Notice of Race

2012
Helly Hansen Winter Series

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WINTER SERIES
ORCV BAY RACE

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This popular series is one of the few opportunities for top class racing on Port Phillip during the Winter months.

The series is comprised of six races on the Bay ranging from short windward leeward course to a longer race around fixed marks.

A seventh race in the form of a long race within Port Phillip starting at R2 and finishing at Geelong completes the seven race series.

The 2012 Winter Series is sponsored by Helly Hansen.

Notice of Race

The 2012 Helly Hansen Winter Series will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip. Owners of eligible boats are invited to enter this series under the conditions of this Notice of Race. The race is organised and conducted by the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria (ORCV) Inc.

1. The Series

1.1 The Winter Series is a seven race series for ocean going keelboats consisting of six races within Port Phillip and a longer Bay race from Melbourne to Geelong.

1.2 Six races are scheduled to be sailed on Port Phillip on the following days:

Date	Warning Signal	Type
1 July	1025	Laid course(s)
15 July	1025	Laid course(s)
29 July	1025	Laid course(s)
12 August	0925	21nm, fixed marks
26 August	1025	Laid course(s)
2 September	1025	Reserve day, if needed

One or two races could be sailed on any of the available days except the day of the long race on 12 August.

1.3 Race 7 will be a long race within Port Phillip starting at R2 and finishing at Geelong. Refer to the separate Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for full details.

1.4 A minimum of four race completed will constitute the Series.

1.5 If less than six races are completed, all will be scored in the series. If six or more races are completed, the worst score of those completed will be discarded from the score. However, the score for race 7 cannot be discarded.

2. Rules

2.1 The race will be governed by the current versions of :

- The 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the ISAF, together with the prescriptions and safety regulations of Yachting Australia (YA);
- The Special Regulations of the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria (ORCV);
- Where applicable, the rules and regulations of the Australian Measurement System (AMS) and the International Rule-Club (IRC);
- The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea;

except as amended by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for the race.

2.2 The ORCV reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race. Amendments will be published on the event website (*www.orcv.org.au*).

2.3 By entering this race, the owner of a boat agrees that this Notice of Race (including amendments) and the entry form, the rules and regulations referred to in paragraph 2.1 and the Sailing Instructions shall be complied with by the boat and by the owner.

2.4 The Sailing Instructions may be sent by mail or email to entrants at the address shown on the application for entry and will be available on the ORCV website (*www.orcv.org.au*).

3. Categories and Divisions

3.1 The race will be conducted with the following handicap categories:

- IRC
- AMS
- Performance

3.2 The Race Committee, at its discretion, may allocate boats to divisions within a handicap category.

3.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to cancel any division with less than five entries.

3.4 A boat may enter any handicap category for which it is eligible or any combination of those handicap categories.

4. Eligibility

4.1 The race is open to monohull yachts with an LOA of 7.5m or more of a thoroughly seaworthy nature, which are entered by a member of a yacht club recognised by a State Yachting Authority.

4.2 The owner of a boat entered in the race shall hold a valid public liability and third party property damage insurance policy with respect to the boat for an amount not less than A$10 million.

4.3 IRC Boats

A boat may only be entered in the IRC Handicap Category if the boat:

- has a current, valid IRC Certificate, being an Endorsed Certificate issued by RORC; and
- has been weighed on scales by an RORC approved measurer; and
- complies with all of the current IRC Rules and Regulations, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).

4.4 AMS Boats

A boat may only be entered in the AMS Handicap Category if the boat:

- has a current, valid AMS Certificate issued by Yachting Victoria; and
- complies with all of the current AMS Rules and Regulations, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions (refer RRS 78.1).

4.5 Safety Regulations

For races 1-6, YA Special Regulations Part 1, Section 2, Category 6, with an operational VHF transceiver.

For race 7 (Geelong), YA Special Regulations Part 1, Section 2, Category 5, with an operational VHF transceiver.

The VHF transceiver must be capable of using channels 12, 16, 67, 71 and 73.

4.6 The ORCV may require re-measurement of any boat prior to the boat racing.

4.7 All persons sailing on competing boats shall be members of a Yachting Australia (YA) affiliated club.

4.8 A decision of the ORCV or the Race Committee as to any matter under this paragraph (4), including as to whether a boat and her crew meet the eligibility criteria for entry in the race, is final and binding and will not be grounds for a request for redress.

5. Application For Entry

5.1 An application must be made on the ORCV's online entry system at *www.orcv.org.au*.

5.2 A completed application for entry for the seven race series shall be received by the ORCV by 1200 on Wednesday, 20 June 2012. The ORCV will consider entries after that date but a late entry may not be accepted. Any late entries that are accepted may not appear in any fleet guide.

5.3 Individual entries for races 1 - 6 must be received by 1200 on the Monday prior to the individual race.

5.4 Individual entries for race 7, the Melbourne to Geelong Race, should be lodged with the ORCV no later than Wednesday, 29 August 2012.

5.5 The ORCV is not obliged to accept an application for entry.

5.6 In accordance with RRS 76.1 the ORCV will reject or cancel the entry of a boat that does not comply with the conditions of this Notice of Race.

5.7 A boat's rating certificate shall not be changed after 1700 on 1 July 2012 except as a result of a rating protest or to correct a rating office error.

6. Fees

The following fees shall be paid by credit card, cheque or bank draft on submission of the entry form or late documentation, as appropriate. They are not refundable or rebatable. All fees include Australian Goods and Services Tax (a tax invoice will be issued on request).

All fees are for the race and one handicap category. An additional fee is payable for each handicap division over the initial one.

Seven Race Series

Series Entry (7 Races) $365
Additional Divisions (each) $65
Late Entry Fee $115

Races 1-6 Individual Race

Race Entry (Each Race) $60
Additional Divisions (each) $20
Late Entry Fee $20

Race 7 Individual Race

See the separate Notice of Race for the ORCV Melbourne to Geelong Race.

ORCV Members will receive a 15% discount on the above prices.

7. Scoring

7.1 At the completion of each day's racing a full set of provisional results will be posted to the ORCV website (*www.orcv.org.au*).

7.2 IRC

Results will be calculated by the application of the IRC Time Corrector (TCC) as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

7.3 AMS

Results will be calculated by the application of the AMS Time Correction Factor (TCF) as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

7.4 Performance

Results will be calculated by the application of Time Correction Factors (TCF's) as a multiplier of elapsed time. A boat's TCF will be determined by the Race Committee or its nominee. The TCF will not be subject to protest or dispute (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)). The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

7.5 The Series shall be scored using the Low point system (RRS Appendix A).

7.6 Boats must be entered for the series prior to race 2 to be allocated series points.

7.7 The winner of the Lord Warden's Trophy shall be the boat with the best series score in any measurement division.

7.8 The scoring system will not be subject to protest or dispute (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)).

8. Trophies

8.1 Trophies shall be awarded to boats scoring first, second and third on points for the Series in each division.

8.2 For each of the races, mementos shall be awarded for first on corrected time in each division.

8.3 For Race 7, an additional trophy may be awarded to the line honours winner at the post race function, the venue to be advised.

9. Changes to Rules

9.1 RRS 41: Whilst racing a boat may retrieve data from any page of the event website details of which are provided in the Sailing Instructions, even if that page is not publicly available.

9.2 RRS 50.2 and 50.3: Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits will be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.

9.3 RRS 51: A boat with movable ballast or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the Special Regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.

9.4 RRS 61.3: There is no time limit on protests by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee.

9.5 RRS 78.2: Valid rating/class certificates shall be produced by the due date specified in this Notice of Race.

10. Event Classification & Advertising

10.1 Advertising on a boat shall comply with the requirements of ISAF Regulation 20 (ISAF Advertising Code) for Category C. The ORCV may decline to accept an application for entry of a boat which, in its opinion, is carrying advertising which conflicts with governmental regulations. If in doubt, the ORCV should be consulted as soon as practicable.

10.2 The ORCV shall be advised of all advertising that a boat intends to carry. The ORCV shall be advised of all changes to that advertising.

10.3 "ORCV Winter Series", "MWS", "Melbourne to Geelong Yacht Race" and "M2G" are trademarks of the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria and the use of the trademarks is absolutely restricted and limited to use by or with the consent of the ORCV.

11. Acknowledgements

Committee vessels are provided and crewed in part by members of the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria who have volunteered their services.

On behalf of competitors, ORCV expresses its gratitude to all those who have given their time to be officials and to make yacht racing possible.

12. Media Rights And Restrictions

12.1 It is a condition of entry that the owner of the boat and all crew members:

- acknowledge that the ORCV owns all media rights to the ORCV Winter Series and may exercise those rights as it sees fit.
- grant the ORCV the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images and biographical information relating to the crew and photographs, video footage and audio recordings taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during and after the race.

12.2 Crew members of boats may, prior to, during and after the race, speak or provide material to any media representatives accredited by the ORCV, regarding the race and the prospects, performance or strategy of boats entered or participating in the race, subject to any comments and material not undermining or interfering with, or having a detrimental impact on, the ORCV and its officers and employees, the Race Committee, the Protest Committee, measurers or current or former sponsors of the ORCV. This approval may be revoked by the ORCV in respect of a boat or media representative at any time.

12.3 Entrants acknowledge and accept the media restrictions referred to in this paragraph (12) by completing the entry form.

12.4 Any breach of these conditions may, at the discretion of the ORCV or the Race Committee, lead to the rejection of an entry, the cancellation of an entry or the disqualification of a boat (refer RRS 76.1). This does not limit the right of the ORCV to take any other action it sees fit to enforce compliance with these conditions.

13. Disclaimer

All those taking part in the race do so at their own risk and responsibility. Crew members must acknowledge this and release the ORCV, Helly Hansen and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members, from all liability.

Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states:

"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"

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