



Hastings Yacht Club Inc.

2026 Winter Saturday Series

Notice of Race

1 **Organising Authority:**

The organising authority shall be the Sailing Committee of Hastings Yacht Club (HYC).

2 **Rules:** – all races conducted by HYC will be governed by:

2.1 The ***Racing Rules of Sailing*** (RRS), except as modified by the sailing Instructions.

2.2 Prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing.

2.3 HYC sailing instructions.

2.4 The Handicapping Rules of Australian Sailing, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

2.5 Class Rules of the yachts racing.

3 **Advertising:**

A competitor shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

4 **Eligibility and Entry:**

4.1 Entry is open to boats in performance handicap divisions only as set out by the sailing committee and listed in the entry form.

4.7 All entrants shall provide proof of current insurance by providing insurer name, policy number and expiry date on the entry form.

4.2 Eligible boats may be entered for the bay series by completing Race Entry/Declaration form and lodging it via email or at the HYC Office by **08th May 2026** (or later in accordance with clauses 4.4, 4.5 and 4.6).

4.3 To be eligible to race, all competitors who are members of HYC on **08th May 2026** and will pay the prescribed Race Entry Fee as per invoicing.

4.4 Late entries from financial members of HYC may be accepted after **08th May 2026** at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

4.5 Competitors who are members of HYC who wish to compete on a casual basis in a series will be invoiced at the end of the series but still needs to complete an Entry form.

4.6 Visiting boats may enter the series or individual races by completing the race entry form and make payment on the day.

Email Entry Forms to: clubcaptain@hastingsyachtclub.org.au

5 **Fees:**

Shall be as detailed on the Entry form.



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6 Safety:

All boats competing in this series must, during daylight hours, comply with Category 5, and during night hours racing Category 5N of the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 with the following inclusions:

- A) Trailable Yachts shall have their keels fully lowered and pinned in position.
- B) Fully operational engine permanently installed or outboard to be mounted at all times.
- C) Fully operational VHF marine radio.
- D) Lifebuoy and heaving line to be readily accessible.
- E) A crew manifest form must be completed and submitted to the race committee, by each skipper or representative, prior to the first race of each day.

7 Schedule of Races & Sailing Instructions:

- 7.1 The Schedule of Races will be available from the club and will be published on the HYC website, if changes to the schedule are deemed necessary and are agreed to by the race committee, the calendar will be changed and all series entrants will be notified via email and by phone in exceptional circumstances.
- 7.2 Standard Sailing Instructions will be available from the club and will be published on the HYC website.

8 Courses:

Courses are as detailed in the latest version of the Course Handbook as published on the HYC website or in Special Sailing Instructions as issued from time to time.

9 Scoring:

- 9.1 The Low Point Scoring System of the rules Appendix A shall apply to all races except as modified by the sailing instructions.
- 9.2 At least 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.3 When 5 or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 9.4 When 10 or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

10 Trophies and Prizes:

- 10.1 Series Prizes will be awarded for each division and or class. If 9 or more boats are entered 1st, 2nd & 3rd will be awarded. If 6 or more boats are entered 1st & 2nd will be awarded and for less than 6, 1st place only.
- 10.2 Visitors entering HYC races will not be eligible for Series Trophies or Prizes.
- 10.3 Other Trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Sailing Committee



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11 **Disclaimer of Liability:**

Competitors participate in the races of the HYC 2026 Winter Series entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. Neither The Hastings Yacht Club, the Organising Authority, their employees and volunteers accept liability for any material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the HYC 2026 Winter Series.

12 **Insurance:**

12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with currently valid third-party liability insurance of not less than \$10,000,000 per incident. This cover should specifically include Club yacht racing.

12.2 Each competitor who is a member of HYC shall submit the prescribed 'Declaration of Insurance Cover' for the boat being entered when submitting the Entry/Declaration Form.

13 **Radio Communications:**

A listening watch shall be maintained by all yachts racing as detailed in the sailing instructions.

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 within inherent risks.

These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure or 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.