



Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta

11 - 14 June 2021

Notice of Race

Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, as the organising authority, invites entries for the 2021 Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta (AWKR), to be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip from Saturday 12 June to Monday 14 June 2021

1. Rules

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by:
 - 1.1.1. The World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
 - 1.1.2. The Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) Part 1 for racing boats
 - 1.1.3. The Australian Measurement System (AMS)
 - 1.1.4. The IRC rules parts 1, 2 and 3
 - 1.1.5. The event handicap system (EHC)
 - 1.1.6. The requirements of the Port of Melbourne Corporation (PoMC)
- 1.2. IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply for this regatta

2. Advertising

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

3. Eligibility

- 3.1. The regatta is open to keelboats on the register of a yacht club affiliated with AS. Overseas boats must be from an organization affiliated with World Sailing through their National Authority. Documented evidence of this must be submitted with the entry.
- 3.2. Boats are to be crewed exclusively by women. Australian crew must be affiliated with AS and provide their AS number with entry. Overseas crews must be affiliated with World Sailing through their National Authority. Documented evidence of this must be submitted with entry.
- 3.3. Safety Category 6 shall apply. Teams shall ensure a current Australia Sailing 2017-2021 Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form (category 6) has been lodged and accepted at the boat's home club prior to the event. A copy of the audit form shall be supplied by the team to the RMYS Sailing Coordinator via email to awkr@rmys.com.au. Entries will not be confirmed until this form is received. Spot checks in relation to category 6 audit forms may be conducted during the regatta by appropriately qualified personnel.
- 3.4. Marine VHF radios shall be carried and must be capable of operating on channels 12, 15, 16, 67, 69, 71, 72 & 73

4. Entry Fees

- 4.1. Entries shall only be accepted by the online entry system available on www.awkr.com.au from 31 January 2020.
- 4.2. The entry fee for the regatta is \$85 per crew member payable via the online entry system.
- 4.3. Entries close at 1700hrs on Friday 14 May 2021.
- 4.4. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

5. Divisions and Handicapping

- 5.1. Races shall be conducted using the AMS and IRC rating systems and an event handicap. Event handicaps (EHC) will be handicapped by the regatta handicapper.
- 5.2. Boats may enter in the EHC, AMS and IRC divisions. Boats entering the AMS and IRC divisions must have a certificate valid for the duration of the regatta.
- 5.3. A copy of the boat's valid AMS and/or IRC certificate must be provided to the Sailing Coordinator no later than 1700hrs on Tuesday 8 June 2021.
- 5.4. There may be up to three divisions. Boats will be allocated to division 1, 2 or 3 at the discretion of the organising authority, based on their allocated event handicap. Boats may not change division. A one design keelboat class with six or more entrants will have their own class results.
- 5.5. To be considered for any one design trophy that may be awarded, S80 class yachts are required to sail with fractional spinnakers, rather than masthead spinnakers. Should an S80 class yacht choose to sail with a masthead spinnaker, they will not be eligible for the one design trophy and will need to advise the organising authority as soon as possible (and no later than 1700hrs on Tuesday 8 June 2021) in order to have their handicap adjusted.

6. Schedule

6.1.

Date	Number of Races	First Warning Signal
Sat 12 June 2021	2	0955hrs
Sun 13 June 2021	2	0955hrs
Mon 14 June 2021	2	0955hrs

- 6.2. One extra race per race day may be sailed provided races do not become more than one ahead of schedule.
- 6.3. The race committee may give prior notice about when the long race will be run so that crews can prepare accordingly.
- 6.4. No warning signal will be made after 1500hrs on Monday 14 June 2021

7. Sailing Instructions

- 7.1. Sailing Instructions will be available no later than Friday 4 June 2021.

8. Racing Area

- 8.1. The race courses will be laid on the waters of Port Phillip, west of the St Kilda breakwater and east of the shipping channel. The long-distance course may extend as far as Brighton.

9. Courses

- 9.1. The courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. Scoring

- 10.1. Six (6) races are scheduled of which three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2. When three (3) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.3. When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11. Support Boats

- 11.1. Support boats shall not enter the course area, starting area, finishing area or go closer than 100m to any boat racing between the first preparatory signal for the first division to start and when the last boat finishes, or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment,

except under the advisement of the regatta RO. The penalty for failing to comply with the requirement may, after protest, be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support vessel.

12. Berthing

12.1. Berths will be available free of charge for visiting boats who apply for a berth via email to the Sailing Coordinator awkr@rmys.com.au. Berths must be applied for at the time of entry.

13. Radio Communication

13.1. 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.

14. Prizes and Trophies

14.1. Prizes will be presented on the afternoon of Monday 14 June 2021.

14.2. Trophies will be awarded as follows:

The Aurora Trophy	1 st place on EHC in Div 1
Trophy Name TBC	1 st place on EHC in Div 2
Brian McDermott and Paul Andrew Measurement System Perpetual Trophy	1 st place on AMS in Div 1
Trophy Name TBC	1 st place on AMS in Div 2
Anne Marie Pope/Tracy Luke Trophy	1 st place on IRC in Div 1
Trophy Name TBC	1 st place on IRC in Div 2
Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta S80 One Design Class Perpetual Trophy	1 st placed S80
Rohan Brownlee Leadership and Endeavour Perpetual Award	
Best Performed Owner/Skipper Trophy	
Women's Keelboat Championship Most Improved Performance	
Novice Skipper Trophy	

14.3. To be eligible for the Novice Skipper Trophy it must be the candidates first time helming at the AWKR and they must have less than 12 months of regular helming experience. Candidates shall nominate themselves as a novice upon entry by emailing awkr@rmys.com.au. The organising authority will review and approve all nominations.

14.4. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

15. Disclaimer of Liability

15.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rules 4, Decision to Race. "The responsibility for the decision of a boat to race or continue racing is hers alone". 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.

16. Insurance

16.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD 10 Million per event or the equivalent.

Further information

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