



YACHTING WESTERN PORT
2023 WESTERN PORT CHALLENGE
for

Trailable Yachts - Keel Boats - Multihulls

NOTICE OF RACE

11th of February 2023 Hosted by Cowes Yacht Club Inc.

1 Organising Authority:

The Organising Authority shall be the Sailing Committee of Cowes Yacht Club Inc. (CYC) on behalf of Yachting Western Port (YW).

2 Rules: – this race conducted by CYC 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 Australian Sailing (AS).

2.3 The Handicapping Rules of Australian Sailing (AS), 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 Western Port affiliated Yacht Club.

4.2 Eligible boats may be entered for this race by completing the online Race Entry, Declaration Form, paying the race entry fee online and lodging it by 1200hrs AEDT (Australian Eastern Daylight Time) 10th of February 2023 (or later in accordance with clause 4.3).

4.3 Late entries may be accepted after the deadline in section 4.3 at the discretion of the CYC Sailing Committee.

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

Online Entry URL is as follows:

<https://www.cowesyachtclub.com/sailing/western-port-challenge/#TY>

5 Fees:

The entry fee for the race will be \$25.30 Including the booking fee

Late Entry Fee for the race will be \$50.30 Including the booking fee

6 Schedule of Races & Sailing Instructions:

6.1 The 2023 Western Port Challenge for Trailable Yachts, Keelboats and Multihulls is scheduled for the 11th of February 2023 starting in the vicinity of the Cowes Yacht Club, unless otherwise advised see 7.4, at 11:00hrs AEDT.

6.2 A re-sail if required will take place on the 25th of February 2023.

6.3 Sailing Instructions will be published on the CYC website by the 8th of February 2023.
<https://www.cowesyachtclub.com/sailing/western-port-challenge/>

6.4 The Race Start area may be relocated to an area that has more favorable 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.

7 Courses:

Courses are detailed in Appendix A of the Sailing Instructions.

8 Prizes:

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

9 Disclaimer of Liability:

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. Neither Yachting Western Port, The Cowes 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 Western Port Challenge.

10 Insurance:

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

11.2 Each competitor shall acknowledge the prescribed 'Declaration of Insurance Cover' for the boat being entered when submitting their Entry.

11 Radio Communications:

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