



# MBYC Winter Series 2010

## Notice of Event

Sunday 20 June 2010, Sunday 11 July 2010,  
Sunday 25 July 2010, Sunday 15 August 2010.  
Starting time 12:00 noon

1. **Invitation** – MBYC extends an invitation to owners and skippers of eligible yachts to compete in the 2010 Winter series.
2. **Rules** - The Racing Rules of Sailing published by Yachting Australia do not formally apply to these social events. However, the International Rules for the Prevention of Collision at Sea (the Col.Reg.) are statutory and remain in force at all times.
3. **Eligibility** - All yachts capable of safely completing the course are eligible. Yachts may enter for single events or all 4 races in the series. The following are minimum eligibility requirements:-
  - a. compliance with Queensland Transport safety requirements for the type and size of vessel;
  - b. for series entries, the owner of the yacht and at least one person on board during the event (this may be the same person) must be at least a social member of both the MBBC and the MBYC (visiting yachts may enter up to 3 individual events).

The committee reserves the right to refuse any entry.
4. **Entry fee** – Entry is **free** to all MBYC members/yachts. A fee of \$5.00 per race will apply to visiting yachts.
5. **Entering the event** – Yachts wishing to enter shall do so by logging on 15 min prior to the start to “Race Committee” via VHF77. (*It is requested that boats intending to race that have not held a MBYC handicap for 2 years notify the club handicapper or secretary a few days prior so that a new handicap may be issued*).
6. **Spinnakers and/or extras are not permitted.**
7. **Start** – The start time will be at precisely 12:00 noon GPS time. No warning signals will be given. The start line will be between the yellow special mark at the entrance to Scarborough harbor and a yellow buoy laid to its North. The start line will be of ample length.

Yachts motoring within 5 minutes of the start must complete a 360 degree turn (under sail alone) after the start time and prior to crossing the start line.
8. **Premature starters** - Premature starters will be called of VHF 77 by the PRO or a designate. Yachts wishing to protest suspected early starters shall notify the PRO or other committee member via VHF 77 or hail up to 5 minutes after the start time.
9. **Course** – The traditional Winter series course will apply to this event. This shall be:-
  - **START**
  - **Reef Point to Starboard**
  - **Garnet Rock to port,**
  - **Reef Point to port**
  - **FINISH.**
10. **Shortening of course** – There will be no shortening of the course.
11. **Finish** – The finish line will be between the start marks. Yachts are to record their own finish times and advise “Race Committee” on VHF77 ASAP after the finishing.



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- 12. Other Safety Requirements** - All yachts MUST MAINTAIN RADIO WATCH on VHF radio channel 77 at all times while racing. This does not vitiate a yacht's responsibility under MSQ requirements to monitor VHF 16.
- 13. Handicaps** - Handicaps will be assigned to yachts in accordance with the guidelines detailed in the MBYC HANDBOOK. Adjustments may be made based on past perceived performance. The handicapper's decision will be final.
- 14. Scoring** - The RRS low point score system will be used (i.e. as for the Summer series). There will be no discarded races.
- 15. Sailing instructions** – these will not be issued as all information required is within this document.
- 16. Insurance** - It is a condition of entry that each boat is covered for third party property and public liability insurance to a minimum of \$5,000,000.
- 17. Presentation and Prizes** – The Presentation of prizes for individual events will take place on the MBYC deck approximately 60 minutes after the last yacht finishes that event. Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> as well as line honours. Presentation of the Winter Series trophies (winner and runner up) will be either at the MBYC Xmas event or the following MBYC annual dinner.
- 18. Fair sailing** - All yachts are requested to compete in a courteous way giving other yachts appropriate room during the passage and at marks of the course. Marks of the course are to be treated as though they were immovable obstructions with only one side of safe passage. Special attention should be given to Col.Regs. Rule 5 (*Look-out*), Rule 7 (*Risk of collision*) and Rule 8 (*Action to avoid collision*). If in doubt, assume a risk exists and take early (and courteous) action (Rule 7 (a)).

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