

The organising authority is Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club Inc The event is conducted by the Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club, with the assistance of Royal Brighton Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- b. Attention is drawn to the rules of the Port of Melbourne Corporation and Parks Victoria with regard to operating in or near channels and port boundaries.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- a. The regatta is open to all keelboats on the register of an affiliated club who meet the requirements of Category 5 of the Yachting Australia Special Regulations, Part 1 for Racing Boats.
- b. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form on line at <u>Trybooking.com</u>.
- c. Entries will be accepted up to 20:00 hrs on November 26th 2021 on payment of the specified entry fee.

3. FEES

- a. Entry fees are \$30.00 open until November 23rd 2021.
- b. Late entry fees of \$40.00 will apply from November 24th 2021.

4. SCHEDULE

- a. The race will be conducted on November 27th 2021.
- b. The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 09:25.
- c. Sunday, November 28th is QCYC's 59th Opening Day and competitors are invited to stay and attend the Opening Ceremony, Blessing of the Fleet and luncheon. Wharfage charges should be arranged via TryBooking for dates other than November 27th – see paragraph 9c.

5. HANDICAPPING

- a. Results will be determined based on a boat's performance handicap allocated by QCYC.
- b. Handicaps will be based on a boat's current performance handicap at her home club, normalised to bring club fleets to a common base.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after 09:00 on November 22nd 2021 at the RBYC office or on the QCYC website at <u>www.qcyc.org.au</u>.

7. VENUE

The venue is Port Phillip between Brighton and Queenscliff.

8. THE COURSES

a. The course to be sailed will be as follows:

Start - RBYC

West Channel Pile

Port hand mark (off Queenscliff)

Finish – QCYC

b. The course, including an alternative finishing location, will be more fully described in the sailing instructions.

9. BERTHING

- a. After finishing or on retirement, boats shall call QCYC on VHF 82 to advise finishing/ retirement time and be assigned a berth at QCYC.
- b. Boats shall be prepared to raft up with other boats at the QCYC wharf and shall provide their own berthing lines and fenders.
- c. Competitors in the Goorangai Memorial Trophy receive free berthing on November 27^{th.}
- d. All yachts intending to stay at QCYC must also complete the online booking form on the home page at qcyc.org.au.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- a. The race committee frequency is VHF 82 after the Start.
- b. Boats shall have a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving over the entire course area.
- c. Boats shall keep a continuous watch on VHF 82 after the Start.
- d. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

11. PRIZES

Prizes will be given for first, second and third places on handicap.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising 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 regatta.

13. INSURANCE

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

14. COVID-19

All participants over the age of 16 are required to have received two COVID-19 vaccinations as advised by the State Government and will be required to show proof of this on arrival at QCYC.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact QCYC Race Director Michael Phelan at:

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