



## HELLY HANSEN Melges 24 Nationals



# NOTICE OF RACE

**1st – 4th of February 2017**

**Organising Authority**

BLAIRGOWRIE YACHT SQUADRON  
2900 Point Nepean Road, Blairgowrie 3942, Victoria

**In conjunction with the:**

NATIONAL MELGES 24 ASSOCIATION

## **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Boats must comply with the 2013-2017 Australian Sailing Special Regulations equipment requirements for Category 7;
- 1.3 RRS 44.1 Penalty System is changed so that the Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1;
- 1.4 International Melges 24 Class Rule C.11 Boat handling Rules will be enforced;
- 1.5 International Melges 24 Class Rule C.2 is changed to read – Crews shall be weighed during the registration period prior to racing. During the event crews may be selected at random by the Race Committee to be reweighed. Such reweighing shall be done on the same scale and at the same place within 1 hour after the end of the protest time limit. Total crew weight limit is M24 375kgs;
- 1.6 All competing boats shall carry a functional hand held or cockpit mounted VHF radio for both safety purposes and Race Committee communication.
- 1.7 Boats may be required to display identification numbers supplied by the class association;

## **2 ADVERTISING**

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

## **3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1 All participating boats shall have appropriate marine Public Liability and Third Party Property insurance for the period of the regatta, policy stating the name of the boat, in sum not less than AUD 10 million for any one event;
- 3.2 Helmspersons shall comply with ISAF Eligibility code (ISAF Regulation 19) which requires that all competing helmspersons shall be members of their Member National Authority (M24 Australian Class Associations & International Class Association);
- 3.3 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate prior to racing;
- 3.4 All sails used or carried aboard shall bear the Class Association Sail Label.

## **4 ENTRY AND FEES**

- 4.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing an online entry and submitting the required fee by 23.59 hours Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Online entry is available online at: [https://www.topyacht.com.au/db/aus/entry\\_menu.php?EventID=714](https://www.topyacht.com.au/db/aus/entry_menu.php?EventID=714)
- 4.2 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority upon payment of the late entry fee up until 2359 hours Sunday 29 January 2017.
- 4.3 All entries must be accompanied by a copy of the boat's current 2015-16 Special Regulations Category 7 Certificate, Insurance Policy Certificate and a valid measurement certificate. (if not already registered at the club). Certificates can be emailed to [sailing@bys.asn.au](mailto:sailing@bys.asn.au) or mailed to PO BOX 13 Blairgowrie 3942 VIC
- 4.4 Sailors under 18 years of age shall present a signed and completed parent (or guardian) consent and declaration form at registration.
- 4.5 Required fees are as follows:
  - Entry Fee        \$450.00*
  - (which includes crew participation in a welcome night and Prize giving BBQ)*
  - Late Fee         \$50.00*
- 4.6 Entries cancelled in the week preceding the event will not be refunded. If cancellation occurs prior to this date 75% of the fee will be refunded upon receipt of a written request.

## 5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration:  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2017 from 0900 till 1100 hours at the BYS Regatta Office.
- 5.2 Information Session:  
Wednesday 1 February 2017 at 1100 hours at BYS Southern Waters Room.
- 5.3 Dates of Racing;

Tuesday 31 January 2017	Registration and weigh-in Welcome Night	1600 – 1800 1830 - 1930
Wednesday 1 February	Registration and Weigh-in	0900 – 1100
	Boats to be in water	1100
	2 Races Windward Leeward	First Warning 1400
Thursday 2 February	3 Races Windward Leeward	First Warning 1300
Friday 3 February	3 Races Windward Leeward	First Warning 1300
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	2 Races Windward Leeward Prizes & BBQ after racing	First Warning 1200

- 5.4 Additional races may be sailed on any race day at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 5.5 On the last day of scheduled racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500 hours.

## 6 MEASUREMENTS

- 6.1 There may be random checks of boats throughout the regatta to ensure compliance with the Class Rules and safety equipment requirements.

## 7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available after Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of January on the BYS website.

## 8 VENUE

- 8.1 Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron, Blairgowrie VIC 3942 Australia
- 8.2 The racing area will be in waters of Port Phillip. The location of the racing areas will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions and Appendix A.

## 9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The courses to be sailed will be as described in the Sailing Instructions on Port Phillip Bay.

## 10 EVENT CLASSIFICATION

- 7.1 Both regattas are classified as Category C events in accordance with ISAF Advertising Code.

## 11 SCORING

- 11.1 Up to four races per day may be sailed.
- 11.2 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - When from five to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

- c) When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## **12 SAFETY**

- 12.1 The safety declaration will be invalid unless the boat, together with its safety equipment, is maintained in accordance with the requirements of the relevant safety category.

## **13 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 13.1 Team Managers, coaches and other support personnel shall register with the host Club at the time of Registration specified in the Schedule. Support boats shall carry a VHF radio and comply with all local safety rules in accordance with Victorian Marine Regulations, and the instructions of the Race Committee. Approved Support Boats shall keep at least 100m clear of the course area during racing, except when asked to assist by an official from the race committee.

## **14 BERTHING**

- 14.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the Blairgowrie Safe Harbour.
- 14.2 Boat trailers should not be left in the BYS car park but may be left on the hardstand.

## **15 BOAT STORAGE**

- 15.1 Boats may be left at BYS for one week either side of the regatta. For more information please contact the BYS Sailing Office on (03) 5988 8453 or [sailing@bys.asn.au](mailto:sailing@bys.asn.au)

## **16 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 16.1 Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

## **17 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

- 17.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

## **18 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 18.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **19 PRIZES**

- 19.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three places in the Regatta. Other daily and overall prizes may be awarded. There will be a daily prize presentation at the conclusion of the each days racing.

## **20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 20.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 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.

## **21 INSURANCE**

- 21.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000.00 per event or the equivalent.

## **22 MEDIA AND IMAGE RIGHTS WAIVER**

- 22.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

## **23 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact;

**Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron – Sailing Office**

03 5988 8453 – [sailing@bys.asn.au](mailto:sailing@bys.asn.au)



Appendix A – Racing Area

