



Cowes Yacht Club



NOTICE OF RACE Southern Westerport Challenge Sunday 21th March 2021

Invitation.

Cowes Yacht Club Inc. as the Organising Authority invites owners of eligible yachts to participate in the Southern Westernport Challenge on Sunday 21st March 2021.

1. Rules

The racing will be governed by the Rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the Yachting Australia (YA) Prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 1 for racing boats and Part 2 for off the Beach Boats and the current class rules of each class. Home clubs will be responsible to ensure that entrants meet YA Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats.

2. Eligibility and Entry

The object of the Southern Western Port Challenge is to bring together as many members of Southern Westernport Yacht Clubs as possible for mutual enjoyment and friendly competition. The Challenge is open to all off the beach boats from Cowes, Rhyll, South Gippsland Yacht Clubs and Newhaven Yacht Squadron.

Eligible boats may enter by completing an entry form handing it to the entries desk on the race day before 1000. It will help in planning if entries are known the week before this. Some indication of numbers attending would be appreciated.

Boats will be classed as follows. Faster boats will sail more laps of the same course.

DIVISION	HULL TYPE	YARDSTICK	PENANT
Division 1	Multihulls	All Multihulls	One
Division 2	Monohull	Up to 120	Two
Division 3	Monohull	120.1 and above	Three

3. Fees

Entry Fee for all classes is \$10

4. Schedule

Sunday 21st March 2021

Briefing:	10:00	Skippers will be required to sign on.
Race 1:	11:00	Skippers will be required to sign off after the race.
Lunch:	13:00	All yachts to return to the CYC after Race 1 to enjoy lunch.
Race 2:	14:30	Skippers will be required to sign off after this race.
Presentation	16:30	

5. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Cowes Yacht club web site and from the registration desk on the day

6. Venue

The regatta will be conducted from Cowes Yacht Club. The racing area will be the waters north of Cowes Yacht Club.

7. Handicapping

Unless otherwise specified, handicaps will be determined by application of current Yachting Victoria Yardstick. The Race Committee may adjust handicap values during the regatta if deemed necessary.

8. Measurement

Each boat shall comply with class restrictions. When a boat does not comply, the Officer of the Day shall be notified.

9. Scoring.

The Low Point system of Appendix A will be used

- 10.** The Southern Westernport Trophy will be awarded to the club with the best placing team of three boats overall. Prizes will also be awarded in each division.

It is the responsibility of the club with the perpetual trophy in its possession to make it available to NYS for presentation to the winning club.

11. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participating in the regatta, entirely at their own risk. See rule 4. Decision to race. "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a regatta or to continue racing is hers alone". Cowes Yacht Club Inc. (The organizing authority) its associates and appointees will not accept any liability for personal or material damage, injury or death or inconvenience sustained with, or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

12. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum of \$10,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

13. Lunch

Lunch and drinks will be available for purchase from the club. All participants and support crew are encouraged to have lunch together. It will help greatly to have indicative numbers before the day.

14. Further Information

Please contact Michael Hart (Rear Commodore CYC) Email: ekimtrah@gmail.com for further information and to provide indicative numbers before the day.