



AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S KEELBOAT REGATTA

6th to 8th June 2015

Notice of Race

Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, as the organizing authority, invites entries for the 2015 Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta (AWKR), to be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip from Saturday 6th June to Monday 8th June 2015.

1 RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by;

- The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS),
- The special regulations of Yachting Australia (YA) Part 1 for racing boats,
- The Australian Measurement System (AMS),
- The Sportsboat Measurement System (SMS),
- The IRC rules parts 1, 2 and 3,
- The Event Handicap System, and
- The requirements of the Port of Melbourne Corporation (PoMC).

2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Race Status

The Regatta is open to keelboats and sportsboats on the register of a yacht club affiliated with YA.

Overseas boats must be from an organisation affiliated to the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) through their National Authority. Documented evidence of this must be submitted with the entry.

3.2 Crew

Boats are to be crewed exclusively by women.

Australian crew must be affiliated with YA and provide their YA number with entry.

Overseas crews must be affiliated to the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) through their National Authority. Documented evidence of this must be submitted with the entry.

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3.3 Safety Category

YA Safety Category 6 shall apply.

Marine VHF Radios shall be carried and must be capable of operating on channels 12, 15, 16, 67, 69, 71, and 73.

Teams shall ensure a current category 6 safety compliance declaration has been lodged and accepted at the boat's home club prior to the event.

A copy of this declaration shall be supplied by the team to the RMYS Sailing Coordinator via email to awkr@rmys.com.au. Entries will not be confirmed until this form is received.

Spot checks relating to category 6 safety compliance declarations may be conducted during the regatta by appropriately qualified personnel.

4 ENTRY FEES

- 4.1 Entries shall only be accepted by the online entry system available on www.awkr.com.au from 1st April 2015.
- 4.2 The entry fee for the regatta is \$65.00 per crew member payable via the online entry system.
- 4.3 Early Bird Entries meaning completed entries including boat name, skipper, completed crew declaration (including YA number and emergency contacts), accepted safety category declaration and full payment received before midnight 7th May 2015, will receive a \$10 voucher per person at Briefing Night, which can be used on any purchase over the bar in RMYS at any time during the regatta.
- 4.4 Entries close at 1700 hours on Wednesday 20th May 2015.
- 4.5 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Sailing Coordinator. Entries accepted after the closing date will be charged at \$75pp.

5 DIVISIONS AND HANDICAPPING

5.1 Handicaps and Rating Systems

Races shall be conducted using the AMS, SMS and IRC rating systems and an Event Handicap. Event Handicaps (EHC) will be handicapped by the regatta handicapper.

- 5.2 Boats may enter in the EHC, AMS and IRC divisions. Boats entering the AMS and IRC Divisions must have a certificate valid for the duration of the regatta. Sportsboats will be entered under SMS only.
- 5.3 A copy of the boat's valid SMS, AMS and/or IRC certificate must be provided to the Sailing Coordinator no later than 5pm on Wednesday 3rd June 2015.

5.4 Divisions

There will be three divisions. Keelboats will be allocated to division 1 or 2 at the discretion of the Organising Authority, based on their allocated Event Handicap. Boats may not change division.

Sportsboats will be allocated to division 3.

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6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Social

Date	Event	Time
Thurs 30 th April	Lecture 1 - Foredeckie 101 (Optional)	1900hrs
Wed 6 th May 2015	Lecture 2 – Weather (Optional)	1900hrs
Wed 13 th May 2015	Lecture 2 – Sail Trim and Crew Work (Optional)	1900hrs
Wed 20 th May 2015	Lecture 3 – Rules (Optional)	1900hrs
Wed 27 th May 2015	Lecture 4 –Starts (Optional)	1900hrs
Sunday 31 st May 2015	Start Practice (Optional)	1400hrs
Fri 5 th June 2015	Welcome / Information Session	1900hrs
Sat 6 th June 2015	Daily Presentations and Function	1800hrs
Sun 7 th June 2015	Daily Presentations and Function	1800hrs
Mon 8 th June 2015	Trophy Presentation	1900hrs

6.2 Racing

Date	Number of races	Time of First Warning Signal
Sat 6th June 2015	2	0955 hours
Sun 7th June 2015	2	0955 hours
Mon 8th June 2015	2	0955 hours

6.3 One extra race per day may be sailed provided that races do not become more than one ahead of schedule.

6.4 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hours on Monday 8th June.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than Friday 29th May 2015.

8 RACING AREA

The race courses will be laid on the waters of Port Phillip west of the St Kilda breakwater and east of the shipping channel. The long distance course may extend as far as Brighton.

9 COURSES

The courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10 SCORING

10.1 Six (6) races are scheduled of which three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2 When three (3) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10.3 When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.



11 SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall not enter the course area, starting area, finishing area or go closer than 100m to any boat racing between the first preparatory signal for the first division to start and when the last boat finishes, or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment, except under the advisement of the Regatta RO. The penalty for failing to comply with the requirement may, after protest, be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support vessel.

12 BERTHING

Berths will be available free of charge for visiting yachts who apply for a berth via the website (www.awkr.com.au). Berths must be applied for at the time of entry.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephone.

14 PRIZES AND TROPHIES

Prizes will be presented at a function on the evening of Monday 9th June 2014.

Trophies shall be awarded as follows:

- AMS Division 1 & 2 - Brian McDermott and Paul Andrew Measurement System Perpetual Trophy
- IRC Division 1 & 2 - Ann Marie Pope/Tracy Luke Trophy
- PHS Division 1 & 2 - The Aurora Trophy
- SMS Division 3 - TBA
- Rohan Brownlee Trophy
- Best Performed Owner/Skipper Trophy
- Women's Keelboat Championship Most Improved Performance
- Novice Skipper Trophy – Must be the first time helming at the AWKR and must nominate themselves as a novice upon entry by emailing awkr@rmys.com.au. The Organising Authority will review and approve all nominations.
- Class Trophy – Awarded to the highest placed boat in each class. (A class must have 6 or more boats to be recognized as a class for this regatta.)

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4 *"The responsibility for the decision of a boat to race or continue racing is hers alone."*

The organizing 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.

16 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

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17 FURTHER INFORMATION

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