

SAIL MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL REGATTA 2007
NOTICE OF RACE
SOMR 2007

SOUTHERN OCEANS MULTIHULL REGATTA
JANUARY 19TH – 23RD, 2007

ORGANISING AUTHORITY: MULTIHULL YACHT CLUB OF VICTORIA
HOST CLUB: MULTIHULL YACHT CLUB OF VICTORIA
VENUE: WESTERNPORT MARINA, HASTINGS

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the current *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008*, the Modified Texel Rule (the QMYC Offshore Multihull Rule), except as any of these are altered by the sailing instructions.

Advertising code “C” shall apply to all entrants in this event

2. Alterations of Racing Rules

The racing rules will be modified in accordance with rule 86 as follows:

- 2.1. Rule 50.2 will be altered by: ‘fixed and retractable spinnaker poles will be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers’

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all multihulls equipped for Racing Category 5 in accordance with Addendum A part 1, Sections 1 - 5.

- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter on the attached Entry Form sent to:

The Multihull Yacht Club of Victoria
48 Weerona Way, Warrandyte, Victoria, 3113
by Friday 12th January, 2007 accompanied by the required fee

Late entries incur an additional fee.

- 3.3. All entrants shall be a current member of an affiliated club through their Yachting Australia State Authority (MYA).

4. Fees

- 4.1. Regatta Entry \$175.00 (entry by 1700 hrs 12th Jan 2007)
Late Entry Fee \$25.00 (additional)
Single Race \$30.00 (results not classified)

5. Schedule of Events

Item	Date	Start Time	End Time / Warning Signal
Registration	Fri 19 th January	09H00	18H00
Measurement and Inspection	Fri 19 th January	09H00	18H00
Heat 1	Sat 20 th January	09H30	09H25
Heat 2	Sat 20 th January	13H30	13H25
Heat 3	Sun 21 st January	09H30	09H25
Heat 4	Sun 21 st January	13H30	13H25
Heat 5	Mon 22 nd January	09H30	09H25
Heat 6	Tue 23 rd January	08H30	08H25

Race Committee may alter the course length prior to the course flag being displayed. No warning signal shall be made after 1000 hours on the last scheduled race day.

6. OMR Rating Measurements

OMR ratings shall be based on the online data at Multihull Yacht Club Qld's website www.mycq.org.au/OMR/, all hard copy rating certificates should be considered invalid. If you have previously had a hard copy then your boats OMR Rating should be online. It is each entrant's responsibility to ensure that their yacht has a current OMR rating during the regatta dates. Ratings and validity dates are posted on the MYCQ website. It is the entrants responsibility to ensure that all of the sails used during the regatta have been measured and included in the official OMR online rating. Copies of the OMR Rule and measurement forms are available on the MYCQ website. Any questions regarding OMR measurement, including requests for measurement, should be directed to the club's rating officer George Bulka (03 5981 2616). Interstate and country yachts may make arrangements with their state measurer or call George to make an appointment to be measured at the Marina. Pending demand, facilities to weigh boats may be made available on Friday 19th Jan. Any boats measured on Friday 19th January shall be entered into the online register in time for the regatta.

7. Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be posted to all entries received by the 12th January 2007
Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.

8. Regatta Site

The regatta will be based at the Western Port Marina, Mullet Street, Hastings, Victoria. Regatta headquarters will be in the Marina Operations Office near the northern end of the Marina carpark.

9. Racing Area

The racing area shall be in the areas known as Western Port and Bass Strait. The areas are covered by charts AUS 150 and 151.

10. Courses

The course shall be as described in Attachment A of the sailing instructions.

11. Scoring

The ISAF Low Point scoring system, Appendix A.4.1 will apply.

12. Radio Communications

All competitors shall maintain a listening watch on either VHF channel 73 or 27MHz channel 94 for the duration of the race being sailed and while proceeding to and returning from the start/finish area.

For the courses over 30nm all boats shall radio the committee vessel as soon as practical after rounding the designated marks with their position and expected finishing time.

A boat shall only make radio transmission as above. This requirement also applies to mobile telephone communications, except for emergencies.

Each skipper has a responsibility to ensure all communications and safety equipment is up to date and in good working order.

13. Divisions for the Awarding of Trophies

A minimum of 3 yachts will constitute a division. The Race Committee reserves the right to vary divisions depending upon the number of entries. Yachts may be eligible to compete in all divisions; the divisions shall be as follows:

- Line Honours
- Performance Handicap Division
- OMR

14. Handicaps

The handicap for OMR division shall be determined as described under the 'OMR Rating Measurements' section of this document.

Performance handicaps will be determined by the Multihull Yacht Club of Victoria using the latest known handicap for each yacht and adjusted as required by the race committee.

The Multihull Yacht Club of Victoria Inc., at its absolute discretion, reserves the right to alter or adjust any handicap.

15. Prizes

Medals will be awarded for fastest time, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd on OMR, 1st, 2nd and 3rd on Performance Handicap after each race at a 'happy hour' at the Marina Bar. Presentation of other trophies will take place at the end of the regatta function at 1400 hours on January 23rd, 2007.

Southern Oceans Multihull Regatta Pointscore:

- OMR - 1st (TYCV Perpetual Trophy), 2nd and 3rd
- Performance Handicap -1st (MYCV Club Champion Perpetual Trophy), 2nd and 3rd

Sponsors trophies and MYCV perpetual trophies for individual races to be announced.

Other Trophies:

- Pigs Might Fly Trophy (most unlikely occurrence)
- Zinta Trophy (Best Boat Breakage)

16. Further Information

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