

## OFFSHORE SERIES - NOTICE OF RACE

### A handicap sailing series of 4 races sailed over two weekends in October and March

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The Organising Authority is the Hawkesbury River Yacht Club Inc.
- 1.2. All racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing as published by the ISAF and the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia 2013–2016 as modified by HRYC Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race.
- 1.3. Racing is subject to NSW Maritime Regulations and the HRYC Aquatic License Issued by NSW RMS.

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The series is open to all yachts (mono-hulls and multi-hulls) registered for racing with the HRYC during the 2016-17 Season and holding current Category 4 Safety Equipment Certificates.
- 2.2. Skippers and crew must be members of Yachting NSW.
- 2.3. To enter Yachts must enter as Casual Entries in the GSC Offshore Races to Sydney in “Top Yacht” Race Management System. The \$70 fee covers berthing at CYCA.
- 2.4. Once accepted as a Casual Entry by the GSC, Yachts are automatically entered for the series upon payment of 2016-7 Racing Fees and a copy of Category Season Category 4 Safety Equipment Certificate is lodged with the Rear Commodore.
- 2.5. Late Series entries are accepted.
- 2.6. Race Entries close 24 hours before the scheduled Start of the Race.
- 2.7. All entrants must comply with safety requirements as set out in the Sailing Instructions, including the minimum number and age of crew; and, procedures for logging on and off.

#### 3. CASUAL ENTRY

- 3.1. No Casual Entries are accepted for this Series.

#### 4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1. The Offshore Series comprises 4 races. The schedule of races and race times are set out below.

	Date	Details	Start Time
Race 1	Saturday, November 26	Box Head to Port Jackson	1100 hrs
Race 2	Sunday, November 27	Port Jackson to Box Head	1100 hrs
Race 3	Saturday, March 25	Box Head to Port Jackson	1100 hrs
Race 4	Saturday, March 26	Port Jackson to Box Head	1100 hrs

## 5. THE START

5.1. By Agreement with the GSC Offshore Officer, HRYC boats will start with the GSC Offshore fleet competing over the same course. Starts will be conducted by the GSC Race Officer according to the GSC Yacht Division Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race.

### Box Head

5.2. The Starting Line will be between the starting flag on the duty start boat, and the face of Box Head.

### Port Jackson

5.3. The Starting Line will be advised by the GSC Race Officer on the morning of the race.

5.4. The Starting Procedure is set out below:

SIGNAL	FLAG and SOUND	MINUTES BEFORE STARTING SIGNAL
WARNING	Code Flag R Displayed with 1 sound	5
PREPARATORY	P or I or Black Displayed with 1 sound	4
ONE MINUTE	Preparatory removed 1 long sound	1
STARTING	Division flag removed 1 sound	0

## 6. THE FINISH

6.1. Competitors will record their own finishing times and relay these to the HRYC Race Officer by SMS or VHF Radio Channel 77.

### Box Head Finish

6.2. The Return Race finish line is on the western side of Box Head on a transit line from the southern side of Cape Three Points to the southern face of the rock shelf of Box Head.

### Port Jackson Finish

6.3. The Port Jackson Finish is the South Head Transit Line, being the Eastward extension of a line from the (black) channel junction bell buoy through the (red) eastern channel buoy, Lady Bay (near South Head at the approximate position 33° 50.100' South 151° 16.500' East), leaving the eastern Channel buoy to Starboard.

## 7. TIME LIMIT

Time Limit is Official Sunset.

## 8. SCORING

- 8.1. Scoring will be in accordance with Low Point System set out in RRS Appendix A4. RRS A9 "Race Scores for a Series Longer than a Regatta applies.
- 8.2. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 8.3. If fewer than 4 races are completed, A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 8.4. If 4 races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 9. RESULTS

- 9.1. Provisional Results of Port Jackson Races will be announced at the CYCA at approximately 1800 Hours on the day of the race.
- 9.2. Provisional Results of Box Head Races will be announced at the Anglers Rest at approximately 1800 Hours on the day of the race.
- 9.3. Final Results and adjusted handicaps shall be published on the HRYC website within 5 days of the completion of a race. Results will be published for Line Honours, Performance Handicap (PHS), and Class Based Handicap (CBH).

## 10. TROPHIES

- 10.1. The Offshore Series Perpetual Trophy - shall be presented to the series winner on performance handicap. Trophy presentation will be at the 2017 AGM.

## 11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1. Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the HRYC website on or before the 5th August 2016.
- 11.2. Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race will be published in the 2016-17 HRYC Sailing Handbook

## 12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 12.1. 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 tele-phones.

## 13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 13.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. The HRYC 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.

## 14. INSURANCE

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

## 15. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 15.1. For further information, email [rearcommodore@hryc.asn.au](mailto:rearcommodore@hryc.asn.au).