



# NOTICE OF RACE

## Mornington Yacht Club 2024 - 2025 Sailing Season

The Mornington Yacht Club (MYC) Sailing Committee, as the Organising Authority, invites owners of eligible boats to participate in the season of MYC races to be held on the waters of Port Phillip from the first race to the last race of the 2024 - 2025 season ('Current Season') as defined in the Schedule of Races.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS).
- 1.3 Where applicable the SailSys Performance Handicap System.
- 1.4 Where applicable, the class rules of Off The Beach Boat classes sailing in single class events.
- 1.5 Where applicable, the Australian Measurement System (AMS).
- 1.6 Where applicable, the Class Based Handicap (CBH 2019) Rating System.
- 1.7 Where applicable, the AS Yardsticks.

### 2. ADVERTISING

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

### 3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The classes of boats listed below shall be eligible to race in MYC events as follows:

- (a) Keelboats and Trailable Yachts shall conform to AS Special Regulations Part 1 Category 6 as a minimum. A compliant and functional marine grade VHF radio shall be carried for all races. Some MYC Keelboat and Trailable Yacht events shall be raced under Category 5 or 5N as determined by Special Sailing Instructions published from time to time.
- (b) Off the Beach Boats shall conform to AS Special Regulations Part 2.

3.2 To be eligible to race, boat owners who are members of MYC shall be current financial members.

3.3 Visiting Boats are welcome to compete in MYC events and shall conform with this NoR.

### 4.0 ENTRY

4.1 Entries and payment of entry fees are to be made utilizing the Online Entry System (SailSys) which can be accessed from the Club Racing Season HQ page found under the 'Sailing>>Club Racing' menu item on the MYC website. The Club Racing Season HQ page can also be accessed directly via the following link: <https://www.morningtonyc.net.au/club-racing-season-hq.html>

The Season for Keelboats and Trailable Yachts is comprised of several individual series (i.e. Club Champs, Aggregate, Thursday Twilight etc.) each of which is totally separate from each other. There is no single 'full season' entry. Competitors must enter each series they intend to race in separately. OTB's shall enter as a single series.

4.2 For a valid entry, competitors shall:

- (a) complete an online entry including creating a SailSys account if necessary and maintaining the account.
- (b) accept the declarations detailed in the SailSys Entry System.
- (c) include the entry fee as detailed in the SailSys Entry System.

4.3 Registrations will be accepted until 1700hrs on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024. Entries submitted after this time may be subject to a late Entry Fee.

4.4 Casual Entries shall meet all criteria listed in NoR Clause 4.2.

4.5 For Keelboats and Trailable Yachts, after 4 scheduled Club Championships or Long Distance Series races have been completed in a Saturday Series, any new entries for that series shall be considered Casual entries.

4.6 For Keelboats and Trailable Yachts, after 7 scheduled races have been completed in in the Aggregate Series, any new entries for that series shall be considered Casual entries.

4.7 For Keelboats and Trailable Yachts, after 14 scheduled races have been completed in a Tuesday or Thursday Twilight Series, any new entries for that series shall be considered Casual entries.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The Schedule of Races shall be the 'Calendar of Events' as published on the MYC website:

<https://www.morningtonyc.net.au/calendar.html>

## 6. SKIPPERS' BRIEFING

6.1 For Keelboats and Trailable Yacht fleets, MYC will conduct (1) briefing at 1800 hours on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024. It is compulsory for the skipper or the person in charge of each boat entered to attend this briefing and register their attendance on the night by signing the attendance sheet.

6.2 For OTB and Opti fleets MYC will conduct (1) briefing at 1800 hours Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024. It is compulsory for the skipper or the person in charge or Parent/Guardian of each boat entered to attend this briefing and register their attendance on the night by signing the attendance sheet.

## 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Standard Sailing Instructions shall be published on the Club website: <https://www.morningtonyc.net.au/club-racing-season-hq.html> and shall be available no less than 48 hours prior to the first race.

7.2 Special Sailing Instructions will be issued from time to time for all non-standard events and Long Distance Races and shall be published on the Club website: <https://www.morningtonyc.net.au/club-racing-season-hq.html>

## 8. COURSES

The courses shall be detailed in Appendix A of the Sailing Instructions and in Special Sailing Instructions as issued from time to time.

## 9. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

9.1 Trophies and prizes for Keel Boats and Trailable Yachts will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place in all scheduled Series. Trophies will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> place in Flag Officers races.

9.2 The trophy for the Keelboat and Trailable Yacht Club Championships series shall be awarded based on AMS and CBH respectively.

9.3 The trophy for the OTB and Optimist Club Championships series shall be awarded based on Yardsticks and Scratch results respectively.

9.4 Youth and Junior members sailing in OTB and Optimist Trophy Races shall be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

9.5 Casual Entries will not be eligible for Trophies or Prizes.

## 10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors who participate in the races of the Current Season do so entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 3 Decision to Race). MYC, the Organising Authority, their employees and volunteers do not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the Current Season.

Further, Competitors who participate in the races of the Current Season agree to indemnify MYC and its employees and volunteers from any and all liability, loss, or damage MYC and its employees and volunteers may suffer as a result of claims, demands, costs, or judgments against MYC and its employees and volunteers arising from Competitor's participation in the races of the Current Season.

## 11. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance of not less than \$10,000,000. This cover shall remain current for the duration of the season. The entrant shall ensure a current Certificate of Currency is uploaded to their SailSys account.

## 12. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, contact the Rear Commodore via the Main Office on 03 5975 7001 or by email to: [rearcommodore@morningtonyc.net.au](mailto:rearcommodore@morningtonyc.net.au) For all SailSys entry, user account, document lodging, crew lists or other operational support matters, email our team: [sailsys@morningtonyc.net.au](mailto:sailsys@morningtonyc.net.au)