



**2024 WESTERN PORT CHALLENGE**  
for  
**Trailable Yachts - Keel Boats - Multihulls**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**10th of February 2024 Hosted and Organised by Cowes Yacht Club Inc.**

**1 Rules:** – this race conducted by CYC will be governed by:

- 1.1 The ***Racing Rules of Sailing*** (RRS), except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS).
- 1.3 The Handicapping Rules of Australian Sailing (AS), except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 Class Rules of the yachts racing.

**2 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.

**3 Eligibility and Entry:**

3.1 Entry is open to all Trailable Yachts, Keelboats and Multihulls that are financial members of a Western Port Yacht Club.

3.2 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) 9th of February 2024 (or later in accordance with clause 3.3).

Online Entry URL is as follows:

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

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

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

**4 Fees:**

The entry fee for the race will be \$30.00 Including the booking fee

Late Entry Fee for the race will be \$20.00 Including the booking fee

**5 Schedule of Races:**

5.1 The 2024 Western Port Challenge for Trailable Yachts, Keelboats and Multihulls is scheduled for the 10th of February 2024, at 11:00hrs AEDT, subject to OOD discretion.

5.2 A re-sail if required will take place on the 24th of February 2024.

## **6 Sailing Instructions:**

Sailing Instructions will be published on the CYC website by the 7th of February 2024.

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

## **7 Venue:**

The Race Start will be in the vicinity of the Cowes Yacht Club, or 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.

## **8 Courses:**

Courses are detailed in Appendix A of the Sailing Instructions.

## **9 Prizes:**

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the CYC committee. Individual prizes per division and the Western Port Challenge Shield perpetual trophy for the best team will be distributed when possible.

## **10 Disclaimer of Liability:**

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. Neither 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.

## **11 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.

## **12 Radio Communications:**

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