



CLUB
MARINE
Series

For the Range Trophy

2015-2016

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OF
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The 2015-2016 Club Marine Series will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip from 10th October 2015 until 9th April 2016

1.0 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) for the Club Marine Series for the Range Trophy is Yachting Victoria (YV).

The Participating Clubs listed below will conduct racing on behalf of the Organising Authority:

- Hobson's Bay Yacht Club
- Royal Brighton Yacht Club
- Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron
- Royal Yacht Club of Victoria
- Sandringham Yacht Club

2.0 RULES

2.1 General

The Club Marine Series shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2.2 Safety Regulations

The Yachting Australia (YA) Special Regulations Part 1, Sections 1 – 6, Category 6 shall apply. Marine VHF Radios shall be carried, which may be permanently installed or be waterproof handheld and must be capable of operating on channels 12, 15, 16, 17, 67, 69, 71, and 73.

2.3 No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or with any part outboard.

2.4 All boats shall lodge with their own club a Safety Compliance Declaration covering the 2015-2016 season before their entry in their first Club Marine Series race. Boats not complying with this requirement shall not be entered and will not be eligible for Club Marine Series scoring.

2.5 The Performance Handicapping Rules of Yachting Victoria, the rules of the AMS and the rules of the IRC shall apply.

3.0 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

4.0 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

Entry is open to keel boats with a valid AMS or IRC rating or Performance Handicap. AMS and IRC boats shall start in their respective Performance Handicap Division.

4.1 Divisions

There will be four Divisions: 0, 1, 2 and 3, as follows:

Division 0 IRC TCC of 1.180 or greater and an age date of 1999 or later.

Division 1 As defined by the YV Performance Handicap Rules, including boats that do not meet the requirements of Div 0.

Division 2 As defined by the YV Performance Handicap Rules.

Division 3 As defined by the YV Performance Handicap Rules.

Boats will be allocated to an appropriate division at the absolute discretion of the Organizing Authority. Boats that race in a Division may not change Division during the series except as directed by the Organizing Authority.

Group "K" Boats shall sail and be scored as a part of the appropriate Division.

Their Division flag will be that of the Division in which they are entered.

Racing for this or any other division may be abandoned at the discretion of the Race Officer.

4.2 Class Championship

Class Championship may be scored (refer 11.0) for the classes listed below, for which no separate entry is required:

Sydney 38	Division 1
YW Diamonds	Division 3
S80	Division 3
Farr 1020	Division 3

Any additional classes that wish to compete must advise the Organising Authority before the 1st October 2015.

Class boats must all sail in the nominated division to be eligible for class scoring.

4.3 Entries

Entries must be received by the host club before 1200hrs on the Thursday prior to each race. Casual entries may be accepted at the discretion of the host club. Boats must enter via their home club.

5.0 FEES

5.1 Entry Fees

The Entry Fee for the series will be \$199 for Divisions 0, 1, 2 and 3.

Notes:

There will be no additional entry fees for entering other divisions such as IRC, AMS or Class Championships.

Entry fees shall be paid to the host club for each race.

5.2 Casual Entries

An entry fee of \$35 for each race day shall apply.

6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

DATE	Day	HOST CLUB	WARNING SIGNAL FOR 1 ST EVENT
10 October 2015	1	RYCV	1325 hrs
7 November 2015	2	HBVC	1325 hrs
5 December 2015	3	RMYS	1325 hrs
13 February 2016	4	RBYC	1325 hrs
27 February 2016	5	SYC	1325 hrs
19 March 2016	6	KCAB	1325 hrs
9 April 2016	7	HBVC	1325 hrs

Notes: All Divisions may sail up to 2 races per day. It is intended that Race Day's 1 and 7 will be conducted as single race days. No Race will be started after 1545hrs.

A Notice to Competitors will be issued on the Thursday prior to a Race Day indicating the proposed schedule for the day.

7.0 MEASUREMENT

7.1 Rating Certificate

A copy of a valid Rating Certificate (where applicable) as issued by the appropriate Rating Authority shall be made available upon request by the Organising Authority or Race Committee.

7.2 PHD

All Initial Performance Handicaps will be as supplied by the Performance Handicapping Committee of YV. The Performance Handicapping Committee of YV reserves the right to revise any handicap during the Series, and to make a changed handicap retrospective. Boat Owners/Skippers are reminded of their obligations under Rule 2 of the Performance Handicap Rules.

Performance Handicaps will be re-calculated as a series for the Club Marine Series.

7.3 AMS

Results will be calculated where a valid AMS Certificate is issued. Owners are reminded that they must use the sail and weight configuration as outlined in their AMS Certificate. AMS ratings will be those issued by the Rating Authority (YV) and current at 1200hrs on the Friday before the race.

7.2.3 IRC

Results will be calculated where a valid Endorsed IRC Certificate is issued. Owners are reminded that they must use the sail and weight configuration as outlined in their IRC Certificate.

IRC ratings will be those issued by the Rule Authority (YA) and current at 1200hrs on the Friday before the race.

7.3 Cut off for Handicaps and Ratings

The cut-off times for all handicaps and ratings shall be 1200hrs on the Friday before each race. No changes to handicaps or ratings will be permitted after this time, except as a result of a measurement protest, or to correct rating office errors. The Race Committee may make corrections to handicaps or ratings at any time. This changes RRS 78.

8.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be issued for the Club Marine Series, and will be available from each participating club or YV from late September 2015.

9.0 RACING AREA

The racing area is on the waters of Port Phillip as described in the attached diagram. Divisions 0 and 1 will race on separate courses to Divisions 2 and 3.

9.1 Division 0 and 1

The course will be either to the East of the main shipping channel and to the south of the Division 2 and 3 course, or to the West of the main shipping channel. (Refer Diagram and Notice to Competitors issued on the Thursday prior to racing)

9.2 Division 2 and 3

The course will be in the vicinity of R2 to the east of the main shipping channel. (Refer Diagram).

10.0 COURSES

Courses will be set within the approximate areas designated in paragraph 9. Races will be conducted in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

11.0 SCORING

11.1 Club Marine Series

The Club Marine Divisional Championship will be scored on the Low Points Scoring

System (RRS Appendix A) modified as follows:

Nine races are scheduled for Divisions Zero, One, Two and Three. Where five or less races are completed, each boat's Series score will be the sum of its scores for all completed races. Three races shall be completed to constitute a series.

11.2 Class Championship

Class racing will be scored within each class based on the results for the class. There must be a minimum of 3 starters for a Class Championship Race to be scored.

12.0 Group "K" (in any division):

Each Club shall designate its own Group "K" boats that are limited by Class Rules or their design to lighter weather conditions under which they can sail than is normally the case for other keelboats. Group "K" boats may be excluded from racing at the Race Officer's discretion and will be signaled by flying N over K.

Each Club may post on its Notice Board the list of Group "K" boats from its club and this list may also be posted on the YV Club Marine Series website.

This list shall be posted before 1200 hrs on the Friday before each race day.

When Group "K" racing is abandoned for day 1 or 2, Group "K" boats will be scored by allocating average points of the next 2 sailed races, rounded up to the nearest 0.1 point. When Group "K" racing is abandoned for later races, they will be scored by allocating average points of all races sailed to date, rounded up to the nearest 0.1 point.

13.0 PRIZES

Prizes will be presented at the Yachting Victoria presentation function to be held at RBYC after the conclusion of the final race. Class Associations may also present trophies for their class at this function.

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- First, second and third place in each Rating and Handicap System.
- First place in Class Championship

The Range Trophy will be engraved with the winners of each of the divisions, and will reside for the following season at the club of the winner of IRC Division 0.

Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

14.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate 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 race or to continue racing is hers alone."

The Organizing 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.

Competitor attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rules 3:

Fundamental Rule 3 – Acceptance of the Rules:

“By participating in a race conducted under these racing rules, each competitor and boat owner agrees

(a) to be governed by the rules;

(b) to accept the penalties imposed and other action taken under the rules, subject to appeal and review procedures provided in them, as the final determination of any matter arising under the rules and

(c) with respect to any such determination, not to resort to any court of law or tribunal.

15.0 INSURANCE

All entrants shall carry third party and public liability insurance of not less than AUD10 Million per event valid for all races.

16.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

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