



# Phillip Island Yacht Clubs NOTICE OF RACE AND CRUISE

## TRIANGULAR SERIES 2023

### THE DON MANNING TROPHY

#### 1. RACE DATES and TIME

RACE 1 – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023, Will be the TY/Keel/Multi Westernport Challenge. See Westernport Challenge Notice of Race.

RACE 2 – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 11:00 Start. Boats may Race or Cruise to Newhaven from their Home Club, dinner at Newhaven, and spend the night in the Marina.

RACE 3 – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 10:00 Start, Boats may Race to Rhyll or Cruise back to their Home Club from Newhaven.

Cruise to Warneet – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023, Cruise to Warneet, Dinner at Warneet Motor Yacht Club, Boats can stay at Warneet for the night and return to their Home Club the next day.

**Note:** Racing or Cruising for the day will be abandoned if a Gale Force or higher warning as issued by the Bureau of Meteorology is still current on the morning the race is scheduled.

#### 2. RULES

This race series 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 1 for Racing Boats. (except as any of these are altered by the Triangular Series Sailing Instructions).

The Organising Authority is Cowes Yacht Club Inc, Newhaven Yacht Squadron Inc. and Rhyll Yacht Club Inc. The Race Committee for each race shall be appointed by the Organising Authority, as follows:

- Race 1 – Cowes Yacht Club (with Newhaven Yacht Squadron)
- Race 2 – Newhaven Yacht Squadron
- Race 3 – Rhyll Yacht Club

Each of the three Clubs must nominate a Contact Person from their Club and provide that person's name and contact details to the Clubs. The Contact Person must be available to be contacted by the Committee Boat or relevant Club Race Committee on the day before and the day of the relevant race.

2.2 To be eligible to race, all competitors are required to be members of a Phillip Island club and shall have paid the prescribed Race Entry Fee prior to racing on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2022.

### 3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notice to Competitors, if required, shall be announced one hour before racing on the radio communications channel VHF 73.

### 4. ENTRY ONLINE AND LATE ENTRY FORMS

Entry is online. The online booking address link will be advised on:

<https://www.cowesyachtclub.com/sailing/triangular-series/>

**Please Note:** Cutoff time for online entry is 1 hour before the advertised start time. Only one race entry is required for the series.

The 'one time' entry fee for the series will be \$15.00 plus booking fee for one race or for all races.

An entry form will only be considered valid if, prior to its lodgement, the skipper's declaration has been signed.

### 5. COURSES

- Race one will be the TY/Keel/Multi Westernport Challenge, see the documents for that race (<https://www.cowesyachtclub.com/sailing/western-port-challenge/#TY>).
- Race two will be in the waters of Western Port starting from Rhyll Yacht Club and finishing off Newhaven Yacht Squadron.
- Race three will be in the waters of Western Port starting from Newhaven Yacht Squadron and finishing off Rhyll Yacht Club.

Course option 3 for each Race's start location may be relocated from North of organizing club to an area that has more favourable conditions. In this case the Committee boat will fly Code Flag L with one sound signal as a 'follow this boat' to the new starting location. This change of start area will also be announced on VHF Channel 73.

Courses to be sailed will be defined for each race in the sailing instructions. The average length of a race for Courses 1 and 2 will be approximately 15nm and for Course 3 approximately 11nm.

### 6 SCORES

To include as many boats as possible, each Club team will be governed by the smallest club team for each race minus one boat: e.g. if the smallest club team has seven starters, each team score will be based on 6 best performances. Minimum team number to count shall be all 3 of 3 boats.

The "low points scoring system" shall apply. Handicaps will be based on Yachting Victoria CBH yardstick and where available will be used. In the case where a published YV CBH is not available the Boating Officer of the home club of the yacht shall submit a handicap to the Race Committee for consideration. The Race Committee may at its sole discretion assign this handicap or at its sole discretion a different handicap.

Race 1 will be scored according to these rules for the Triangular Series, and separately for the TY/Keel/Multi Westernport Challenge.

### 7 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Triangular Series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

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 series.

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.

## **8 RESULTS**

Triangular Series race results will be posted on the Cowes Yacht Club website ([www.cowesyachtclub.com](http://www.cowesyachtclub.com)).

## **11. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Committee. It is recommended that Individual prizes for first, second and third for each race plus overall series individual first, second and third are awarded at the AGM YW. The Don Manning perpetual trophy for the best club team will also be presented at the Annual General Meeting of Yachting Western Port.

## **12. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with current valid third-party liability insurance of not less than \$10,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. Each competitor shall confirm the level of insurance cover for the boat being entered when submitting the Entry/Declaration Form.

## **13. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

A listening watch shall be maintained on VHF Ch 73 by all yachts racing as detailed in the sailing instructions. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile phones and other smart communication.