



RONALD YOUNG & CO BUILDERS
INCL. THE HUON AQUACULTURE COCK OF THE HUON RACE
Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd September
conducted by the
DERWENT SAILING SQUADRON AND HUON YACHT CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE

The 51st Pipe Opener Series will again be conducted by the Derwent Sailing Squadron in conjunction with the Huon Yacht Club from the 20th September to 22nd September 2019. The series is a unique event, but importantly it is the only one in Australia open to all types of keel boats, including trailable yachts and multihulls, where the first and major race starts and finishes at night. Previous series have been an outstanding success and the organisers look forward to your participation again this year.

1. RULES

The series will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-20, Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS).

RRS 50.2 is changed to allow the use of fixed or retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.

Between 2000 hours and 0600 hours local time the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea shall replace the Rules of RRS Part 2.

RRS 52 is changed by adding "The use of stored power may be used for the hoisting, reefing or furling of sails"

2. ELIGIBILITY

The series is open to all keel boats registered with any Australian Sailing affiliated yacht club which satisfy the safety regulations set down for the series, Special Regulations 2017-2020 CAT 5N, as amended in section 4, however the organising authority, the Derwent Sailing Squadron, reserves the right to refuse or reject any entry.

The series will be conducted using PHS for all boats and IRC and AMS allowances for the IRC and/or AMS boats with a current certificate (if sufficient entries warrant) issued in accordance with Australian Sailing Measurement protocols.



3. RACES AND GROUPS

The series will consist of three races as follows:

Race 1	Friday	20 th September 2019	Hobart to Garden Island
Race 2	Saturday	21 st September 2019	Cock of the Huon Race
Race 3	Sunday	22 nd September 2019	Port Huon to Gordon

The fleet will be divided into groups. The Race Committee will allocate yachts to a particular group after entries have been received and the composition of each group will be displayed with the handicaps on the Squadron notice board and will be available from 1300 hrs on 20th September 2019.

STARTING TIMES

Race 1	All Groups	1900 hrs
Race 2	First Group starts at	1330 hrs
Race 3	All Groups	0930 hrs

4. SAFETY REGULATIONS

Boats competing in the Friday night race of the Pipe Opener Series must comply with the safety regulations of Australian Sailing 2017 - 2020 Special Regulations, Section 2 Category 5N, except that a fitted VHF transceiver is mandatory, this amends Australian Sailing Special Regulations Section 3 - Part 2; 3.25.1(b).

For all other races in the Pipe Opener Series boats must comply with the safety regulations of Australian Sailing 2017-2020 Special Regulations, Section 2 Category 7. Boats may be inspected at any time and shall demonstrate compliance with these regulations.

The attention of all persons taking part in the Series is drawn to the requirement to be aware of the application of the *Marine Safety (Misuse of Alcohol) Act 2006*.

The Person in Charge is also reminded of the crew requirement for the wearing of PFDs at night. Where full lifelines are not provided PFD's must be worn at all times.

It is also recommended that entrants have a practised Man Overboard Procedure that all crew members are made fully aware of.

Minimum number of crew for the Friday night race is (3) three, unless dispensation has been sort and granted before close of entries and minimum crew for other races is (2) two.

5. ENTRIES ANS CREW LISTS

Boats competing in the 2019 Pipe Opener must lodge an entry form and final crew list with the Derwent Sailing Squadron no later than 1500 hours on Wednesday 18th September 2019.

Entries and crew lists can be lodged either by a paper form at the Squadron office or online at <https://dssinc.org.au>

6. MOORING FACILITIES

Mooring and marina facilities will be at the Port Huon Marina.

7. CATERING

Pre-race meals will be available from the DSS from 4.30pm on Friday 20th September.

Egg and Bacon breakfast rolls will be available on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd September at the Kermandie Hotel. A \$35 per person presentation buffet dinner will be available on Saturday night the 21st September at the conclusion of the Cock of the Huon Race at the Kermandie Hotel.

8. PRIZE GIVING

Prizes for overall winner and division winners of the Cock of the Huon Race will be presented at the Kermandie Hotel on Saturday night 21st September 2019. All other prizes will be presented at a prize night to be held at the Derwent Sailing Squadron on Friday 1st November 2019.