

**YACHTING WESTERNPORT
2012 WESTERNPORT CHALLENGE
NOTICE OF RACE
18th February Hosted by Hastings Yacht Club Inc.**

1 Organising Authority:

The Organising Authority shall be the Sailing Committee of Hastings Yacht Club (HYC) on behalf of Yachting Westernport

2 Rules: – this race conducted by HYC will be governed by:

2.1 The ***Racing Rules of Sailing*** (RRS), except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

2.2 Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia (YA).

2.3 The Handicapping Rules of Yachting Victoria (YV), except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

2.4 Class Rules of the yachts racing.

3 Advertising:

A competitor shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

4 Eligibility and Entry:

4.1 Entry is open to all Trailable Yachts, Keelboats and Multihulls that are financial members of a Yachting Westernport affiliated Yacht Club.

4.2 Eligible boats may be entered for this race by completing the Race Entry /Declaration Form and lodging it with the HYC Office by 17 February 2012 (or later in accordance with clause 4.3).

4.3 Late entries may be accepted after 17 February 2012 at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

4.4 The Sailing Committee reserves the right refuse entry to any boat.

Address Entry Forms to: The Club Captain, Hastings Yacht Club
PO Box 46, Hastings Vic. 3915

5 Fees:

The entry fee for the race will be \$20.00

6 Safety:

All boats competing in this race must comply with Category 6 YA Special Regulations Part 1 with the following inclusions:

- A Trailable Yachts shall have their keels fully lowered and pinned in position
- B Engine permanently installed or outboard to be mounted at all times
- C Operating VHF or 27 MHz marine radio
- D Lifebuoy and heaving line to be readily accessible

7 Schedule of Races & Sailing Instructions:

7.1 The 2012 Westernport Challenge for Trailable Yachts, Keelboats and Multihulls is scheduled for the 18th February 2012 starting in the vicinity of the Cowes Yacht Club at 11:00

7.2 A re-sail if required will take place on the 19th February 2012.

7.3 Sailing Instructions will be available from the club and will be published on the HYC website.

8 Courses:

Courses are detailed in Appendix A of the Sailing Instructions.

9 Scoring:

9.1 The Low Point Scoring System of the rules Appendix A shall apply to all races except as modified by the sailing instructions.

9.2 Overall Team Scoring: Each Club with a minimum of three finishers is automatically eligible to be considered for a place in the team results. To encourage greater participation a Club may enter more than the minimum number of boats and not be penalised for this. The calculation to determine the winning Yacht Club shall be the aggregate of the first three boats results.

10 Prizes:

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the YW committee. Individual prizes per division and the Westernport Challenge Shield perpetual trophy for the best team will be presented at the Annual General Meeting of Yachting Westernport.

11 Disclaimer of Liability:

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. Neither Yachting Westernport, The Hastings Yacht Club, the Organising Authority, their employees and volunteers accept liability for any material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the 2012 Western Port Challenge.

12 Insurance:

12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with currently valid third-party liability insurance of not less than \$5,000,000 (recommended \$10,000,000) per incident.

12.2 Each competitor shall submit the prescribed 'Declaration of Insurance Cover' for the boat being entered when submitting the Entry/Declaration Form.

13 Radio Communications:

A listening watch shall be maintained by all yachts racing as detailed in the sailing instructions.