

Top of the Bay Interclub Challenge 2024

Saturday 10th February 2024

**hosted at
Williamstown Sailing Club**



WILLIAMSTOWN
SAILING CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE

INVITATION

Williamstown Sailing Club, as the Organising Authority and on behalf of the Trustees, invites

Albert Park Yacht Club
Albert Sailing Club
Altona Yacht Club
Elwood Sailing Club
Port Melbourne Yacht Club
Williamstown Sailing Club (Host Club)
Hobsons Bay Yacht Club
Royal Yacht Club of Victoria and
Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron

(the "Participating Clubs") to participate in the Top of the Bay Interclub Challenge to be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip on Saturday 10th February 2024.

1. RULES

1.1 The Regatta is organised in accordance with the Deed of Challenge agreed upon on 20th April 1994 (as amended).

1.2 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS"), the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing, the rules of the appropriate boat class association ("Class Rules"), and any applicable rules and regulations as required by Ports Victoria Melbourne (PVM).

1.3 Any required protocols to ensure compliance with Government COVID-19 regulations and guidance will apply.

1.4 [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes **RRS 64**.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be made available by 7th February 2024 on the online notice board.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online notice board is located at

<https://www.williamstownsailingclub.org.au/events/218302/>

3.2 [DP] While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The Regatta is open to all classes with an official 2023/24 AS Yardstick or converted CBH that is on the register of one of the Participating Clubs.

4.2 Each competitor shall be a member of a Club affiliated to Australian Sailing and have an Australian Sailing Number.

4.3 No entry fees apply for boats from the Participating Clubs.

4.4 Entries close at 1100 hrs Saturday 10th February 2024. Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

4.5 Eligible boats (i.e., those meeting the requirements of 4.1 and 4.2 above) must enter via the online registration system at <https://www.williamstownsailingclub.org.au/events/218302/> .

4.6 Non-eligible boats may be permitted to race on the payment of a race fee of \$10.00 and will be recognised as an entrant but will not be included in any Participating Club's team score.

Acceptance of non-eligible boats into the Regatta will be at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.

5. [DP] ADVERTISING

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

6. DIVISIONS

Racing will be in separate Divisions based on AS Yardstick or converted CBH.

7. SCHEDULE

Saturday 10th February 2024. First Warning Signal will be no earlier than 1400 hours.

8. VENUE

8.1 Racing will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip.

8.2 The host venue will be the Williamstown Sailing Club.

9. THE COURSE

The course to be sailed will be multiple rounding's of a common triangular course. The racing area, class allocation to divisions, course details will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

For the Multi-Hull classes only, rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11. SCORING

11.1 The scoring system is as follows:

11.2 Each boat's elapsed time will be corrected by the AS Yardstick or converted CBH to give its corrected time.

11.3 Each boat's corrected time will be reduced to one standard triangle giving its Average Corrected Time (ACT) per triangle.

11.4 A Multihull Correction Factor (MCF) will be arrived at by dividing the sum of the 6 lowest ACTs for monohulls by the sum of the 6 lowest ACTs for multihulls.

11.5 The ACT for each multihull will then be corrected by multiplying it by the calculated MCF.

11.6 A boat that has submitted an entry for the race but does not start (DNS) will not be counted as an entrant when determining its Club's score.

11.7 A boat which starts but does not finish (DNF) or a boat which finishes but retired after finishing, will be allocated an ACT equal to the highest ACT of any boat classed as a finisher, and will be counted as an entrant when determining its Club's score.

11.8 Any boat which is disqualified will be allocated an ACT ten percent greater than that of the highest ACT of any boat classed as a finisher and will be counted as an entrant when determining its Club's score. A boat disqualified under Rule 2 (Fair Sailing), Rule 4 (Acceptance Of The Rules) and Rule 42 (Propulsion), shall have its result counted as part of its Club's score as per 11.9 and 11.10.

11.9 The results to be counted in each Club's score will comprise 10 results, rounded upwards to the next whole number. A minimum of 10 results are necessary to be eligible for the trophy.

11.10 Each Club's score will be calculated as the average of the lowest corrected ACT's for those results to be counted.

12. PRIZES

The event is an annual challenge between clubs at the top of Port Phillip and is held in accordance with the Trust Deed. A trophy will be presented to the winning club team after completion of the event, to be held by that Club until the next challenge.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1 All those taking part in races conducted by the Host club do so at their own risk and responsibility.

13.2 The Host Club is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

13.3 The Host Club is not responsible for any damage or injury, either ashore or at sea, to persons or boats which might result from participating in races conducted by the Organising Authority.

13.4 Competitor attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4 – Acceptance of the Rules.

13.5 Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. 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.

14. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

15. INSURANCE

All competing boats shall carry as a minimum, valid Third-Party Liability insurance with racing risk, to the minimum value of \$10,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

16. REGATTA OFFICE

The Regatta Office will be situated at the:

- Williamstown Sailing Club, Corner Stevedore Street and The Strand, Williamstown VIC 3016

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

Boat trailers need to be separated from cars and the trailers placed on the grass area adjacent to club at WSC. There is both restricted parking (2 hours) and free parking in the vicinity.

Williamstown Sailing Club

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