



NOTICE OF RACE '2018 WEST HARBOUR WINTER SERIES'

1. Invitation

An invitation is extended to owners of eligible boats to enter the '2018 West Harbour Winter Series' comprising of 7 Pointscore races. The Organising Authority is the Balmain Sailing Club ("BSC").

2. Races Schedule

Race 1	6 May 2018
Race 2	20 May
Race 3	3 June
Race 4	17 June
Race 5	1 July
Race 6	15 July
Race 7	29 July 2018

3. Divisions

Racing will be conducted in divisions determined by the number of entries received.

4. Rules

The races will be governed by the *rules*, as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020 ("RRS") of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF), and the prescriptions and regulations of Yachting Australia ("**Special Regulations**") these may be amended by the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

The sailing instructions will be available on the BSC's website before 1 May 2018: www.balmainsailingclub.com.

The Sailing Committee of the BSC will be the Race Committee under the RRS.

Changes to the RRS:

RRS 50.2 and 50.3: Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits will be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.

5. Courses

The courses shall be as detailed in the *2018 West Harbour Winter Series Sailing Instructions*.

6. Handicaps / Scoring

Scoring for the series will comprise both Performance (PHS) and Measurement (ORC club) systems.

The default system will be PHS with handicaps based on time correction factors (TCF) as determined by the Sailing Committee.

Entrants wishing to also participate in the Measurement system pointscore will be required to produce a valid ORC Club Certificate. <http://www.orc.org/index.asp?id=25>

The scoring system details will be set out in the sailing instructions.

7. Eligibility

Yachts shall comply with the Special Regulations Part 1 for Race Category 7. An audited Special Regulations Equipment Form for Category 7 (or higher) shall accompany the entry form if not already held by the Balmain Sailing Club, Greenwich Flying Squadron (GFS), Parramatta River Sailing Club (PRSC) or Drummoyne Sailing Club (DSC).

8. Trophies and Prizes

Prizes will be awarded, for PHS results, to the first, second and third placing boats in each division at the BSC, or other nominated club, following the race.

Trophies will also be awarded to first, second and third placing in the Series Pointscore in each Division.

The pointscore series is only open to series entries.

9. Results and List of Entries

Results will be published on the BSC's website.

10. Entry & Entry Fees

Entry should be completed via the www.balmainsailingclub.com website.

Entry fees are:-

\$50 Series Entry

\$35 Casual Race Fee

The BSC will waive the entry fee to the 2018 West Harbour Winter Series for boats from DSC, GFS and PRSC who have entered and paid the 2017/2018 season race fees for their club.