

Proposal for NHTYA Off The Beach Division

Proposal: That NHTYA adopt an Off the Beach Division

1. A number of NHTYA members and a former member have been getting together each month to enjoy racing Off The Beach (OTB) sailing boats at Rathmines utilising the Catalina concrete apron near F Jetty as a rigging / staging area. Sailing is conducted in the immediate vicinity of the apron within the confines of Kilaben Bay.
2. This was initially ran to ascertain interest and longevity in conducting this activity in a semi-formal arrangement. Primarily this was thought to be an extension to the Lake Keppit Regatta that a number of members had participated in earlier.
3. This has now been running for well over two years and is slowly growing and gaining further interest.
4. To ensure safety for participants, Val & I purchased a 15' half cabin runabout to act as a support boat, with Val acting as the Starter. Val achieved her boat licence in January of this year. As a previously qualified Rescue Boat operator/instructor, I have been guiding Val's development within the realms of recovering OTB sail craft.
5. Upon completion of sailing, all participants meet together for to debrief on the day's sailing, where some coaching to improve sailing is exchanged.
6. What is missing is a form of protection for the organisers of the activities, this gives two options:
 - a. Form our own club with all the added requirements, constitutions, committee's, insurances, fees etc that would be required to become an entity, or
 - b. Attach the group to a known group aligned to the same activity with all the prerequisites already in place.

Guidelines

7. Must be a member of NHTYA and operate in accordance with the operating principles and constitution of NHTYA.
8. All OTB Division participants to have current YA affiliation.
9. Additional OTB race fee of \$10 per year (to cover 3 trophies).
10. Annually complete a OTB Equipment Audit IAW 2107-2021 AS Special Regulations Part 2 at <https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/site/iavluhqg3gtx9ejg.pdf>
11. All participating OTB boats to have a minimum of third party insurance current at the time of racing.
12. OTB events not to clash with NHTYA Trailable racing or cruising events.
13. OTB program will be adapted to the main calendar of the club, e.g. should the club move a cruise to an OTB date, the OTB date will be moved to enable full participation in the trailable event.
14. Should there be a clash between OTB and trailable guidelines, goals, rules, dates etc. Trailable will take precedence.
15. Approx 10 one day events per year, with intent to sail on a Saturday. With flexibility to move the event to the immediate Sunday in the case of inclement weather being forecast.
16. Have an OTB NoR & SI's as agreed with the NHTYA Race Officer.
17. Race scores to be calculated using the latest Australian Sailing published Dinghy and/or Catamaran yardsticks.
18. Only recognised OTB craft to participate (no trailables).

Benefits of adopting an OTB Division

19. New club members attracted to the OTB Division would hear about our trailable experiences and potentially move into becoming trailable crew and maybe even a trailable owner. This makes the OTB Division a feeder element into the main part of the club.
20. Enables sail training at a more personal level within a close environment, overseen by a recovery craft. Trailerable owners could join in and get refresh training (in an OTB boat).

Example fee rates

21. Existing club member & owner
 - a. NHTYA Membership \$90
 - b. Race Fees – Spring & Autumn \$60
 - c. YA Affiliation \$40
 - d. OTB Racing \$10
22. New OTB member
 - a. NHTYA Membership \$90
 - b. YA Affiliation \$40
 - c. OTB Racing \$10
23. Val and Brian
 - a. NHTYA Membership \$90
 - b. Race Fees – Spring & Autumn \$60
 - c. YA Affiliation x 2 \$80
 - d. OTB Racing (Val does not race) \$10

For your consideration

Brian & Val Harrison

Current Participants:

Val Harrison	Starter & Support Boat Operator
Brian Harrison	Windrush catamaran, Corsair, Moth Scow
Pam Shipway	Laser Radial, Crews on Hydra catamaran
Jacob Ridley	Laser, Skippers Hydra catamaran
Warren Parrott	Maricat 4.3
Tom Howell	Windrush catamaran, Laser, Corsair
John Pateman	Laser Radial
Gary Chalmers	Laser