

STERN CHASE RACE
FLINDERS YACHT CLUB LABOUR DAY WEEKEND
ROYAL MELBOURNE YACHT SQUADRON INVITATION
SUNDAY MARCH 8TH 2020

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) is the [FLINDERS YACHT CLUB \(FYC\)](#)

2 EVENT DATE

The event will take place SUNDAY MARCH 8th 2020 from approximately 1130 hours.

3 RULES

The event is governed by:

- (a) The Racing Rules of Sailing (see <http://www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules>)
- (b) 2017-2021 Special Regulations Part 1 Sections 2,3,4, relevant to Race Cat 5 for keel boats
- (c) The rules for the handling of boats will apply

4 IDEMNFICATION

All taking part in FYC events do so at own risk and their ultimate responsibility. Particular attention is drawn to Rule 4 which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". FYC, it's officers, members or volunteer helpers, do not accept liability for any loss of life or property, personal injury or damage, caused by or arising from participation in or conducting of any FYC race or activity.

FYC is not responsible for the seaworthiness or compliance of a boat taking part in a club event, nor for the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. In entering a race, the person in charge of a boat accepts responsibility for its condition.

The race committee reserves the right to refuse any entry in accordance with Rule 76.1.

5 NOTICES

Notices to competitors will be posted on the FYC notice board located in the FYC main clubroom

6 SIGNALS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Signals made onshore shall be displayed at the FYC Control Tower located to the north side of the FYC clubrooms

Course Number will be displayed from the FYC Tower

There will be no audible or light signals made.

Any yacht seeking assistance may radio FYC Control Tower on **CHANNEL 73**

Should there be any changes to race instructions, course or other advices, these shall be communicated on radio **CHANNEL 73**

7 RACE SCHEDULE

The event shall be a Stern Chase race

Yachts in order of slowest to fastest rated boats will start on individual advised start times

Boat start times will be advised not later than 0930 SUNDAY 8/3/20

There shall be one only race held.

8 COURSE

The course will be posted on FYC notice board not later than 0930 SUNDAY 8/3/20

Course Number will be displayed from the FYC Tower (Black Number on Yellow background).

The course, designated rounding marks and mark GPS locations are as described on the FYC website www.flinders.com.au go to [Sailing/Sailing Programme and Documents HERE](#) / [FYC Keel Boat Course Guide 2019-2020](#)

Courses include the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed either Port (p) or Starboard (s)

9 CAUTION

The sailing area in which courses may be set includes an aquaculture zone (mussel farm). This is located within the sector bounded by North Cone NC, South Cone SC, Flinders Pole FP and Shoreham Pole SP. Check maritime guides for details.

Beware sand banks and shoals to the north side of Westhead headlands and parallel to Flinders beach between FYC Clubhouse and Flinders Pier. Note: In the area of the start line there is a Yellow buoy closer towards the clubhouse that marks the limit of navigable water, however yachts shall be responsible for checking their own depth and keel clearances. This mark is not a mark of the course.

10 START

Sign on: Each yacht should sign on with the FYC Tower on radio **CHANNEL 73**.

Each yacht shall start its race on, but not before it's individual designated start time

START line is an imaginary line between the orange CLUBHOUSE BUOY (CH) and the FYC Control Tower

A yacht that does not start within 30 minutes of its designated start time will be scored a Did Not Start (DNS).

11 FINISH

FINISHING line is an imaginary line between the orange CLUBHOUSE BUOY (CH) and the FYC Control Tower

12 PROTESTS

Protest forms are available from the FYC Control Tower and on the FYC website.

A protest must be lodged within a time limit being not later than 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the race.

RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are varied so that in all cases a boat may be exonerated by taking a 360 degree penalty in lieu of a 720 degree penalty.

13 SCORING

The scoring system is as follows:

- (a) Points will be awarded for yacht finishing order 1 point to winner, then 1 point for each subsequent placings (for example 2 points 2nd, 3 points 3rd, etc)
- (b) The smallest Team fleet number of yachts that start the race shall constitute the maximum fleet size for the purposes of calculating Team points for RMYS and FYC
- (c) Any yacht that retires shall be recorded as a Did Not Finish (DNF) with points of maximum fleet number plus 1 point.
- (d) Each Team will be given 1 drop for worst placing result in calculating the Team's total result.
- (e) Lowest total points will be the Teams Winner.

14 SAILS

Yachts shall carry standard sails – BUT NO SPINNAKERS AND NO GENNAKERS permitted.

15 RETIREMENT

A yacht that retires from the race shall notify the FYC Control Tower as soon as possible by radio on **CHANNEL 73**.

16 INSURANCE

All competitors shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with adequate cover.