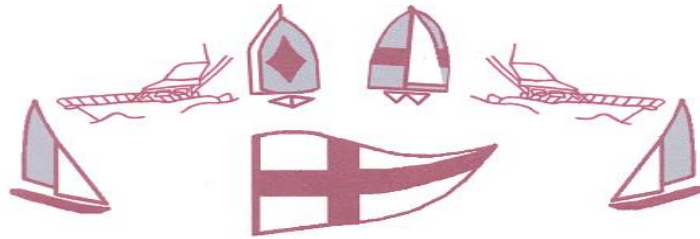


NOTICE OF RACE



**The Mersey Yacht Club Inc.
presents the 2016**



Cock of the Mersey

**Open to
Keelboats, Trailable Yachts, Centreboard Dinghies
and Catamarans.**

Saturday 3rd December 2016

1340 Warning Signal

**Presentations and BBQ at completion of racing at the
Clubhouse**

NOTICE OF RACE

2016 BLIND DESIGN

COCK OF THE MERSEY YACHT RACE

INVITATION

Mersey Yacht Club, as the organising authority, invites entries to the 2016 Blind Design Cock of the Mersey Yacht Race, which will be conducted on Saturday 3rd December 2016.

1. Rules

The race will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia (YA), the Rules of the relevant classes, all as amended by this Notice of Race and by the Sailing Instructions.

2. Advertising

The Race is classified as a Category C Event in accordance with the ISAF Advertising Code (Appendix 1).

3. Eligibility and Entry

The race is open to keelboats, trailable yachts, centreboard dinghies, catamarans and sailboards.

The Mersey Yacht Club reserves the right to identify individual vessels as a keelboat, trailable yacht, centreboard dinghy or sailboard.

Applications for Entry may be made on the Entry Form attached together with the entry fee, \$5 per junior boat or \$15.00 per senior boat shall be lodged with the Mersey Yacht Club no later than 1200 on Saturday 3rd December 2016.

4. Safety Regulations

Keelboats and Trailable Yachts shall comply with Y.A. Special Regulations, Part 1, Category 6. Centreboard Dinghies/Catamarans shall comply with Y.A. Special Regulations Part 2.

5. Insurance

All persons on competing yachts must be covered by a current Y.A. Silver Membership personal accident insurance. Entrants must notify the Mersey Yacht Club of the details and Card Number for the helmsperson.

6. Schedule of Races

The 2016 Blind Design Cock of the Mersey is scheduled for Saturday 3rd December 2016. There will be a mass start of all divisions. Warning signal at 1340 hours.

7. Race Briefing

A race briefing will be conducted in the Clubhouse at 1200 Saturday 3rd December 2016.

8. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available from the Mersey Yacht Club on the day of the event.

9. Racing Area

The racing area will be Bass Strait in the vicinity of the Mersey Bluff and the entrance to the Mersey River.

10. Course

The course shall be a triangular course, around laid marks, with a course length suitable for completion in a time frame for the fastest boats of approximately one and a half to two hours.

11. Liability

All those taking part in this race, whether as entrants or otherwise do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Mersey Yacht Club Inc. is not responsible for any loss, damage or injury either afloat or ashore, nor the seaworthiness of any boat whose entry has been accepted, nor the sufficiency of its equipment.

Attention is drawn to Rule 4, Decision to Race which states: **“A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to *start* or *continue* racing”.**

12. Prizes

The overall winner will be the best-performed boat according to VYC yardstick.

First and second place in each division will be awarded prizes provided there are four or more boats in that division. Where there are less than four boats in a division that division will be combined with another.

13. Presentation of Prizes

Prize presentations will be made at the Clubhouse as soon as possible after the completion of racing.

For further information contact:

Tim Grant 6424 7648 or 0418 556 953

**APPLICATION FOR ENTRY
2016 Blind Design Cock of the Mersey Yacht Race**

ENTRIES CLOSE 1200 Hours, 3rd December 2016

YACHT DETAILS [Please Print]

Name of Yacht: _____
Division: _____ Sail No: _____
Class of Yacht _____
Current VYC Yardstick or Performance Handicap: _____
Hull Colour: _____
Yacht Club: _____

SKIPPER DETAILS

Surname: _____ First Name: _____
Address: _____
_____ Post Code: _____
D.O.B. ____/____/____ YA Membership Number _____

Crew Details

Name

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing of the International Sailing Federation, the prescriptions and safety regulations of the Yachting Australia, the Sailing Instructions and by the Class Rules.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Entry Fee \$15.00 per Senior Boat \$5.00 per Junior Boat