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NOTICE OF RACE and CRUISES – MCYS 2023/2024

The Organising Authority is Martha Cove Yacht Squadron Incorporated (MCYS)

1. RULES

- 1.1 All yacht races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024* and the MCYS Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1, Sections 1 – 6, shall apply for Keelboats.
- 1.3 The IRC (IRC) Rule shall apply where applicable.
- 1.4 The Australian Measurement System (AMS) shall apply where applicable.
- 1.5 The Australian Sailing Keelboat Handicap Rule (PHS) shall apply where applicable.
- 1.6 The Sportsboat Measurement System (SMS) shall apply where applicable.
- 1.7 The ORC measurement system (ORC Club) shall apply where applicable
- 1.8 Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.89 Cruising events shall be governed by the Notice of Cruise for each event.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 MCYS races and cruises are open to be entered all boats on the MCYS register, boats on an affiliate club's register, and any visiting yacht or boat that has submitted an entry via Sailsys -

<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/122/entry?tab=results>

Visiting boats are limited to 6 Races or Cruises per year or otherwise as determined by the sailing committee.

2.2 Entry is open to boats that have provided a current Insurance and Safety Declaration found on this link [INSURANCE AND SAFETY DECLARATION](#) All boats must have insurance cover as described in Section 14 and ensure that the cover is current at all times.

2.3 Boats shall enter prior to the commencement of a race, series or event. Keelboats entering any race or series as Two-Handed shall have no more



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than two persons aboard while racing and may use an autohelm or similar device without penalty.

3. SCHEDULE

The schedule of races and cruise events shall be published in the MCYS Calendar. This will be published on the MCYS Website at www.mcys.com.au

4. SAFETY

4.1 The Keelboat Safety Category for each race will be designated in the MCYS Sailing Program.

4.2 All competing boats (yachts and power boats) shall lodge a Safety Compliance Declaration found on this link [INSURANCE AND SAFETY DECLARATION](#) for the appropriate safety category applicable to yachts with the Rear Commodore - Sail prior to participating at rear.commodore.sail@mcys.com.au. Boats failing to comply will not be eligible for results.

4.3 Safety checklists for sailing yachts may be found here - [SAFETY CHECKLIST](#), with boats being subject to audit by a Club Equipment Auditor (CEA). This is not punitive, rather it is to ensure that boats are aware of the safety requirements, and where necessary are assisted to comply by a CEA audit.

4.3 In addition to the requirements of the designated Safety Category for any race or event, the following additions apply to all participating boats:

- (a) All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting on channels 16 & channel 72. The radio may be permanently installed or a waterproof handheld.
- (b) Yachts entered as Two-Handed – lifejacket must comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 3.12 (minimum 50) and be worn at all times whilst participating.
- (c) Yachts complying with Cat 7 Safety but without lifelines complying with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Section 3.12 (e.g. Etchells and Dragons) - lifejackets must be worn by all on board at all times whilst participating and lifejackets must comply with AS Special Regulations Part 2, Section 5.01.2 (minimum 50S).

5 MEASUREMENT

Measurement checks of yachts may be made in accordance with class rules at any time during the season if applicable.



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6 INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The MCYS Sailing Instructions as published on the MCYS website at <http://www.mcys.com.au/sailing> shall apply to all yacht races.

6.2 Sailing Instructions may be updated from time to time and the current version is available on the MCYS website.

6.3 Special Sailing or Cruise Instructions may be issued from time to time for any events and shall be published on the MCYS website found on this link <http://www.mcys.com.au/>

7. VENUE

Racing and Cruising will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip and Bass Strait.

8 COURSES and DESTINATIONS

8.1 Courses for sailing races will be described in the MCYS Sailing Instructions or in Special Sailing Instructions as issued from time to time and shall be published on the MCYS website found on this link <http://www.mcys.com.au/>

8.2 Courses for Cruises will be described in the MCYS Cruise Instructions issued from time to time and shall be published on the MCYS website found on this link <http://www.mcys.com.au/>

9 SCORING SYSTEM

For yacht races and series will be as specified in the Sailing Instructions 2022/2023.

10 RADIO COMMUNICATION

10.1. Except in an emergency, a yacht shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. whilst racing. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

10.2. MCYS Race Officer shall monitor and use **VHF Channel 72**.

10.3 For safety and any announcements boats while participating shall monitor VHF Channels 72 and 16.

10.4 The MCYS race control shall have the call-sign "MARTHAS COVE RACE CONTROL" and uses an authorised non assigned ACMA VHF Licence.



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11 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for each event and series at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in MCYS races, events or series take part entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, 'Decision to Race'. 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 any race, cruise, event or series.

The Safety of all participants is paramount in all MCYS events - racing and cruising.

Attention is drawn to the **Incident Management Plan** which is available [HERE](#) for download or reference. All participants must be aware of and comply with the MCYS Safety Plan.

13 MEDIA RIGHTS

By participating in races, events or cruises, participants grant to MCYS and its sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the participant during the period of the event without compensation to the participant. By entering the participant grants all media rights to MCYS free of any charge or compensation.

14 INSURANCE

It is condition of entry that the participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$10 Million per incident or the equivalent and maintain this cover for the period of any race or cruise or event.

If a boat fails to maintain her insurance during race, series, or cruise she shall be deemed to be ineligible and in a yacht race scored DNC for each race until her insurance is restored. Power boats not having insurance shall be deemed non-participants. Such insurance shall cover all risks arising whilst the boat is participating in any event, race or cruise, whether ashore or afloat.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information contact rear.commodore.sail@mcys.com.au