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Welcome to the 2017-18 sailing season at Flinders YC. We have developed this booklet to set in one place the most important bits of information, and ensure that members can get the most out of participation in the Club racing and other activities. All information in this handbook should be read in conjunction with the current Sailing Instructions and the applicable Course Instructions. Where an inconsistency exists the Sailing Instructions and Course Instructions shall prevail.

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Notice of Race Season 2017-18

1. RULES

All races will be governed by:

- *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (see <http://www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules/>),
- 2017-2021 Special Regulations Part 1 Sections 2, 3 and 4, relevant to Race Category 5 for Keel Boats and 2017-2021 Special Regulations Part 2, For "Off the Beach" Boats, (see <http://www.sailing.org.au/sport-services/safety/special-regulations/>) as issued by Australian Sailing
- the appropriate Class rules, and
- the Flinders Yacht Club Sailing Instructions.

RISK WARNING

Sailing and other Club activities involve risks, including the risk of death, serious injury or illness and damage to property, due to factors such as:

- adverse weather;
- equipment malfunction or failure;
- accidents involving other boats and other participants; and
- over-exertion and fatigue.

Furthermore, access to medical, evacuation and search services may be limited. Any assistance offered by the Club is provided by volunteers who generally have little or no medical or other relevant expertise or experience.

Please consider these risks in deciding whether to sail or participate in any other Club activities.

Warning: The Club offers use of its facilities and the opportunity to participate in Club activities on the basis that you:

- accept the risks outlined above and agree to participate at your own risk;
- release the Club, members of the Club and any others involved in the provision of any services by the Club from all liability, whether in contract, tort (including negligence) or otherwise, arising from your use of the Club's facilities and your participation in Club activities;
- indemnify the Club and will keep the Club indemnified from any loss or damage arising from any claim by any members of your family or your guests (including children) in connection with the provision of services by the Club, whether in contract, tort (including negligence) or otherwise; and
- acknowledge and agree that the Club excludes any and all liability under the consumer guarantees relating to the provision of services (in Subdivision B of Division 1 of Part 3-2 of the Australian Consumer Law) for any death or personal injuries arising from the provision of recreational services by the Club.

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WARNING UNDER THE AUSTRALIAN CONSUMER LAW AND FAIR TRADING ACT 2012

Under the Australian Consumer Law (Victoria), several statutory guarantees apply to the supply of certain goods and services. These guarantees mean that the supplier named on this form is required to ensure that the recreational services it supplies to you –

- *are rendered with due care and skill; and*
- *are reasonably fit for any purpose which you, either expressly or by implication, make known to the supplier; and*
- *might reasonably be expected to achieve any result you have made known to the supplier.*

*Under section 22 of the **Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012**, the supplier is entitled to ask you to agree that these statutory guarantees do not apply to you. If you sign this form, you will be agreeing that your rights to sue the supplier under the **Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012** if you are killed or injured because the services provided were not in accordance with these guarantees, are excluded, restricted or modified in the way set out in this form.*

***NOTE:** The change to your rights, as set out in this form, does not apply if your death or injury is due to gross negligence on the supplier's part. **Gross negligence**, in relation to an act or omission, means doing the act or omitting to do an act with reckless disregard, with or without consciousness, for the consequences of the act or omission. See regulation 5 of the Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Regulations 2012 and section 22(3)(b) of the **Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012**.*

2. ADVERTISING

All Races are classified as a Category C event.

3. ENTRIES

- 3.1 Races are open to:
- 3.1.1 Keel Boats and Trailable Yachts satisfying Race Category 5 Safety Criteria in the Keel Boat Division, Boats satisfying Category 7 Safety Criteria may sail in the Keel Boat Division subject to additional safety requirements, and;
 - 3.1.2 all classes of Off the Beach (OTB) boats with a Yachting Victoria Yardstick, and others as the Sailing Committee may decide on the OTB & Green Fleet Divisions.
- 3.2 Entries must comply with the following:-
- 3.2.1 Each boat must be registered with Flinders Yacht Club (FYC) and display a current season registration sticker.
 - 3.2.2 Every person in charge and each member of the crew must be an adult or junior sailing member of the FYC, except that,
 - 3.2.2.1 Non Members may sail as crew in KB Twilight, OTB Twilight, OTB Summer Series without counting in the 7 race limit in 3.2.2.2 below
 - 3.2.2.2 Non members may sail as Crew in a total of 7 races (combined) in all other series, where a non member sails as crew on a 8th or greater occasion the race result for that boat shall not count for the results of that race or series, boats shall be scored DNC.
- 3.3 Races shown as Regattas are open to non-members who are members of and boats are registered with other affiliated sailing clubs, have signed an Entry Form and paid the prescribed entry fee.
- 3.4 Visitors registered with other affiliated sailing clubs and having YV/YA registration whose entry is accepted by this club, may sail in club events by completing an entry form however will not be scored in any races or series.

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- 3.5** Race entry is by signing on in the Clubhouse at least 15minutes before the warning signal for a race, a separate entry is required for each race except where 2 races are scheduled in which case sign on will be cover both races.
- 3.6** **Each participating boat shall at all times, be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per event.**

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The Sailing Program shows the date and time of the warning signal for each race and in the case of back to back races the time of the first warning signal. Changes to the program will be according to the Sailing Instructions, and will be posted on the Sailing Notice Board. The Westernport Challenge, Titles, and events at other Westernport clubs are also shown but are not covered by this Notice of Race. The Judith Grage Trophy at FYC is covered by this NOR.

5. COURSES

Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions and Course Instructions and as notified on the day.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on race days at the clubhouse and on the club website.

7. SCORING

Those races, which are part of a series, will be scored as provided in Appendix A4.1 Low Point System, Appendix A9 of the Racing Rules and as modified by the Sailing Instructions. The number of races required to be completed to constitute each series, and the number of races to be included in a boat's score is stated in the Sailing Instructions.

8. TROPHIES

For races marked (T) the prizes will be awarded shortly after the completion of the race. Prizes for named series and events will be awarded on Presentation Night as per the list in this handbook.

9. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 9.1 Members are reminded that they are subject to the Fundamental Rules, in particular "Fundamental Rule 4. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone".
- 9.2 Flinders Yacht Club, its members and those assisting the club will not be responsible for damage to boats, or injury to persons caused by any rescue boat, or in any other way whatsoever.

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Sailing Instructions

The following changes apply for season 2017-18 (changes in *italics*):

7 **DIVISIONS**

7.1 **Composition of Divisions**

OTB Division Off-the-beach boats crewed by senior and experienced junior Club members, or equivalent non-member visitors. *Separate divisions may be created in series where sufficient entries are received for particular classes and multihulls (see 7.2 below) and separate starts may or may not be conducted.*

7.2 **Division Identification**

During starts under Committee Boat control, divisions will be identified by numeral flags as follows:

- KB Division Numeral 1
- *OTB Multihull Division Numeral 2 (Where 3 or more MH boats entered)*
- *OTB Special Division Numeral 3 (Where 4 or more of the same class entered)*
- *Other OTB Boats Division Numeral 4*

For tower starts the appropriate number will be displayed if separate starts are scheduled

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16.1 **Points Score System**

In series of five or more completed races, boats which *started in 60%* of the *completed races in the series* but did not compete in races because their skippers were on rostered duty or were actively competing *or volunteering* in *Class Events or Championships or Yachting Westernport Events* will be awarded points for those races equal to their average points for races in that series, excluding races not counted. Series ties will be resolved in accordance with RRS A 8.

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Club Boats

Club boats are available for use by Club Members for practice, racing and training, ONLY when a designated rescue boat is on the water for the sole purpose of safety and rescue.

We have 5 Pacers (2 handed suitable for adults and teenagers), 4 Optis (single handed suitable for ages 8-12) and a Laser (Temujin) with both Full Rig and Radial Sail (single handed for more experienced sailors) as well as 2 Status 19 trailer sailers which may be used in KB Twilight Races or OTB Races.

The Optimists and Pacers are reserved at certain times of the season for use in Tackers, Sailing School and Teams Racing events. Otherwise all boats can be allocated to members on a daily basis.

The following mutual obligations apply - there is no charge for usage and we expect members to care for and maintain these boats as they would if it was owned by you (which partially, they are). i.e. please wash down after use and properly store the boat and if you break or misplace any part of the boat, we do expect that you advise the Club Captain and arrange to fix or replace as required to restore the boat to its former state.

All enquiries in relation use of Club boats or to reserve one for a race or for a series please contact Club Captain Rick Barker on 0412 310 012.

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Race Management Duty

Race management is an essential element of membership of FYC, the Club has no paid staff and all activity is conducted exclusively by volunteers. All active members are allocated race management day(s) during the season and are expected to honour the commitment.

These days entail one of:

- Rescue Boat duty as driver (power boat licence required)
- Rescue Boat duty as assistant
- Tower Duty

Duty days will entail a time commitment from 12 Midday to approx. 4pm on race days.

Induction sessions will be conducted for new members or as a refresher in relation to both tower and rescue boat duty.

All new members allocated duty are requested to attend an induction. Induction sessions will cover tower operation, rescue boat operation and course setting as appropriate, as well as safety procedures.

All enquiries and issues in relation to race management duty should be directed to the Club Captain – Rick Barker Ph 0412 310 012.

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Courses, Starting & Finishing

The following summary should be read in conjunction with the sailing instructions and in the case of any conflict the sailing instruction shall prevail.

Keel Boat Division

Courses are as per the Course Instructions issued for the season and will generally involve races conducted around fixed marks as follows:

CH = Orange (Outer) Club House Buoy
AB = Orange Buoy Laid off West Head
FP = Flinders Pole (just south of mussel beds)
MP = Pole off Mantons Creek
SP = Pole Off Shoreham
EP = East Pole (Pole between SC & MC)
MC = Middle Cone (Middle Yellow Aquaculture Buoy)
PB = Pilot Buoy (Steel Cone SE of Middle cone)
NC = North Cone (Northernmost Yellow Aquaculture Buoy)

Courses selected should be as per suggested wind direction and strength and generally involve an upwind start.

Off the Beach Division

Courses will be set generally in the area from West Head to the Mussel Bed Pole off Flinders. Courses to be generally as per the Course Instructions issued by the Sailing Committee and may use fixed marks where appropriate. Temporary marks (yellow inflatable buoys) should be used to ensure accurate upwind legs.

As most race days involve 2 races, generally only short courses are used, where numbers are sufficient, triangular courses may be used to allow a greater number of laps for boats with yardsticks <100.

CH = The Yellow (inner) CH Buoy defines the start and finish line for the OTB division.

A = Fixed Mark off West Head

B = Laid mark in the vicinity of the south aquaculture buoy

P = Laid mark in the vicinity of Flinders Pole

C = Laid Mark in the vicinity of the end of Flinders Pier

X = Straightening Mark <100m North or South (Xn or Xs) of the Start/Finish

Wind SSE to SSW:

- SHORT Course: Start-A-B-P-A-P- Fin
- LONG: Start-A-B-P-A-P-A-B-P-Fin
- Note P to be laid directly down wind from A

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Wind ESE – SE

- SHORT Course Start-A-B-C-A-C- Fin
- LONG: Start-A-B-C-A-C-A-B-C-Fin
- Note C to be laid directly down wind from A
- In ESE may need to lay A North of fixed buoy

Wind NE- E

- SHORT Course Start –Xs-B-Xs-B-P-Fin
- LONG: Start-Xs-B-Xs-B-P-Xs-B-Xs-Fin
- Note B to be laid directly upwind from Xs

Wind NW-NNE

- SHORT Course: Start-P-B-P-B-A-Fin
- LONG: Start-P-B-P-A-P-B-A-Fin
- Note P to be laid directly up wind from A

Wind SW – WNW

- SHORT Course: Start-Xn-B-Xn-B-A-Fin
- LONG: Start-Xn-B-Xn-B-A-Xn-B-Xn-Fin
- Note: B to be laid directly down wind from Xn

Starting – Tower Control

The start line is the line from the centre of the Control Tower and the appropriate clubhouse buoy and the start sequence is as follows:

KB Division

5 Mins - Red Light On
4 Mins – Red & White Light On
1 Min – White Light Off
Start – Red Light Off

OTB Divisions

(Division numeral displayed from tower)

5 Mins - Green Light On
4 Mins – Green & White Light On
1 Min – White Light Off
Start – Green Light Off

All signals will be accompanied by a sound signal (hooter) however the lack of a sound signal will NOT invalidate a signal and participating boats should observe the visual signals.

OTB Races may also be started from a committee or rescue boat where 2 rescue boats are rostered on for duty (only). In this case flags and hand held hooter will replace the lights and hooter from the tower.

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Breaking the Start

Boats on Course Side of the start line at the start should restart as per rule 29.1, For OTB races the rescue boat will be provided with recall flags and a hooter and will, in conjunction with the tower, advise boats accordingly. For KB Division, recalls should be advised by radio. In all cases recalls should be advised within a reasonable time and as soon as possible after the start.

If no recalls are to be conducted in OTB races this MUST be advised at the briefing and boats OCS at the start must restart or be recorded as disqualified.

Finishing

To correctly finish, a boat must cross the line between the middle of the control tower and the applicable CH Buoy in the direction indicated by the course set on the day. Some OTB races will include a straightening ('X') mark before the finish which will need to be rounded before crossing the finish line.

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Programme

Details of the Sailing Programme should be accessed only from the FYC website as it is subject to change

Keel Boat Division:

1st Race is Boxing Day Twilight 26 Dec 2017 1730
Twilight Races continue on Fridays through January (5 Races) with a second series commencing in February (4 Races)

The Aggregate Series over 13 Races will be conducted between Wed 27 Dec and Sun 25 March, on Sundays. The Ocean Series over 2 races on Wed 3 Jan and Sunday 14 Jan. Short Series will be conducted on the weekend closest to Australia Day, Labour Day long week end and at Easter.

OTB Division

The season commences on 5 Nov with Sail Past, and the first Spring Series and Championship Race, the Spring Series of 7 Races concludes on 3 Dec. The summer Series of 4 Races commences 27 Dec and concludes Sun 31 Dec. An OTB Twilight series of 3 Races will commence on 26 Dec and conclude Friday 5 Jan. The Aggregate/Championship Series will be conducted over 23 races and conclude on 22 April. Short Series will be conducted on the weekend closest to Australia Day, Labour Day and Easter.

The summer series may be designated beginners races and will be conducted over simplified courses. Experienced sailors are encouraged to take on a beginner as skipper in their own or a club boat and the result for that boat will count for the Summer Cup as well as be eligible for bonus points in the Aggregate/Championship Series.

In all series where sufficient entries are received a separate Green Division for Junior and Novice Sailors (eg under 18 or in first or second season of racing as an adult) will be conducted over the same or a protected course.

A new addition to the programme is the Pt Leo Point to Point Picnic race on Sunday 14 Jan, commencing 10am at FYC with a race to Pt Leo and returning from 1pm after a picnic at Point Leo. Prizes for the Trip to Point Leo, the Trip Back and overall.

A big week of sailing starts with a Club teams race in Pacers is on Wed 3 Jan followed by an adventure sail to Balnarring on Thursday 4 Jan, Westernport Teams Racing on Friday 5 Jan and sail back to FYC on Sat 6 Jan.

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Other Sailing opportunities include:

OTB Westernport Challenge – Westernport YC on Saturday 13 Jan 2018 (Resail Sun 21 Jan)

Westernport Teams Racing – 5 Jan 2018 at Bannarring

Laser Regatta Sun 21 Jan 2018 at Point Leo

Trophies

There are plenty of opportunities to sail and be awarded a trophy:

OTB Division:

The following Trophies will be awarded for Season 2014-15. One Trophy will be awarded to each boat listing the achievements for the season.

Club Champion (Yardstick)(1st to 3rd)

Club Aggregate (Club Handicap)(1st to 3rd)

Spring Series (Yardstick)

Summer Series Cup (Club Handicap)

Brian Coleman Trophy (Handicap) - Australia Day

Labour Day Series (Yardstick) and Vignerons Trophy (combined KB & OTB Race)

Ian Freeland Memorial Trophy (Handicap) - Easter

Junior Championship (Yardstick)

Twilight Series (Handicap)

(Where 7 or more boats participate in 80% or more of races 1st to 3rd awarded, otherwise only 1st & 2nd awarded)

A green fleet trophy may be awarded in any of the above series where there are two or more green fleet boats competing.

Keel Boat Division:

Aggregate Series (Hornridge Trophy)

January Twilight Series (Wayne Gannon Trophy)

Australia Day Series (Peter Tozer Trophy)

February Twilight Series (Kent Cellars Trophy)

Ocean Race Series (Off Shore Trophy)

Easter Series (Ian Freeland Memorial Trophy)

Labour Day Series and Vignerons Trophy