



**NEWHAVEN YACHT SQUADRON
PHILLIP ISLAND, VICTORIA
NOTICE OF RACE 2020 - 2021**

1. RACE DATES AND STARTING TIMES

- 1.1** The Club aggregate series of races and other listed events will be held in the waters of the Newhaven area on various race dates. Actual race dates and starting times are as notified from time to time in the Club Quarterly or Website.
- 1.2** Other races will also be sailed during the season under this notice and the Sailing Instructions and these races may include, but are not limited to:
- The Commodore's Cup
 - The Lyle Williams Trophy (restricted to Category 4)
 - Double Handed Race
 - Single Handed Series (additional safety requirements described at the briefing)
 - 3 Humps Race
 - Half Phillip Island Race
 - Ladies Race
 - Night Race (restricted to Category 5N)
 - Waratah Bay Race (restricted to Category 3)
 - Winter Series Races

2. RULES

All races will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia, the rules of the relevant classes (except as any of these are altered by the sailing instructions) and by this notice.

3. CLASSES FOR CLUB RACES

- a) Club Champion** [Division 1] will include all the Aggregate Series Races, the Commodore's Cup and either the Lyle Williams or Half Phillip Island Race. The number of Aggregate Series Entrants is defined as the number of entrants who have paid for a series entry, no later than the third race in each series. Scoring will be by the 'Low Point Scoring System' as described in the RRS [Appendix A].
- b) A Keel Boat Championship** will be awarded using the 'Low Point Scoring System' using the best five Aggregate Series Races, with scoring based on performance handicaps adjusted under Yachting Victoria (YV) guidelines after each race.
- c) A Trailerable Yacht Championship** will be awarded using the 'Low Point Scoring System' using the best five Aggregate Series Races, with scoring based on performance handicaps adjusted under YV guidelines after each race.
- d)** Yachts not in the Series Entry are not included in the tally.
- e)** Prizes are available to all yachts that enter NYS special races.
- f)** A Winter Series Handicap event as per the Notice of Race.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 Boat Eligibility

- Yachts on the NYS Boat Register (except for restricted races).
- Provided the skipper has completed the NYS 'Safety Indemnity and Declaration' form and met the requirements under Sections 11,12 and 13 (page 3-4), visiting yachts that have the approval of the Officer of the Day (OOD) may enter any race on the day, except those races restricted to boats on the NYS Register, as per the details of that particular race.

4.2 Crew and Equipment

At least 24 hours' notice must be provided to the handicapper, of any expected change to the following:

- Helmsman
- More than half the crew have not sailed in the past five races
- Hull (including propellers) or rig changes
- New sail or sails
- Changes to ballast

4.3 Boats Entered in a Series

Additional rules will apply to skippers of boats entered in a series:

- a) A skipper must sail in the majority of the races that count in a series for the boat to remain eligible for prizes, ie. 5 out of 8 races.
- b) An alternative skipper in any race must be a NYS member.
- c) A skipper will not be penalised for attending to race OOD or club Duty Officer duties.

5. ENTRY FEES

5.1 Aggregate

- Entry Fees: \$10 per race, or \$60 for the 8 race series.
- Race day fees shall be paid to the Boating Secretary or his/her nominee at or before the briefing for each race. Series entry fees must be in the hands of the Boating Secretary before the start of the third race of the series.

5.2 Other Races

Commodore's Cup	\$10
Single Handed Race	\$10
Lyle Williams Trophy Races	\$10 per race
Half PI Race	\$10 per race
3 Humps Race	No entry fee
Night Race	\$10
Ladies Race	No entry fee
Waratah Bay Race	\$10
Winter Series Races	\$10 per race or \$40 for series
Any other Races	To be set at time of race entry

6. TIME OF REGISTRATION

- **To enable the handicapper to prepare entry and timing sheets, skippers are requested to register their intention to race 30 minutes before briefing time.**
- Entries for any of the races will generally be accepted up until the conclusion of the race briefing session.

7. TROPHIES

7.1 Aggregate Series

Trophies include various perpetual trophies and keeper trophies. They will be awarded as follows:

Less than 5 entrants	First only
5 to 7 entrants	First and Second
More than 7 entrants	First, Second and Third

7.2 Other Races

Most special races have perpetual trophies with support trophies being awarded at the discretion of the General Committee.

7.3 Presentation

Trophies are presented on the club trophy presentation night as notified in the Quarterly or Website, with the exception of those affected by a special deed of gift which may call for presentation after the particular race.

8. THE SCORING SYSTEM

The points scoring system is described in the sailing instructions. For a race to count in a series there must be at least four yachts starting or attempting to start.

9. HANDICAPS

Handicaps will be determined using the 'Back Calculated System'. If a boat has not sailed for two years or only sails intermittently it will be placed on a Provisional Handicap. The Provisional Handicap will be determined by the Handicapper at their discretion.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions are available from the Boating Secretary prior to any race.

11. SAFETY

The Effective Rescue Procedure of Newhaven Yacht Squadron places a high reliance on club boats being able to render assistance to those in trouble. A radio watch is mandatory throughout the race.

11.1 Race Categories

All entries for Aggregate races must meet the equipment and accommodation standards as set out in the current YA RRS Addendum 'A' Special Regulations Section 3 Part 2, Category 6 with the following inclusions (from Category 5):

- 3.07.4(b)** Removable hatches to have locks and lanyards
- 3.24.3** Engine, permanently installed or outboard
- 3.23.4** Outboard motors for trailable boats, to be mounted at all times
- 3.24.5(a)** Engine to provide minimum speed into 12 knot headwind
- 3.25.1(b)** VHF transceiver installed as specified
- 4.21(a)** Lifebuoy or other approved device with drogue (no light for daylight race)
- 4.23** One Heaving line accessible to cockpit

- These races include the Commodore's Cup, Half Phillip Island Race, Three Humps Race and the Winter Series. The Single Handed Race has additional safety requirements as described at the briefing.
- The Lyle Williams Race is conducted under Category 4.
- The Waratah Bay Race is conducted under Category 3.
- The Night Race is conducted under Category 5N with additional safety requirements as described at the briefing.

- Entrants are advised that spot checks on category compliance may be made.
- **It is mandatory for all yachts to maintain a radio watch for the duration of the race.**
- **A yacht must not start without a working radio.**
- **All yachts must sign on by radio prior to the start of the race.**
- **Where recommended lifelines are not fitted all crew are required to wear appropriate PFDs.**

11.2 Safety Certificates

- Each entrant must complete the Yachting Victoria Declaration of Compliance and Safety Equipment Checklist for the appropriate race category and sign a Safety Certificate.
- Completed forms are to be returned to the Safety Supervisor for their acceptance.
- For the Winter Series, forms must be completed prior to the start of the third race, otherwise no scores will be recorded.
- For the Summer Series the forms must be completed before the start of the first Aggregate, otherwise no scores will be recorded.

11.3 Verification

A list of all accepted Club Yacht Racing Safety certificates is maintained in the Club House for reference.

11.4 Wind Level Restrictions

The Officer of the Day for any club race is under instructions not to start a race in adverse conditions under detailed guidelines as issued to OODs.

The NYS Committee has decreed that in the event a Gale Warning is issued for Westernport, racing may be cancelled, but will be subject to review on the day.

12. RESPONSIBILITY

12.1 All those taking part in The Newhaven Yacht Squadron races do so at their own risk and responsibility.

12.2 The Newhaven Yacht Squadron Inc. is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht, or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment, whose entry has been accepted.

12.3 The Newhaven Yacht Squadron Inc. reserves the right to refuse an entry to any race.

12.4 Attention is drawn to the Part 1 Fundamental Rules 1 to 5 concerning safety, fair sailing, acceptance of the rules, the decision to race and the use of drugs. In particular, attention is drawn to Rule 4 which states:

‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.’

This rule must be read in full, understood and accepted by all competitors competing in NYS races.

12.5 The Newhaven Yacht Squadron Inc., its members, or those persons crewing any craft that are operating in the role of conducting the race, will not be responsible for the damage to yachts caused in any circumstances or any manner whatsoever.

13. INSURANCE

All competitors are required to have personally, or through their boats, Third Party Liability Insurance to a minimum of **\$10,000,000** and adequate racing insurance.