

OTTER ROCK PLATE 2016



Notice to MBBC Competitors

1. Invitation – The QCYC has extended an invitation to owners and skippers of eligible yachts to compete in the annual *Otter Rock Plate* scheduled to commence at 11:00am on Sunday 17th July 2016. This special event is open to all eligible MBBC yachts. The race is an inter-club challenge event with the winning club being decided on a team performance basis.

The MBBC will be holding a concurrent event. The QCYC event finish is at Otter Rock. MBBC yachts will complete that event then continue racing to finish the MBBC event at the Scarborough Harbour entrance.

Rules - The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS), the relevant safety prescriptions of Yachting Australia, the QCYC Notice of Race and the QCYC Sailing Instructions. The QCYC documents are available on the QCYC web site at the following address.

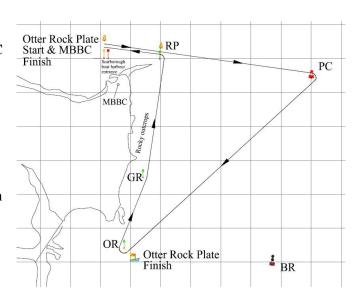
http://www.qcyc.com.au/go/ws/RaceInfo/RaceDocuments.aspx

- **3. Eligibility** Refer to the QCYC race documents.
- **4. Entry** Entries for the Otter Rock Plate must be via the QCYC web site. Entry in that event qualifies yachts for the MBBC concurrent event.
- **Course** The course for the Otter Rock Plate is described in the QCYC documents.

After finishing the Otter Rock Plate, MBBC yachts shall round the Otter Rock green beacon then continue with the Garnet Rock beacon and the Reef point beacon both taken to port to finish at the Scarborough Harbour entrance.

The Otter Rock Plate finish will be identified by a QCYC finish boat as per the QCYC Sailing Instructions.

The MBBC event finish will be an imaginary line extending northward from the Scarborough Harbour entrance yellow special mark with the adjacent entrance green beacons in transit.



MBBC yachts must advise their finish time via VHF 77.

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- **6.** Additional Safety Requirements All yachts <u>MUST MAINTAIN</u> RADIO WATCH on VHF 77 at all times while racing.
- 7. Handicaps Handicaps will be assigned to yachts based on their historical club performance handicaps. Yachts entering the Otter Rock Plate will be assigned handicaps by QCYC. Handicaps for the concurrent MBBC event will be assigned by the MBBCSS.
- **8. Sailing Instructions -** Sailing instructions are available via the QCYC web site. Those Sailing Instructions will also apply to the concurrent MBBC event as applicable.
- **Insurance -** It is a condition of entry that each boat is covered by third party & public liability insurance to a minimum value prescribed by their own home club. For the MBBC participants the minimum 3rd party & public liability cover is \$10,000,000. Such insurance should cover all risks arising whilst the competitor is participating in any way in the race, whether ashore or afloat
- **10. Presentation and Trophies** The Otter Rock Plate presentation will be as per the QCYC documentation.
 - The MBBC event placing announcements will be after the event at the MBBC clubhouse.
- 11. Notification of the intention to race Notwithstanding formal entry via the QCYC web site, MBBC members intending to enter the event must advise the MBBC via email at sports@mbbc.org.au prior to Wednesday 13th July 2016.

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