

Summer Racing Season 2017- 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

47th Anniversary Teams Regatta

12:00 pm, 10 February 2018

(Issued January, 2018)

1. RULES

- 1.1. Racing for this event shall be conducted under the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing, and the prescriptions and safety regulations of Yachting Australia as modified by the PSYC Sailing Instructions. The sailing instructions may be altered, varied, deleted or added to by displaying a written notice in the form of an addendum on the PSYC Notice Board prior to 1100 hours on any race day, or orally on the water (RRS Rule 90.2c).
- 1.2. Appendix D (Team Racing Rules) is excluded for purposes of this event.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between this Notice of Event and the Sailing Instructions then the Notice of Event shall take precedence.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. This event is open to keel boats, trailer sailers and multihull classes that are racing members of the PSYC and have a current safety certificate for at least Category 7.
- 2.2. **Other yachts are welcome to follow the racing fleet but are not part of the racing fleet. See Starting.**
- 2.3. Eligible yachts may enter the race by ranking as a Starter in accordance with the PSYC Sailing Instructions.
- 2.4. All yachts including the cruising fleet are required to log on and off with the Club Starter.
- 2.5. Single crews must wear appropriate PFD at all times.
- 2.6. **Registration of intent to participate** in this event is required prior to 'the draw' to be held on Friday Feb. 9, 2018, by way of sign up at PSYC.
- 2.7. The list of Registrations will be divided into two or three Divisions of equal size based on individual yacht handicaps in effect on Friday February 9, 2018 ranked from highest to lowest.
- 2.8. Replacement (Reserve) yachts may be required in each division (see below). These "Replacements" will be decided by the order in which they are drawn in each division, and will be in effect racing for two teams.
- 2.9. Teams will be created by draw of yacht names from the list of Registrations, one yacht from each of the two or three Divisions. If a Division is one yacht short, a "Replacement" from the same Division will be allocated to make up the team.

3. FEES

- 3.1. Racing Membership of the PSYC is required for yachts entering the race. No fees for the cruising fleet are imposed.

4. RACE SCHEDULE

- 4.1. Two races will be held in this event with the first race having a nominal start time of 12.00 pm.
- 4.2. **Important Note: In the first race (handicapped start), all yachts should finish within 30 minutes of the first yacht crossing the finish line. This will allow a short break and the second race can get under way. When you hear the finish signal for the first yacht across the line, try to make an informed decision about how long you expect to take to finish yourself. If it is unlikely you can finish within 30 minutes of the first yacht across the line, use your engine to get back to the finish line in a timely manner. All yachts electing to use their engine, or, finishing outside 30 minutes of the first yacht across the finish line will be awarded DNF Points (total number of yachts in the fleet plus 1). This instruction applies to the first race only.**
- 4.3. This event will be cancelled when a Gale Warning is posted for the Hunter Coast by the Bureau of Meteorology on its website that is current on the day of the event at 1115hrs.

5. STARTING

- 5.1. The start shall be at the Club Start Line in accordance with clause 8 - Start Finish Lines of the Sailing Instructions.
- 5.2. The first race will be a handicapped start race with a nominal start time of 12.00 pm.
- 5.3. **There will be no recalls on either race in this event other than for safety reasons, however time penalties for early starts will be applied.**
- 5.4. The cruising fleet is requested keep clear of the start line prior to the race start and then to follow the racing fleet by crossing the start line after all racing yachts have started.

6. COURSES

- 6.1 **Courses to be sailed will be displayed on the starters masts by letter code.**
- 6.2 **Race Number 1 will be a Sternchaser with a nominal start time of 12.00pm.**
Course W1 will be: START – TNL (P) - GI – TNL - BM - FINISH
Course W2 will be: START- TNL(P) – MAL – TNL – BM - FINISH
- 6.3 **Race Number 2 will be a general start with the start time to be selected by the starters as soon as possible after the last yacht has finished the first race. Normal Flags will be displayed at the Start Mast.**
- 6.4 **Course E1 will be : START - WC - MI - TNL(P) - GI - TNL - FINISH**
- 6.5 **Course E2 will be : START - WC - BM - WC - FINISH**

7. SCORING

- 7.1. Results shall be calculated using each yacht's current pointscore handicap.
- 7.2. There are no drops allowed for purposes of this event.
- 7.3. The scores for each of the three yachts in each team will be added together to total an aggregate score for each team. The team with the lowest aggregate score wins.

8. PRIZES

- 8.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows:
 - 8.1.1. Prizes at the discretion of the PSYC Race Committee.

9. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 9.1. All those taking part in PSYC races do so at their own risk and responsibility. The PSYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht, the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment or the competency of its crew.
- 9.2. The PSYC reserves the right to refuse entry to any yacht at any time.
- 9.3. Attention is drawn to the Fundamental Rule 4 which states "A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing."

10. INSURANCE

- 10.1. All yachts participating in PSYC events, including cruisers, are required to have valid and current third party liability insurance which includes indemnity for the PSYC.

11. OTHER

- 11.1. BBQ and presentation will be held at the club after the race.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 12.1. For further information please contact:
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