



Western Port Challenge & Younger Set Western Port Challenge for "Off the Beach Boats"

To be held on Saturday, 11 January 2020
1st Re-sail, if required, Sunday, 19 January 2020

Organising Authority: Yachting Western Port (YWP)
to be held at **Cowes Yacht Club**

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australian Sailing (AS) Prescriptions, the Special Regulations Part 2 for off-the-beach boats and the rules of the respective classes shall apply.

1.2 The Racing Rules will be modified in accordance with RRS 86(1)(b) to read as follows.

- **RRS 26** timing of signals is as specified in SI 11.1:
 - 3 minutes: Warning Signal, division number flag for that division raised
 - 2 minutes: Preparatory flag raised
 - 1 minute: Preparatory flag removed
 - 0 minutes: Division start, division number flag for that division removed.
 - The warning signal for each succeeding division will be the start signal of the preceding division
- **RRS 29** starting of a recalled division will be changed as specified in SI 11.2
- **RRS 32.2** Shortening the course will be changed as specified in SI 8.2
- **RRS 33** Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal as specified in SI 8.4
- **RRS 35** Time Limits will be changed so that all boat finishing outside time limits will be scored DNF.
- **RRS 44.1** Taking a Penalty. Two Turns penalty will be changed to One Turn penalty for multi-hulls.
- **RRS A4.1** Scoring. A boat starting 15 minutes later than her starting signal will be scored DNS as specified in SI 11.6.
- **RRS 60.1(a)** will be changed as specified in SIs 16.5 and 16.6

- **RRS 61.1(a).** The red flag exemption applies to all boats.
- **RRS 66.** The time allowed for a request to reopen a hearing is reduced to 30 minutes as specified in SI 16.7.

2 RACE OFFICERS

- 2.1** The Host Club (Cowes Yacht Club) will nominate a Host Club Race Officer to coordinate sailing and racing activities on behalf of the Organising Authority.
- 2.2** Each club with sailors entering the event will nominate a Home Club Race Officer to:
- be the primary contact between the Host Club and the Home Club
 - receive late entries and transmit them to the Host Club
 - undertake Home Club briefing sessions
 - coordinate boats sailing to and from the event
 - manage sign-on/sign-off process at the Home Club
 - coordinate checking and confirmation of draft results.
- 2.3** Contact details of each Home Club Race Officer (name, mobile and email address) will be provided to the Host Club no later than **17:00 hours on Friday, 10 January 2020** by email (admin@cowesyachtclub.com).

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1** The objective of the Western Port Challenge is to bring together as many members of Western Port 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 Western Port Clubs affiliated with Yachting Westernport (YWP). Each competitor must be a financial sailing member of an affiliated Western Port Club. A competitor may elect to sail for an eligible club provided that they are a financial sailing member of that eligible club.
- 3.3** Entries shall be made online at <https://www.trybooking.com/BGQEB> by **17:00 hours on Wednesday, 8 January 2020**. No paper bookings will be accepted during this time.
- 3.4** Entries after **17:00 hours on Wednesday, 8 January 2020** will be charged a late entry fee as specified in Section 4.
- 3.5** Entries close at **17:00 hours on Friday, 10 January 2020**. Entries made after this time may be allowed at the discretion of the Host Club Race Officer. Late entries will only be accepted via paper form (available at cowesyachtclub.com) lodged with the Home Club Race Officer for transmission to the Race Officer of the Host Club, or lodged with the Race Officer at the Host Club, by **11:00 hours** on the day of the race, accompanied by the late entry fee.
- 3.6** Incorrect or incomplete entries may be disallowed at the discretion of the Host Club Race Officer.

- 3.7** Each boat must have a defined yardstick accepted by Yachting Western Port. The applicable yardstick will be the current or archival Australian Sailing Dinghy or OTB Catamaran Yardstick, a yardstick accepted by YWP, or as otherwise specified in this Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions. Boats without yardsticks as defined in this clause 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 days prior to the race.
- 3.8** A Pacer that is not rigged with a spinnaker will be allocated a yardstick of 130.4 and a Pacer Pursuit will be allocated a yardstick of 117.
- 3.9** A competitor from each boat must "sign on" on the sheets provided at the Host Club before 12:30 hours OR alternatively a boat may sign on at the member's Home Club before 12:00 hours. Boats not correctly signed on in accordance with this instruction may be scored DNS.
- 3.10** Each 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.
- 3.11** To be eligible for the Western Port Challenge Shield a club must have 6 or more entrants. Three or more entrants are required to be eligible for the Western Port Challenge Younger Set Shield.
- 3.12** Advertising will be permitted according to 2019 Advertising Code (World Sailing Regulation 20).

4 FEES

- 4.1** Required fees are as follows:
The entry fee will be **\$10.75** per boat.
- 4.2** A late entry fee of **\$30.00** is to be paid if entry is submitted after **17:00 hours** on **Wednesday, 8 January 2020**.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1** The Host Race Officer will hold a race briefing at Cowes Yacht Club at **12:00 hours** on the day of the race. The Home Club Race officers may hold briefing sessions at their home club prior to **11:00 hours** on race day.
- 5.2** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the race is **13:00 hours** on **Saturday, 11 January 2020**.
- 5.3** If a re-sail is required the scheduled time of the warning signal is **13:00 hours** on **Sunday 19 January 2020**.
- 5.4** Racing will not commence if the winds are less than 5 knots or greater than 22 knots average wind strength 10 minutes before the warning signal. A race start after this time is as at the discretion of the Race Committee boat assuming the wind strength is within the above range at the start.
- 5.5** Racing for the day will be postponed to the re-sail date (or abandoned on the scheduled re-sail day) if a Gale Force or higher warning issued by the Bureau of Meteorology is current on the morning the race is scheduled.

6 MEASUREMENT

All boats are required to conform to their class association rules, but no measurement checks will be performed as part of this regatta.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after **Saturday, 28 December 2019** on the Cowes Yacht Club website <http://www.cowesyachtclub.com/western-port-challenge.html> .

8 RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the waters of Western Port in the vicinity of Cowes Yacht Club.

9 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Triangles as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

11 PRIZES

11.1 Individual prizes are subject to the number of starters in each category as stated in the Sailing Instructions.

The list of prizes and the award conditions will be stated in the Sailing Instructions. Prizes and awards include:

- The Western Port Challenge Shield
- The Western Port Challenge Younger Set Trophy (skipper & crew under 21 years on 11 January 2020)
- Rod Johnson Memorial Trophy; (Best Junior Club Team under 16 years on 11 January 2020)
- The Western Port Challenge Multihull Shield
- The Western Port Challenge Monohull Shield
- The overall Female Skipper
- The overall Junior Skipper; under 16 on 11 January 2020
- 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.

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

11.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, *Decision to Race*. The organizing 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.

11.2 Competitors' attention is also drawn to:

Fundamental Rule 3 – Acceptance of the Rules:

By participating in a race conducted under these racing rules, each competitor and boat owner agrees:

- “(a) to be governed by the rules;
- (b) to accept the penalties imposed and other action taken under the rules, subject to appeal and review procedures provided in them, as the final determination of any matter arising under the rules; and
- (c) with respect to any such determination, not to resort to any court of law or tribunal.”

12 **INSURANCE**

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

13 **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact Michael Hart, Rear Commodore of Cowes Yacht Club on 5659 2122 or e-mail: ekimtrah@gmail.com or Vanessa Twigg, the Commodore of Cowes Yacht Club on 0408137743 or email vtwiggb9@gmail.com

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