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Classic Yacht Association O F A U S T R A L I A



**Twenty four consecutive years of
Classic Yacht racing on Port Phillip.**

CYAA 2019/2020 Summer Series Race 6 Scheduled Sunday Feb 2nd



**ACROSPIRE IV
Returns to racing at
Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron (Ex RStKYC)
Feb 2 2020**

Our aim is to promote the appreciation and participation of sailing classic yachts and help preserve the historic and cultural significance of these unique vessels.

24 straight years of Classic Yacht racing on Port Phillip

Scratch those long time members who bought the CYAA into being. Blood type will be, "I told you so".

Those association founders knew if they were prepared to go through all the drama's of saving our yacht racing heritage then there must be others. The entries for Race 6 on Sunday show how correct they were. If you want confirmation of how healthy the classic yacht restoration world is stick your head into Ferdi Darly's shed.

For all supporters of Classic Yacht racing, our first race on Port Phillip for the year 2020 is indicative of the strength and credibility of your association.

The Race 6 story

The first Classic Yacht (Vic) race for 2020 is a not to be missed standout. A class and A+ Class classic yachts with Tumlarens in between is set to happen.

The opportunity to watch the clean hulled Acrospire III and Acrospire IV with their former adversary Frances compete for the start line with Classics from the 1950's and 1960's is only the start of a Classic Yacht racing on



Acrospire IV at RYCV moving from low loader to travel lift 28 Jan 2020



Acrospire all set for Race 6. The blue stern of Mistral IX shows her receiving a race 6 prep tweak from Ferdi Darley

Port Phillip headline occasion.

Once again it's a guessing battle between the weather and our course designer. For Race 6 only two special courses have been set up. Take note, the RMYS Notice to competitors regarding marks C and D are still in effect.. Courses are set up to have all the fleet to sail the same course give an overall fleet corrected time based on start time offset's. All divisions will have corrected and line honours podium placings. The extra leg for the A+ class is intended to give them a longer on course race and keep racing with our A class and Tumlarens instead of an early going home. Plenty of opportunity for Race 6 glory is there for all starters. Three division results management isn't new to the classic fleet. All done previously for our 2019 Cup Regatta.

The CYAA recognises the significant effort and cost our Race 6 skippers have put in to make this significant Classic Yacht race event happen. To bring Acrospire IV over from Perth to her old Melbourne home at RMYS for her sale promotion campaign is no small commitment to sustaining her racing future. [Take a look at this link](#) It describes the effort by her owner Gary Martin put in to bring Acrospire IV back to full racing trim.

The success of Summer Series Race 6 is important to all CYAA members.

Race 6 on water photographer

Throughout the race, close up classic yacht racing moments between all classes will be on hand for our photographer, Andy Indrans, to capture. Andy will be all over the Race 6 fleet on the RMYS RIB Rohan Brownlee. His low resolution file will be available on the [Andy Indrans web site photography](#) page sometime Sunday evening.

St. Kilda breakwater is the place

To watch all the race six action the St. Kilda breakwater is the place. Division one is off at 10:30am. The courses are set up to allow viewing of all the Race start/finish line and round the sticks race action. With 15-20 knots westerlies forecast for Sunday all those glamour photos of classic yacht racing will be on display in real life.

Race 6 Sailing Instructions and entries

Here's the links to download the [Race 6 Sailing Instructions V1.4](#) and the [Race 6 entry list V4 with the allocated handicaps](#). Course descriptions and maps are included in the Sailing Instructions.

Race 6 Divisions A Class, A+ Class and Tumlarens

Race 6 will be conducted with the fleet in three divisions. Names of these division are based on yacht racing in the 1930's and 1940s. Race 6 entries were allocated divisions based on what they would have race under in these now Classic Yacht division.

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| ● Division One | A Class Classics. | Naval Numeral One | Yacht ID Flag White |
| ● Division Two | Tumlarens | Naval Numeral Two | Yacht ID flag Yellow |
| ● Division Three | A+ Class Classics | Naval Numeral Three | Yacht ID Flag Blue |

Divisions for race 6 will provide

- Safer start line for A+ Classics.
- All the fleet will have close up visuals of full on classic yacht racing. Best seats in the house.
- Three sets of podium placing opportunities.
- A combined division result. Same first around course for all divisions.
- More on course time for A+ Class Classics.
- Slower A Class Classics will have A+ Classic's for company when crossing their race finish line.
- Better mixed fleet photo opportunities.

Acrospire IV Crewing opportunity

While Acrospire IV can be raced competitively with three up at least six crew are needed if any kite flying is to be considered. The forecast and course indicate there will be opportunities to use spinnakers on the longer runs. Let the handicapper know if you want to be part of a classic that does 8.5 knots going 29 degrees to windward.

It's time to live again.

Those sirens of 10:30am Sunday are calling.

Best wishes to our Race six fleet and their skippers and crews. It's going to be an on water classic yacht racing spectacle.

Race 6 results will be published on the RYCV web site results page asap after the last boat home.

Times passing too fast

Other CYAA news including the Associations entries to the Geelong Wooden Boat Festival will be covered next week. Current GWBF status shows 13 entries. 12 are CYAA entries.

Regards to all

Peter Costoloe CYAA (Vic) Handicapper