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ST LEONARDS YACHT CLUB & MOTOR SQUADRON Inc.

NOTICE OF RACE

2023/24 OFF THE BEACH (OTB) SERIES

The Organising Authority is the ST LEONARDS YACHT CLUB & MOTOR SQUADRON Inc.

St Leonards Yacht Club & Motor Squadron Inc. (SLYCMS) invites entries for the 2023-24 Sailing season to be sailed off St Leonards.

1. RULES

- 1.1. All series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Addendum A Part 2, and the current class rules for the competing classes and by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. SLYCMS Membership, All persons on board shall be either a member of SLYCMS or comply with SLYCMS's Sail Membership requirements or member of another Australian Sailing affiliated club.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. Entry is open to all OTB classes and Trailable yachts with a Class Based Handicap (CBH).
- 2.2. Eligible SLYCMS members may enter via the web at www.stleonardsycms.com.au. Boats who have not registered will not be scored.
- 2.3. Non-members shall enter via Race officer of the day, paying the casual race fee.

3. ENTRY FEES

- 3.1. The entry fee for all SLYCMS members is payable for the season online at www.stleonardsycms.com.au under events.
- 3.2. The entry fees for non-SLYCMS member boats is \$10 per race day.

4. RACE PROGRAM

- 4.1. The Warning Signal for each series is as follows:

Series	Warning Signal
Founders Day	No earlier than 1400
Australia Day Regatta	No earlier than 1100
All Other Series	No earlier than 1300

- 4.2. A maximum of three (3) races per day will be counted to the series scores.
- 4.3. There shall be no re-sails.
- 4.4. The 2023-24 Race program with dates will be published in the SLYCMS Sailing Calendar available at www.stleonardsycms.com.au

5. DIVISIONS

Boats shall race in Divisions as described in the OTB Sailing Instructions 2023-24.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The 2023-24 OTB Sailing Instructions will be available from the Club website at www.stleonardsycms.com.au

7. RACING AREA

The races will be conducted on Port Phillip off ST LEONARDS YACHT CLUB & MOTOR SQUADRON.

8. COURSES

Courses will be as described in the SLYCMS Sailing Instructions 2023-24.

9. PRIZES

- 9.1. Prizes will be awarded to the boats placing first, second and third in each series in each division where more than four competitors have participated in the series. These prizes will be presented at the Presentation Night. The trophies for the 2023 Winter Series will be awarded at the 2023/24 Presentation Night.
- 9.2. Visitors are not eligible to receive series scores or trophies.

10. SAFETY

All competitors are responsible for the sea worthiness of their own boat. Competitors must wear appropriate PFD's at all times and must comply with the sign on/off requirements of the Sailing Instructions.

11. LIABILITY

- 11.1. All those taking part in races conducted by ST LEONARDS YACHT CLUB & MOTOR SQUADRON Inc. do so at their own risk and responsibility. ST LEONARDS YACHT CLUB & MOTOR SQUADRON, its staff, officers, and volunteers accept no responsibility whatsoever for the seaworthiness of boats whose entries are accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.

11.2. Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3: The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

11.3. ST LEONARDS YACHT CLUB & MOTOR SQUADRON, its staff, officers, and volunteers accept no responsibility whatsoever for loss or damage to boats or equipment or personal injury or death associated with races conducted by the Club.

12. INSURANCE

All competing yachts shall have Third Party insurance for an amount of not less than Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000).

13. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information may be obtained from SLYCMS as follows:

E-mail info@stleonardsycms.com.au

Website www.stleonardsycms.com.au