



2019-20

Port Phillip Women's Championship Series

Notice of Race



The 2019-2020 Port Phillip Women's Championship Series (PPWCS) will be conducted between 1st December 2019 and 3rd May 2020.

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1** The Organising Authority (OA) is Australian Sailing in conjunction with the host clubs for each regatta listed in the schedule of races.
- 1.2** The host clubs for each of the five individual race days of the series will conduct and take responsibility for their specific event and act as race committee of that event.

2 RULES

- 2.1** The Port Phillip Women's Championship Series (PPWCS) shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1
- 2.2** The Performance Handicapping Rules of Australian Sailing, the rules of the AMS and the rules of the IRC shall apply.
- 2.3** The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1, Sections 1 – 6, Category 6
- 2.4** Marine VHF Radios shall be carried, capable of operating on channels 12, 15, 16, 67, 69, 71, 73 & 77
- 2.5** All boats shall have Safety Compliance Declaration for Category 6 lodged with their club for the 2019-2020 season before racing.

3 ADVERTISING

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

4 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1** Entry is open to keelboats with a valid AMS or IRC rating or Performance Handicap
- 4.2** A boat's helm in all races shall be female, a member of a Club affiliated to an MYA and hold an Australian Sailing number.
- 4.3** Any change of helm during the series shall be notified to the host club by 1200 hrs on the Friday before each race.

- 4.4 Entry to the Series is online through TopYacht accessed via each of the host clubs websites and through the SheSails website at <https://www.shesails.org.au/ppwc/>
- 4.5 Casual Entry for those participating in only selected race days including their own club event will also be available through this portal.
- 4.6 Substitution of boats during the Port Phillip Women’s Championship Series shall not be allowed.
- 4.7 Crewing restrictions apply for races in the series as follows;

Division 1 – All female crew

Division 2 – Mixed crew with females in lead roles

- 4.8 Each Division 2 eligible boat shall not exceed the maximum number of male crew as determined by the table below. There is no prescribed minimum number of male crew. A male crew member shall not occupy a key position of helmsperson, foredeck hand or mainsail trimmer.

Total Crew Number	Maximum number of Male Crew
3 or less	1
4 to 6	2
7 or more	3

- 4.9 Crew lists shall be lodged prior to each race day for safety reasons, electronic communications and to determine eligibility for prizes.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Series entry fees will be \$120.00.
- 5.2 Competitors choosing to participate in only selected race days will be deemed as a casual entry and will not be scored for the Series.
- 5.3 Casual entry fee will be \$30 per race day.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES 2019 - 2020

Dates	Event	Club	No. of races scheduled
Sunday 1 st December 2019	Shirley Freeman Memorial Trophy & Meltemi Cup	Hobsons Bay Yacht Club	1
Sunday 16 th February 2020	Jennifer Goldsmith Trophy	Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron	1
Sunday 1 st March 2020	Val Hodge Trophy	Royal Yacht Club of Victoria	2
Sunday 22 nd March 2020	Women in Sailing Challenge (WISC)	Sandringham Yacht Club	3
Sunday 3 rd May 2020	Brighton Ladies Skippers Series (BLISS)	Royal Brighton Yacht Club	3

7 MEASUREMENT, RATINGS and HANDICAPS

7.1 PHS

Event Handicaps will be as supplied by the Performance Handicapping Committee of Australian Sailing. Event Handicaps will be calculated as a series for the PPWC Series.

7.2 AMS and IRC

AMS and IRC results will use rating certificates current at 1200 hrs on the Friday before each race. A copy of a current certificate shall be provided to the Race Committee upon request.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS, RACING AREA AND COURSES

- 8.1 Sailing Instructions which apply to each event will be issued by the host club for each race day.
- 8.2 Racing will be on Port Phillip Bay, as detailed in the respective Sailing Instructions.
- 8.3 Courses will be as described in the respective Sailing Instructions.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a Series.
- 9.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 9.3 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10 RESULTS

- 10.1 Host Clubs will post the race day results on their club website along with race day reports.
- 10.2 Series results will be posted on the She Sails website at the following link
<https://www.shesails.org.au/ppwc/>

11 PRIZES

- 11.1 Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority and for Perpetual Trophies as follows
- 11.2 The **Kingston Trophies Port Phillip Women's Championship Series Perpetual Trophy** will be engraved with the winners in Division 1 for IRC, AMS and PHS and will reside for the following season at the club of the winner of the IRC or AMS, determined by whichever rating system has the higher number of Series entries.
- 11.3 **The Custom Yacht Covers Perpetual Trophy** will be engraved with the winners in Division 2 for, IRC, AMS and PHS and will reside for the following season at the club of the winner of the IRC or AMS, determined by whichever rating system has the higher number of Series entries.
- 11.4 The **Kingston Trophies PPWCS Perpetual Teams Trophy** will be awarded to the club with the highest level of participation, scored using the following criteria –
 - a) Number of boats participating from each club as a percentage of the total number of boats on their keelboat register.
 - b) Each boat will be scored one point for each race sailed. Boats competing in all ten races will receive double points at the end of the Series.
 - c) Participating female crew will be scored one point for each race sailed.
 - d) Female crew under 29yrs or over 60yrs will be scored two points for each race sailed.

- 11.5** **Class Trophies** will be awarded for the first boat in PHS for One Design Classes with five or more boats entering the series.
- 11.6** Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

12 DISCLAIMERS OF LIABILITY

- 12.1** Competitors participate in the regatta 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.'
- 12.2** The Organising 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.

13 INSURANCE

- 13.1** All boats shall carry third party and public liability insurance with a minimum value of \$10 Million per event.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

14.1 **Boat owners/ skippers/Helms are reminded of their obligations:**

- a) Under Rule 2 of the Performance Handicap Rules
- b) That they must use the sail and weight configuration as outlined in the boat IRC or AMS certificate.

14.2 **Competitor attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rules 3:** Fundamental Rule 3 – Acceptance of the Rules:

'By participating in a race conducted under these racing rules, each competitor and boat owner agrees-

- a) To be governed by the rules;
- b) To accept the penalties imposed and other action taken under the rules, subject to appeal and review procedures provided in them, as the final determination of any matter arising under the rules and
- c) with respect to any such determination, not to resort to any court of law or tribunal

15 MEDIA

- 15.1** By participating in the Series, competitors grant to the Organising Authority and Australian Sailing and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television

and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

15.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras/sound equipment as specified by the Organising Authority.

15.3 The competitors as well as the individual race winners may be required for interviews.

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Royal Brighton Yacht Club	9592 3092	Marnie Irving
Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron	9534 0227	Kim Rosman
Royal Yacht Club of Victoria	9397 1277	Liesl Petterd
Sandringham Yacht Club	9599 0907	Sally Williams