

LATROBE VALLEY YACHT CLUB Inc.**HAZELWOOD PONDAGE - MORWELL****NOTICE OF RACE – 2011/12****1. Schedule of Events.**

The Latrobe Valley Yacht Club Inc. (LVYC) invites all members, visitors and guests to participate in its program of events on the Hazelwood Pondage.

2. Rules.

The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Yachting Australia (YA) Prescriptions and Special Regulations Part 1 for Racing boats and Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats and the current class rules of each Class (except as any of these are changed by the sailing instructions) Race Category 6 for trailable boats will apply.

3. Alteration of Racing Rules.

Rule 40.1: Personal buoyancy.
Code flag 'Y' is considered to be permanently displayed.
Personal buoyancy must be worn as per state legislation.

4. Advertising

Advertising will be restricted to Category C

5. Eligibility and Entry

The program of events is open to:

5.1 Any yacht carrying a sail number (or distinguishing mark) may enter a race.

5.2 All skippers and crew **shall** hold a current AYF silver membership card.
Note that any sailors must be registered as a Gold / Silver card member if they participate in yacht races under the Racing Rules of Sailing (Blue Book)
- For Skippers – under Rule 46 – for every race
- For Crew – under Rules 55 – after participating in three races.

5.3 All boats **shall** have current third party public liability insurance cover. Details of the insurance cover of each boat being registered must be provided on the membership application form.

5.4 Crew numbers shall be as stated by class association rules. Skippers may apply for dispensation for special cases.

5.5 Yachts shall be grouped as follows: -

'M' multihull yachts.

'A' monohull yachts with Y.V. (or L.V.Y.C.) rating of 120 or less.

'B' monohull yachts with Y.V. (or L.V.Y.C.) rating of 120.1 or higher.

'C' yachts –Junior sailors under 16.

'D' yachts – Intermediate sailors

'E' yachts – Learner and inexperienced skippers (racing with C div)

The Committee reserves the right to place experienced and competent skippers from 'C' division into other divisions.

5.6 Entries shall be received, and skippers must sign on, prior to the warning signal for their Division. Skippers **must** provide their name and the name(s) of their crew, the yacht class and sail number, (eg: J Smith, Cherub, 2106) on the sign on sheet located at the base of the control tower.

Only those boats registered with the Latrobe Valley Yacht Club and having paid the registration fee or those who have paid the entry fee shall be deemed to have entered.

Skippers must sign off at the completion of each race within 30 minutes of the last boat completing the course. Skippers who fail to sign off shall be recorded as DNF.

5.7 When registering for the year a skipper must nominate the boat he is to sail. If other boats are sailed during the season points accrued shall be applied to the boats separately not accumulated.

6. Entry Fees

6.1 Entry fee is \$5 for visitors for each race, except 'C' division, which is free.

6.2 An annual registration fee for boats owned by club members of \$45, payable before the first race of the season, shall be deemed to be the entry fee for all club events listed in the program.

7. Measurements.

7.1 Measurement certificates are not mandatory.

7.2 All yachts must comply with class restrictions. Where a yacht does not comply, either through problem with construction and/or measurement, such discrepancies

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shall be notified to the handicapper and specified when registering for each race.
Allegations of measurement deficiencies shall be by means of protest.

8. Schedule of events.

Race dates and starting times are as published in 'Mainsheet' and posted on the notice board.

9. Sailing Instructions.

Sailing instructions are posted on the club notice board and are available from the Race Officer of the day.

10. Courses.

The course shall be as described in the sailing instructions.

11. Scoring.

11.1 Points shall be awarded to Latrobe Valley Yacht Club members sailing yachts owned by Latrobe Valley Yacht Club members only.

Should the skipper **or crew** of a yacht be non-financial after the first day of the racing calendar, that skipper and yacht will receive D.N.S. points until such time as the skipper and crew are financial.

11.2 The ' Low-point Scoring System ' RRS Appendix A4.1 will apply.

11.3 A yacht that come to the starting area but did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing or was disqualified shall be scored points for a finishing place one more than the number of yachts **entered in the race.** A yacht that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for a finishing place one more than the number of yachts **entered in the series.**

11.4 During the racing season two rating systems shall be used.

1. Yardstick ratings as published by Yachting Australia shall be used for mixed fleet sailing

2. Handicap ratings which are derived from Yachting Australia's yardstick system modified by the club handicapper, using results based on the personal performance of yacht /skipper/crew combinations in club races.

11.5 SERIES OF RACES: - A series of races shall be the best 5 out of 7 or 5 out of 5. If 3 or less are sailed it shall not constitute a series. Races not counted as a series are still used to calculate the Aggregate results

11.6 SEASON AGGREGATE: - The number of races to count shall be the nearest whole number to 2/3rds of the points score races with the best results to count. The Rear Commodores series is not included in these results.

11.7 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP is calculated from the results of all aggregate races except that these are fleet and not divisional results. The results are calculated using times from the longest common course sailed by all divisions.

11.8 ROSTERED DUTY:-Skipper/Crew who carry out rostered duty will receive points calculated on average results over each series. A skipper/crew can only receive points once per series or four times for aggregate results. This shall not affect the points of skippers/crew who sail the race. Skipper /Crew who fail to do duty or organise a replacement for their duty will be awarded points for DNC these points shall be applied and cannot be dropped in the final score.

The scores for duty personnel may at the discretion of the committee be modified when a number is required by the committee to carry out duty more than once a series, to a maximum of 5 races using the same principle of average scores

12. Prizes.

12.1 Points Score Races are nominated in the Sailing Program.

12.2 For non-point score races, trophies will be awarded to the formula in clause 12.3 or as directed by the Committee.

12.3 **Yardstick trophies** will be awarded to yachts and regular crew(s) in each Division for each series and for the season aggregate as follows:

Average number of starters
over series or season
as appropriate

Number of trophies

Less than 3	1
Between 3 and less than 6	1 & 2
Between 6 and less than 10	1, 2, & 3
Between 10 and less than 17	1, 2, 3, & 4
17 and over	20% + 1

12.4 **Handicap trophies** will be awarded as follows:

12.4.1 To the winning skipper and crew **of each point score race**, where all boats sail as a fleet, with results calculated on the time taken to complete the longest common course and will be presented on the next race day.

12.4.2 To the winning skipper and regular crew in each division for **each series** and for **season aggregate**. Yardstick trophy winners are excluded from these awards, (except as advised by the committee).

12.4.3 To qualify for these awards, skippers (and crew) must have started in the series or aggregate as appropriate.

12.5 Perpetual Trophies are provided for 'M', 'A', 'B', and 'C' (Junior) champions on yardstick and for Open Junior Club Champion.

12.5.1. Club Champion (E.A. Goode Perpetual Trophy)

Points shall be awarded to skippers (in partnership with a designated yacht) in 'M', A and 'B' divisions only. **(Skippers shall not seek advantage such by switching yachts to suit weather conditions.)** For the purposes of this award, each club championship aggregate race shall be deemed to have been finished at the end of the third lap or the last lap sailed by the division which has sailed the shortest course, whichever is the least.

If during additional lap(s) for divisional results a yacht(s) infringes the racing rules or sailing instructions, penalties incurred will not be applied to the 'Club Champion' results, unless the infringement is against boat(s) still sailing the 'Club Championship' course.

12.5.2. Open Junior Club Champion (Peter Bromilow Memorial Trophy)

As for club champion, but skipper must be under 18 years of age or under as at 1 July.

NOTE: It is possible for the Open Junior Club Champion to be Club Champion.

12.5.3. Most Improved (Hookes Trophy)

Open to all divisions and based on comparison of each skipper's performance in his or her first and last series of the season.

12.5.4 Most Consistent (Blue Rock Trophy)

Awarded to the skipper who sails the greatest number of point score races in the season. In the event of a tie, it shall be broken in favour of the skipper whose finishing place in each race varied the least.

13 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participating in L V Y C's program of events, enter entirely at their own risk. See rule 4. Decision to Race.

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

Latrobe Valley yacht Club Inc, its associates and appointees will not accept any liability for personal or material damage, injury or death or inconvenience sustained with, prior to or after any programmed event.

14. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 per event or the equivalent.