westernport Challenge Multihull Shield;
- The Westernport Challenge Monohull Shield;
- The overall Lady Skipper;
- The overall Junior Skipper; under 16
- The competitors in boats placed first, second, and third in each division; and
- The competitors of the Younger Set who are first, second, and third in each division.

Individual prizes are subject to the number of starters in each category as stated in the sailing instructions.

## **11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

In addition to the matters contained in Clause 1 of this Notice Of Race, competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk, see FUNDAMENTAL RULE 4, DECISION TO RACE.

The Organising Authority and Host Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event.

## **12. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact:

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