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Welcome to the 2016-17 sailing season at Flinders YC. We have developed this booklet to set in one place the most important bits of information, and ensure that members can get the most out of participation in the Club racing and other activities. All information in this handbook should be read in conjunction with the current Sailing Instructions and the applicable Course Instructions. Where an inconsistency exists the Sailing Instructions and Course Instructions shall prevail.

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# Notice of Race Season 2016-17

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### 1. RULES

All races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 1 Sections 2, 3 and 4, relevant to Race Category 5, Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2, For "Off the Beach" Boats, the Class rules, and the Sailing Instructions will apply.

**Warning:** If you participate in these activities your rights to sue the supplier under the Fair Trading Act 1999 if you are killed or injured because the activities were not supplied with due care and skill or were not reasonably fit for their purpose, are excluded, restricted or modified in the way set out in this notice.

**Note:** The change to your rights, as set out in this notice does not apply if your death or injury is due to gross negligence on the supplier's part. "Gross negligence" is defined in the Fair Trading (Recreational Services) Regulations 2004.

Exclusion of implied terms: The terms implied into contracts for the supply of services by virtue of sections 32J and 32 JA of the Fair Trading (Amendment) Act 2003, are hereby expressly excluded from the provision of recreational services by Flinders Yacht Club Inc. to members and other participants in club activities.

### 2. ADVERTISING

All Races are classified as a Category C event.

### 3. ENTRIES

- 3.1 Races are open to:
  - 3.1.1 Keel Boats and Trailable Yachts satisfying Race Category 5 Safety Criteria in the Keel Boat Division, Boats satisfying Category 7 Safety Criteria may sail in the Keel Boat Division subject to additional safety requirements, and;
  - 3.1.2 all classes of Off the Beach (OTB) boats with a Yachting Victoria Yardstick, and others as the Sailing Committee may decide on the OTB & Green Fleet Divisions.
- 3.2 Entries must comply with the following:-
  - 3.2.1 Each boat must be registered with Flinders Yacht Club (FYC) and display a current season registration sticker.
  - 3.2.2 Every person in charge and each member of the crew must be an adult or junior sailing member of the FYC, except that,
    - 3.2.2.1 Non Members may sail as crew in KB Twilight, OTB Twilight, OTB Summer Series without counting in the 7 race limit in 3.2.2.2 below
    - 3.2.2.2 Non members may sail as Crew in a total of 7 races (combined) in all other series, where a non member sails as crew on a 8<sup>th</sup> or greater occasion the race result for that boat shall not count for the results of that race or series, boats shall be scored DNC.
- 3.3 Races shown as Regattas are open to non-members who are members of and boats are registered with other affiliated sailing clubs, have signed an Entry Form and paid the prescribed entry fee.
- 3.4 Visitors registered with other affiliated sailing clubs and having YV/YA registration whose entry is accepted by this club, may sail in club events by completing an entry form however will not be scored in any races or series.

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**3.5** Race entry is by signing on in the Clubhouse at least 15minutes before the warning signal for a race, a separate entry is required for each race except where 2 races are scheduled in which case sign on will be cover both races.

**3.6** **Each participating boat shall at all times, be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per event.**

### **4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

The Sailing Program shows the date and time of the warning signal for each race and in the case of back to back races the time of the first warning signal. Changes to the program will be according to the Sailing Instructions, and will be posted on the Sailing Notice Board. The Westernport Challenge, Titles, and events at other Westernport clubs are also shown but are not covered by this Notice of Race. The Judith Grage Trophy at FYC is covered by this NOR.

### **5. COURSES**

Courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions and Course Instructions and as notified on the day.

### **6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available on race days at the clubhouse and on the club website .

### **7. SCORING**

Those races, which are part of a series, will be scored as provided in Appendix A4.1 Low Point System, Appendix A9 of the Racing Rules and as modified by the Sailing Instructions. The number of races required to be completed to constitute each series, and the number of races to be included in a boat's score is stated in the Sailing Instructions.

### **8. TROPHIES**

For races marked (T) the prizes will be awarded shortly after the completion of the race. Prizes for named series and events will be awarded on Presentation Night as per the list in this handbook.

### **9. GENERAL INFORMATION**

- 9.1 Members are reminded that they are subject to the Fundamental Rules, in particular "Fundamental Rule 4. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone".
- 9.2 Flinders Yacht Club, its members and those assisting the club will not be responsible for damage to boats, or injury to persons caused by any rescue boat, or in any other way whatsoever.

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## Sailing Instructions

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The following changes apply for season 2016-17 (changes in *italics*):

### 8. Courses

#### 8.1 **KB Division**

Courses shall be as set out in the course instructions for the season for a particular race being indicated by a numeral board displayed in conjunction with the Division Warning Signal. *Courses in northerly winds will start to the north and in southerly winds will start to the south toward A buoy.*

### 9 MARKS

#### 9.1 **General**

Marks may be permanent (eg, Fairway and Channel markers, Pilot Buoy,), Aquaculture bordering buoys, fixed Club buoys moored throughout the season (eg, "Clubhouse" and "A" buoys), or temporarily laid Club buoys (eg, inflatables or cans laid as OB course turning marks). Types of marks are identified in Course Instructions. Two Clubhouse (CH) buoys will be laid with the outer (black and yellow) buoy for use by the KB Division and the Inner (yellow) buoy for use by the OTB Divisions. *Note that Flinders Pole will not be used as a mark of course for OTB division races.*

### 16 SCORING

#### 16.2 **Races to Count**

In all series, the number of races completed will determine the number of races to be counted in arriving at total points accumulated by each boat in that series. Boats may discard their worst scores accordingly, except where prohibited by Rule A1.3. *Maximum discards in any series is 6*

#### 16.3 **Handicapping**

##### 16.3.2 **Off-the-Beach Divisions**

Club Handicaps for boat/crew combinations will be determined using the BCYS system described in RSS Addendum E. Handicaps will be recalculated after every race, but the handicap held at the start of a Short Series will be used to determine the finishing order for all races in that series. *A boat's revised Club Handicap will be the average of the of that boat's last five BCYS discarding the best and worst.* An unchanged boat/crew combination may carry forward the Club Handicap held at the end of one season to the beginning of the next. A performance-enhancing change within a class (eg, new boat, new sail) will attract a reduction in Club Handicap of half the difference between existing Club Handicap and boat Yardstick.

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### Club Boats

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Club boats are available for use by Club Members for practice, racing and training, ONLY when a designated rescue boat is on the water for the sole purpose of safety and rescue.

We have 4 Pacers (2 handed suitable for adults and teenagers), 4 Optis (single handed suitable for ages 8-12) and a Laser (Temujin) with both Full Rig and Radial Sail (single handed for more experienced sailors).

The Optimists and Pacers are reserved at certain times of the season for use in Tackers, Sailing School and Teams Racing events. Otherwise all boats can be allocated to members on a daily basis.

The following mutual obligations apply - there is no charge for usage and we expect members to care for and maintain these boats as they would if it was owned by you (which partially, they are). i.e. please wash down after use and properly store the boat and if you break or misplace any part of the boat, we do expect that you advise the Club Captain and arrange to fix or replace as required to restore the boat to its former state.

All enquiries in relation use of Club boats at to reserve one for a race or for a series please contact Club Captain Rick Barker on 0412 310 012.

### Race Management Duty

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Race management is an essential element of membership of FYC, the Club has no paid staff and all activity is conducted exclusively by volunteers. All active members are allocated a minimum of two race management days during the season and are expected to honour the commitment.

These days entail one of:

- Rescue Boat duty as driver (power boat licence required)
- Rescue Boat duty as assistant
- Tower Duty

Duty days will entail a time commitment from 12 Midday to approx. 4pm on race days.

Induction sessions will be conducted for 1 ½ hours on **20 November 2016**

All members allocated duty are requested to attend one of this day. Induction sessions will cover tower operation, rescue boat operation and course setting as well as safety procedures.

All enquiries and issues in relation to race management duty should be directed to the Club Captain – Rick Barker Ph 0412 310 012.

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## Courses, Starting & Finishing

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**The following summary should be read in conjunction with the sailing instructions and in the case of any conflict the sailing instruction shall prevail.**

### **Keel Boat Division**

Courses are as per the Course Instructions issue for the season and will generally involve races conducted around fixed marks as follows:

CH = Orange (Outer) Club House Buoy  
AB = Orange Buoy Laid off West Head  
FP = Flinders Pole (just south of mussel beds)  
MP = Pole off Mantons Creek  
SP = Pole Off Shoreham  
EP = East Pole (Pole between SC & MC)  
MC = Middle Cone (Middle Yellow Aquaculture Buoy)  
PB = Pilot Buoy (Steel Cone SE of Middle cone)  
NC = North Cone (Northernmost Yellow Aquaculture Buoy)

Courses selected should be as per suggested wind direction and strength and generally involve an upwind start.

### **Off the Beach Division**

Courses will be set generally in the area from West Head to the Mussel Bed Pole off Flinders. Courses to be generally as per the 2015-2016 Course Instructions issued by the Sailing Committee and may use fixed marks where appropriate. Temporary marks (yellow inflatable buoys) should be used to ensure accurate upwind legs.

As most race days involve 2 races, generally only short courses are used, where numbers are sufficient, triangular courses may be used to allow a greater number of laps for boats with yardsticks <100.

The Yellow (inner) CH Buoy defines the start and finish line for the OTB division.



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### **Starting – Tower Control**

The start line is the line from the centre of the Control Tower and the appropriate clubhouse buoy and the start sequence is as follows:

#### **KB Division**

5 Mins - Red Light On  
4 Mins – Red & White Light On  
1 Min – White Light Off  
Start – Red Light Off

#### **OTB Division**

5 Mins - Green Light On  
4 Mins – Green & White Light On  
1 Min – White Light Off  
Start – Green Light Off

All signals will be accompanied by a sound signal (hooter) however the lack of a sound signal will NOT invalidate a signal and participating boats should observe the visual signals.

OTB Races may also be started from a committee or rescue boat where 2 rescue boats are rostered on for duty (only). In this case flags and hand held hooter will replace the lights and hooter from the tower..

### **Breaking the Start**

Boats on Course Side of the start line at the start should restart as per rule 29.1, For OTB races the rescue boat will be provided with recall flags and a hooter and will, in conjunction with the tower, advise boats accordingly. For KB Division, recalls should be advised by radio. In all cases recalls should be advised within a reasonable time and as soon as possible after the start.

If no recalls are to be conducted in OTB races this MUST be advised at the briefing and boats OCS at the start must restart or be recorded as disqualified.

### **Finishing**

To correctly finish, a boat must cross the line between the middle of the control tower and the applicable CH Buoy in the direction indicated by the course set on the day. Some OTB races will include a straightening ('X') mark before the finish which will need to be rounded before crossing the finish line.

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## Programme

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Details of the Sailing Programme should be accessed only from the FYC website as it is subject to change

### **Keel Boat Division:**

1<sup>st</sup> Race is Boxing Day Twilight 26 Dec 2016 1730  
Twilight Races continue through January 2016 (5 Races) with a second series commencing in February (4 Races)

The Aggregate Series over 11 Races will be conducted between Wed 28 Dec and Sun 9 April, on Sundays. The Ocean Series over 2 races on Wed 4 Jan and Sunday 15 Jan. Short Series will be conducted on the weekend closest to Australia Day, Labour Day long week end and at Easter.

### **OTB Division**

The season commences on 30 Oct with Sail Past, Spring Series and the first Championship Race, the Spring Series of 7 Races concludes on 20 Nov. The summer Series of 5 Races commences 28 Dec and concludes 4 Jan. An OTB Twilight series of 3 Races will commence on 26 Dec and conclude Friday 6 Jan. The Aggregate/Championship Series will be conducted over 23 races and conclude on 23 April. Short Series will be conducted on the weekend closest to Australia Day, Labour Day and Easter.

For the summer series, trophies and prizes will be awarded for each race in the clubhouse after the race, certain of these races may be designated beginners races and will be conducted over simplified courses. Experienced sailors are encouraged to take on a beginner as skipper in their own or a club boat and the result for that boat will count for the Summer Cup as well as be eligible for bonus points in the Aggregate/Championship Series.

In all series where sufficient entries are received a separate Green Division for Junior and Novice Sailors (eg under 18 or in first or second season of racing as an adult) will be conducted over the same or a protected course.

The Judith Grage Trophy series against Point Leo Boat Club will be conducted on Sunday 12 Feb 2016 and Sunday 19 Feb 2016

Other Sailing opportunities include:

OTB Westernport Challenge – Merricks YC on Saturday 14 Jan 2016  
Westernport Teams Racing – Australia Day 26 Jan 2017  
Laser Regatta Sun 22 Jan at Point Leo

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## Trophies

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There are plenty of opportunities to sail and be awarded a trophy:

### **OTB Division:**

The following Trophies will be awarded for Season 2014-15. One Trophy will be awarded to each boat listing the achievements for the season.

Club Champion (1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Club Aggregate (1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Spring Series

Summer Series Cup

Australia Day Series (Brian Coleman Trophy)

Labour Day Series and Vignerons Trophy

Easter Series (Ian Freeland Memorial Trophy)

Junior Championship

Twilight Series

(Where 7 or more boats participate in 80% or more of races 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> awarded, otherwise only 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> awarded)

A green fleet trophy may be awarded in any of the above series where there are two or more green fleet boats competing.

### **Keel Boat Division:**

Aggregate Series (Hornridge Trophy)

January Twilight Series (Wayne Gannon Trophy)

Australia Day Series (Peter Tozer Trophy)

February Twilight Series

Ocean Race Series (Off Shore Trophy)

Easter Series (Ian Freeland Memorial Trophy)

Labour Day Series and Vignerons Trophy