

2017/18

Nautilus Marine Series

NOTICE OF RACE



The 2017-2018 Nautilus Marine Series will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip from 14th October 2017 until 7th April 2018.

1.0 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) for the Series for the Range Trophy is Australian Sailing (AS).

The Participating Clubs listed below will conduct racing on behalf of the Organising Authority:

- Royal Yacht Club of Victoria
- Hobson's Bay Yacht Club
- Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron
- Royal Brighton Yacht Club
- Sandringham Yacht Club

2.0 RULES

2.1 General

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

2.2 Safety Regulations

The Australian Sailing (AS) Special Regulations Part 1, Sections 1 – 5, Category 6 shall apply. Marine VHF radios shall be carried, which may be permanently installed or be waterproof handheld and must be capable of operating on channels 12, 15, 16, 17, 67, 69, 71, 72 and 73.

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

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

2.5 The Performance Handicapping Rules of Australian Sailing, the rules of the AMS and the rules of the IRC shall apply.

3.0 ADVERTISING

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

4.0 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

Entry is open to keel boats with a valid AMS or IRC rating or Performance Handicap. AMS and IRC boats shall start in their respective Performance Handicap Division.

4.1 Divisions

There will be three Divisions: 1, 2 and 3, as follows:

Division 1 As defined by the AS Performance Handicap Rules

Division 2 As defined by the AS Performance Handicap Rules.

Division 3 As defined by the AS Performance Handicap Rules.

Boats will be allocated to an appropriate Division at the absolute discretion of the Organizing Authority. Boats that race in a Division may not change Division during the series except as directed by the Organizing Authority.

Racing may be abandoned for any Division at the discretion of the Race Officer.

4.2 Class Championship

Class Championship may be scored (refer 11.0) for the classes listed below, for which no separate entry is required:

Sydney 38	Division 1
Super 11	Division 2
YW Diamonds	Division 3
S80	Division 3

Any additional classes that wish to compete must advise the Organising Authority before the 1st October 2017.

Class boats must all sail in the nominated Division to be eligible for class scoring.

4.3 Entries

Entries must be received by the host club before 1200hrs on the Thursday prior to each race. Casual entries may be accepted at the discretion of the host club. Boats may enter via their home club.

5.0 FEES

5.1 Entry Fees

The Entry Fee for the series will be \$215 for Divisions 1, 2 and 3.

Notes:

There will be no additional entry fees for entering other divisions such as IRC, AMS or Class Championships.

Entry fees shall be paid to the host club for each race.

5.2 Casual Entries

An entry fee of \$35 for each race day shall apply.

6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

DATE	Day	HOST CLUB	WARNING SIGNAL FOR 1 ST EVENT
14 October 2017	1	RYCV	1325 hrs
28 October 2017	2	HBVC	1325 hrs
11 November 2017	3	RMYS	1325 hrs
9 December 2017	4	RBYC	1325 hrs
2 January 2018	5	RYCV	TBA (Volvo race start)
10 February 2018	6	KCAB	1325 hrs
17 March 2018	7	SYC	1325 hrs
7 April 2018	8	RBYC	1325 hrs

Notes:

All Divisions may sail up to 2 races per day. (First Warning Signal 1325). No Race will be started after 1545hrs.

It is intended that Race Day 8 will be conducted as a single race day.

A Notice to Competitors will be issued on the Thursday prior to a Race Day indicating the proposed schedule for each day.

7.0 MEASUREMENT

7.1 Rating Certificate

A copy of a valid Rating Certificate (where applicable) as issued by the appropriate Rating Authority shall be made available upon request by the Organising Authority or Race Committee.

7.2 PHD

All Initial Performance 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.

Performance Handicaps will be re-calculated as a Series.

7.3 AMS

Results will be calculated where a valid AMS Certificate is issued. Owners are reminded that they must use the sail and weight configuration as outlined in their AMS Certificate. AMS ratings will be those issued by the Rating Authority (AS) and current at 1200hrs on the Friday before the race.

7.2.3 IRC

Results will be calculated where a valid Endorsed IRC Certificate is issued. Owners are reminded that they must use the sail and weight configuration as outlined in their IRC Certificate.

IRC ratings will be those issued by the Rule Authority (AS) and current at 1200hrs on the Friday before the race.

7.3 Cut off for Handicaps and Ratings

The cut-off times for all handicaps and ratings shall be 1200hrs on the Friday before each race. No changes to handicaps or ratings will be permitted after this time, except as a result of a measurement protest, or to correct rating office errors. The Race Committee may make corrections to handicaps or ratings at any time.

This changes RRS 78.

8.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be issued for the Nautilus Marine Series, and will be available from each participating club or Australian Sailing Victoria office from late September 2017.

9.0 RACING AREA

The racing area is on the waters of Port Phillip as described in Addendum A. Division 1 will race on a separate non-overlapping course to Divisions 2 and 3.

9.1 Division 1

The course will be either to the East of the main shipping channel and to the South of the Division 2 and 3 course, or to the West of the main shipping channel. (Refer to Diagram and Notice to Competitors issued on the Thursday prior to racing.)

9.2 Division 2 and 3

The course will be in the vicinity of R2 to the East of the main shipping channel. (Refer Diagram)

10.0 COURSES

Courses will be set within the approximate areas designated in paragraph 9. Races will be conducted in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

11.0 SCORING

11.1 Nautilus Marine Series

Nautilus Marine Series Divisional Championship will be scored on the Low Points Scoring System (RRS Appendix A) modified as follows:

Nine races are scheduled for Divisions 1, 2 and 3. Where five or less races are completed, each boat's Series score will be the sum of its scores for all completed races. Three races shall be completed to constitute a series.

The race conducted in conjunction with the Volvo Ocean Race start (day 5) will not be scored for series points.

11.2 Class Championships

Class racing will be scored within each class based on the results for the class. There must be a minimum of 3 starters for a Class Championship Race to be scored.

12.0 PRIZES

Prizes will be presented on 4th May 2018 at a venue to be advised. Class Associations may also present trophies for their class at this function.

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each Rating and Handicap System.
- 1st place in Class Championship

The Range Trophy will be engraved with the winners of each of the Divisions, and will reside for the following season at the club of the winner of IRC Division 1.

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

13.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta 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.”

The Organising Authority will not 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:

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 AUD10 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 photographs, 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 Australian Sailing

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Addendum A – Race Area

