

NOTICE OF RACE

The Mersey Yacht Club Inc.

presents the

2017

Top of the Island Race

Open to

Keelboats, Trailerable Yachts and Sportsboats

Saturday 30th December 2017

1055 Warning Signal

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INVITATION

Mersey Yacht Club, as the organising authority, invites entries to the 2017 Top of the Island Yacht Race, which will be conducted on Saturday 30th December 2017.

1. Rules

The race will be governed by the 2017 – 2020 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, trailerable yachts and sportsboats. The race will be conducted with the following handicap categories: IRC, AMS or Performance.

A yacht may enter any handicap category for which it is eligible and any combination of those handicap categories.

Applications for Entry may be made on the Entry Form attached together with the entry fee; \$25.00 per boat per handicap division shall be lodged with the Mersey Yacht Club no later than 0900 on Saturday 30th December 2017.

4. Safety Regulations

Keelboats, Trailable Yachts and Sportsboats shall comply with Y.A. Special Regulations, Part 1, Category 5.

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 YA Number for the helmsperson.

6. Schedule of Races

The 2017 Top of the Island Race is scheduled for Saturday 30th December 2017. There will be a mass start of all divisions. Warning signal at 1055 hours.

7. Sailing Instructions

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

8. Racing Area

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

9. 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 two to two and a half hours.

10. 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”**.

11. Prizes

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.

12. Presentation of Prizes

In the Clubhouse at the Melbourne to Devonport Presentation Dinner on 30th December 2017.

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