



COMBINED CLUBS 2017-18 SAILING PROGRAMME

COMMUNICATION TO CLUB MEMBERS

JULY 2017

The Combined Clubs agreement has been in place since 2012 and in the main has worked well, with most series well supported both in terms of entries and starters.

However it has become apparent that in recent years the number of boats entering and starting in the Combined Clubs Harbour Series has been in serious decline. The Sailing Managers and key volunteers from the three clubs have been meeting regularly in the latter part of the 2016-2017 season to attempt to address the decline by putting forward a model that encourages maximum participation in the Combined Clubs pennant series.

In doing so the group has taken into account feedback and constructive criticism from a range of owners and skippers. We have also been careful not to damage participation in successful series such as the Long Race Series and various Twilight Series. Bearing in mind that any new pennant model will be a compromise, the following is the model for the 2017-2018 Season.

The programme features:

- **Combined Clubs Summer Pennant**, the series will consist of nine races
 - Five (5) long day races starting from 10:00am
 - Four (4) races in the river starting from 1.30pm.
 - Races will be scheduled approximately every second Saturday

Because the new model combines the groups and divisions from the Long Race and Harbour Race Series, PHS handicaps will need to be reviewed and boats allocated to four or five divisions. While this may have little impact on most boats, some will inevitably go to a higher or lower division than in the past. IRC and AMS ratings will not be affected.

For those who enjoy the cut and thrust of windward/leeward style races there will be a separate series.

- **Short Course Championship**. The series will consist of three days scheduled throughout the season, with each day consisting of up to five races. Provision will be made for a resail day in the event of inclement weather.

Hobart is hosting the Australian Yachting Championship for IRC, ORCi & PHS in January 2019 and it was agreed that any new model should attempt to match the type of racing that will take place in that championship. This championship is decided by yachts competing in long races, harbour races and windward leeward races. The proposed oncoming season's structure could facilitate a championship style event incorporating our proposed summer pennant (long and harbour) and the short course series.

AUSTRALIAN SAILING RRS RULE 46 CREW ELIGIBILITY

For many years now it has been a requirement for all crew sailing on a boat racing in events under the Australian Sailing Prescriptions to the Racing Rules of Sailing to be members of an affiliated club. Exceptions to this requirement have been those sailing no more than three races in a season and those taking part in Twilight races. Under the new racing rules the exemption for Twilight races is no longer an option. Any crew sailing in more than three races in a season is required by the rules to be a member of a club affiliated with Australian Sailing.

Compliance with this prescription in Tasmania is generally very high, however it seems some owners are not aware of the Rule. If boats do not comply then owners and skippers expose themselves to the possibility of being scored DSQ in races in which they carry crew who have sailed in more than three races and who are not members of an Australian Sailing affiliated club.

But as well as avoiding DSQ, there are good positive reasons why crew members should be members of a Club. First with membership comes automatic personal accident insurance associated with on and off water activities to do with sailing. Details are on the Australian Sailing website. Uninsured crew, or their family, may be required to take legal action against their skipper or boat owner to obtain access to insurance coverage in the event of injury or death.

Club membership supports our sport. Clubs develop juniors, run training courses, conduct regattas, provide rescue boats, train and support volunteers and have input to the governance and rules of sailing, amongst a host of other activities. Club members are the backbone of the sport and more members allow clubs to provide more activities and facilities.

It is unfair on those who do comply with the Australian Sailing prescription that others are allowed to participate at no cost. Very few, if any other organised sporting activities are provided at no cost to the participant. All Clubs have affordable levels of Crew Membership and strongly encourage owners and skippers to introduce their crew as new members.

RRS 52 – MANUAL POWER

RRS52 is changed by adding “The use of stored power may be used for the hoisting, reefing or furling of sails.”

SAFETY

All boats must also lodge a 2017-2020 AS Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form at one of the Combined Clubs before their entry becomes valid.

Competitors please note that it will be mandatory that boats competing in Combined Clubs races carry a fully operational VHF radio.

There has been some confusion around the requirement to notify the Race Officer or Race Committee on the day if your boat is involved in a serious incident while racing (for example man overboard, collision, grounding or crew injury). As per the Sailing Instructions the Race Officer is the Officer in Charge of Safety and is there to help you. However there have been a number of incidents in recent times that have not been reported.

Skippers or /Persons In Charge please note that in the case of a serious incident on the water the Race Officer/Race Committee must be advised as soon as practical so that if the incident is unable to be managed by the boat itself the Race officer can direct assistance as required.

AGREED FINAL PROGRAMME

The race days have been allocated around the traditional regattas / races we have each year: Maria Island Race, Bruny Island Race and Crown Series Regatta.

Combined Clubs Opening Day Saturday 7 October 2017

COMBINED CLUBS SUMMER PENNANT SERIES

- 14 October 2017 River Race **afternoon start** Race 1 BYC
- 28 October 2017 Long Race **morning start** Race 2 RYCT
- 11 November 2017 River Race **afternoon start** Race 3 DSS
- 25 November 2017 Long Race **morning start** Race 4 DSS
- 20 January 2018 Long Race **morning start** Race 5 BYC
- 03 February 2018 Long Race **morning start** Race 6 DSS
- 12 February 2018 River Race **afternoon start** Race 7 RYCT
- 03 March 2018 Long Race **morning start** Race 8 RYCT
- 17 March 2018 River Race **afternoon start** Race 9 BYC

SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 21 October 2017 Race Day 1 DSS
- 02 December 2017 Race Day 2 BYC
- 24 March 2018 Race Day 3 RYCT
- 07 April 2018 Resail Day if required

OTHER RACES

Fri 15 - Sun 17 Sept 2017	Pipe Opener	DSS/HYC
Sun 8 October 2017	Channel Race	RYCT
Fri 13 October 2017	Des Cooper Memorial Race	RYCT
Wed 25 October 2017	Overnight Race	BYC
Sat 4 – Sun 5 November 2017	Showdown Regatta	RYCT
Fri 17 November 2017	Maria Is Race	RYCT
Sat 18 November 2017	Galapagos Duck Race	BYC
Sat 16 December 2017	Bridge Race	DSS
Wed 27 December 2017	L2H	DSS/TYC
Tue 2 January 2018	KOD	DSS
Fri 12– Sat 13 January 2018	IOR Regatta	BYC
Fri 12 – Sat 13 January 2018	Channel Challenge/Tim Malone	KYC
Sun 21 January 2018	Nibbs Electrical Pursuit Race	BYC
Thu 25 January 2018	Zuidpool Rock night race	DSS
Sat 10 February 2018	Bruny Is Race	RYCT
Fri 16– Sun 18 February 2018	Crown Series	BYC
Sat 10– Sun 11 March 2018	Cygnets Regatta	PCSC
Fri 30 March– Sun 1 April 2018	Dover Regatta (Easter)	PESC
Fri 27– Sat 28 April 2018	Navigation Trial	RYCT
TBA	Barnes Bay Regatta	KBC