



2017/18 Nautilus Marine Blue Series

For the Blue Series Trophy



NOTICE OF RACE



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1.0 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) for the Club Marine Blue Series is Australian Sailing (AS). Royal Brighton Yacht Club will conduct racing on behalf of the Organising Authority.

2.0 RULES

2.1 General

The Club Marine Series shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2.2 Safety Regulations

2.2.1 The Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1, Sections 1 – 6, Category 6 shall apply. Marine VHF Radios shall be carried, which may be permanently installed or be water-proof handheld and must be capable of operating on Ch. 77.

2.2.2 No anchors shall be carried on deck forward of the stem or with any part outboard.

2.2.3 All boats shall lodge with their own club a Safety Compliance Declaration covering the 2017-2018 season before their entry in their first Club Marine Blue Series race. Boats not complying with this requirement shall not be entered and will not be eligible for Club Marine Blue Series scoring.

2.3 The Performance Handicapping Rules of Australian Sailing (previously Yachting Victoria) shall apply.

3.0 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

4.0 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

4.1 Entry is open to keel boats with a valid Performance Handicap.

4.2 Entries must be lodged via the RBYC Online Entry facility before 1200hrs on the Thursday prior to each race.

5.0 FEES

5.1 The Series Entry Fee will be \$130

5.2 Casual Entry Fees will be \$30 per race

6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

DATE	RACE	WARNING	RACE AREA
14 th October 2017	1	1355 Hours	RBYC
28 th October 2017	2	1355 Hours	RBYC
11 th November 2017	3	1355 Hours	RBYC
9 th December 2017	4	1355 Hours	RBYC
10 th February 2018	5	1355 Hours	RBYC
17 th March 2018	6	1355 Hours	RBYC
7 th April 2018	7	1355 Hours	RBYC

7.0 MEASUREMENT

7.1 PHS

All Pursuit Handicaps will be as supplied by the Performance Handicapping Committee of AS. The Performance Handicapping Committee of AS reserves the right to revise any handicap during the Series, and to make a changed handicap retrospective. Boat Owners/Skippers are reminded of their obligations under Rule 2 of the Performance Handicap Rules.

8.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be issued for the Club Marine Blue Series, and will be available from RBYC or AS from early October.

9.0 RACING AREA

The racing area is on the waters of Port Phillip in the vicinity of the Middle Brighton Breakwater (From RBYC Tower).

10.0 COURSES

Fixed Mark Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

11.0 SCORING

The Club Marine Blue Series will be scored on the Low Points Scoring System (RRS Appendix A) modified as follows:

11.1 Three races shall be completed to constitute a series.

11.2 There must be a minimum of 3 starters for a race to be scored.

11.3 Where four or less races are completed, each boat's series score will be the sum of her race scores.

11.4 Where five or more races are completed, each boat's series score will be the sum of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12.0 PRIZES

12.1 Prizes will be presented at the Australian Sailing presentation function.

The presentation will be held at the end of the season at a venue to be advised.

12.2 Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third placed boats in the Club Marine Blue Series.

12.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

13.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Neither the Organising Authority nor Royal Brighton Yacht Club will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Competitor attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rules 3:

Fundamental Rule 3 – Acceptance of the Rules:

"By participating in a race conducted under these racing rules, each competitor and boat owner agrees

(a) to be governed by the rules;

(b) to accept the penalties imposed and other action taken under the rules, subject to appeal and review procedures provided in them, as the final determination of any matter arising under the rules and

(c) with respect to any such determination, not to resort to any court of law or tribunal.

14.0 INSURANCE

All entrants shall carry third party and public liability insurance of not less than AUD\$10 Million per event valid for all races.

15.0 Media

15.1 By participating in the event, competitors grant to the Organising Authority and Australian Sailing and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

15.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras/sound equipment as specified by the Organising Authority.

15.3 The competitors as well as the individual race winners may be required for interviews.

16.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, contact:

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DIAGRAM OF RACING AREA

