**POINTSCORE and CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES 2016-2017**

11 September 2016 to 2 April 2017

**Notice of Race**

**RULES**

1. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016* except for changes indicated in relevant paragraphs in this Notice of Race and in the Sailing Instructions. The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia (YA) will apply. The event is Category 7. Rules of each competing class and the policies and procedures of the Canberra Yacht Club (CYC) will apply.

**ADVERTISING**

2. The series is deemed to be Category C, and advertising is permitted.

**ELIGIBILITY**

3. The regatta is open to all boat types recognised by the current YA Australian Trailable Yacht & Sportsboat Rule, Trailable yachts and Trailable multihulls with a CBH allocated by the CYC Sailing Committee; Sportsboats with a valid Sportboat Measurement System (SMS) rating and dinghy, keelboat and multihull classes with yardsticks listed by Yachting Victoria (YV).

**FEES**

4. CYC membership for the 2016-2017 financial year covers the entry fee for this regatta. Non-CYC members will be required to pay a casual race fee of $15 for Trailable Yachts, International 2.4R and International Flying Fifteen classes, $10 per race for dinghies and catamaran and $5 per race for students.

Juniors (under 18 years as at 1 Oct 16) are exempt from an entry fee.

**ENTRY**

5. Competitors may enter by completing and lodging an entry form and being a current CYC member or a casual entry for individual races. Competitors’ attention is drawn to the YA Prescriptions at RRS 46 and 56 regarding respectively ‘person in charge’ and ‘crew eligibility’.

6. Competitors shall register by completing an entry form. Competitors who have registered for a previous race in the 2016-2017 season need only Sign-On before each race.

CYC Sailing Committee amended 15 Sept 2016
7. The Registration and Sign-On shall be completed between 90 minutes and 30 minutes before the first warning signal of the scheduled starting sequence. Failure to Sign-On will result in a Did Not Compete (DNC) for that race.

SCHEDULE OF RACES
8. The schedule of races is contained in the CYC Sailing Program 2016-2017 and the warning signal for the first Division shall be 1400 hours. There will be one race per day or two for Short Course race format for the following Divisions:

- Division 1: International Flying Fifteens
- Division 2: Sportsboats
- Division 3: Trailable yachts / Trailable multihulls
- Division 4: Off the beach multihulls with YV yardstick 83.5 and below
- Division 5: Off the beach multihulls with YV yardstick above 84
- Division 6: Lasers (all variants)
- Division 7: Dinghies YV yardstick 129 and below (excl Lasers)
- Division 8: Dinghies YV yardstick 130 and above.
- Division 9: Contenders (start in Division 7)

MEASUREMENTS
9. Each boat shall have a valid measurement/rating certificate which is to be produced on demand by any race official or protest committee member.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
10. The Sailing Instructions will be available from 1000 hours on 11 September 2016 at CYC.

COURSES
11. The courses to be sailed will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

SCORING
12.1 The Low Point System (Appendix A (RRS)) will apply. The calculation of Championship results for Division 2 will be based on SMS ratings. The calculation of Championship results for Division 3 will be based on the current Class Based Handicap (CBH) issued under the YA Australian Trailable Yacht & Sportsboat Rule. A trailable yacht or multihull may race under a CBH allocated by the Sailing Committee. The calculation of Championship results for Divisions 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 will be based on the YV yardsticks, except that all International Flying Fifteens will sail off 109.

12.2 The Championship Series scoring will be as follows:
(a) When fewer than 7 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When 8 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
(c) When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

This changes RRS Appendix A.

12.3 Calculation of Pointscore results for all Divisions will be derived using the Top Yacht Software applying current handicaps as progressively developed over the series in accordance with Club policy. The Pointscore Series results for Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 will be the best 20 of the 28 scheduled races from the Pointscore Series (8 on calendar), Short Course Series (10 on calendar) and Championship Series (10 on calendar) races. This changes RRS Appendix A.
12.4 Skippers who are rostered for race management duty will be given average points for their boat for that race from the races to count in each series as calculated by Top Yacht Software. For the Championship Series only one such provision of an average score will be allowed for each competitor. This supplements RRS 62.1.

12.5 A boat that DNC, did not start, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place based on the number of boats entered in the race plus 3. This changes RRS A4.2

RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

PRIZES

14. Prizes and trophies will be awarded in accordance with CYC policies and procedures.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15. Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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 the regatta.

INSURANCE

16. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of $5 million per event or the equivalent.

FURTHER INFORMATION

17. Contact Canberra Yacht Club telephone 6273 4777 or email at: admin@canberrayachtclub.com.au