

SUPER40

Super 40 Class 2023/2024

After incredible racing in the last two Hamilton Island series, and all stemming from the birth of the class in the last 10 years of the Sydney Harbour Regatta, it is now time to strive for the full potential of the Super 40 concept.

The Mission:

To race bow sprit boats between 31 and 44 feet in the PHRF and ORC Club Handicaps system.

The Format:

A mix of windward/leeward and passage races that are both on the back of existing regattas (Syd Harbour (MHYC), Pittwater (RPAYC), Hamilton Island etc) as well as stand alone events (Acts).

The Opportunity:

To bring together a class of boats such as Fast 40's, IC 37's, Cape 31's, Melges 32's, RP42's, One Off's and MC 38's (the MC 38's will now focus on this format, moving forward) to all race each other with an opportunity to get a result. It's preferable to race in each 'Act' however the overall *Series* prizes will be subject to two 'Act' drops based on the varied geographic origins of the different boats. Therefore, Hamilton Island Super 40 Championship is the only non-drop event for the overall Series.

The Process:

You will be required to submit your results from the previous seasons sailing, plus your ORC Club Handicap. The PHRF, a New Zealand based handicapping system, will then provide you with a handicap to work along side the ORC club. Each 'Act' will play to both handicaps. Racing is conducted under Cat 5 and Cat 7 current certification.

The Cost:

The Class will require an entry fee of \$500 per boat, per 'Act'. This is a way to spread the Super 40 'association' running costs across the events, with those that contribute more, sailing more. A percentage of this fee will go to the club hosting that 'Act' and the remainder will go to the Class bank account to coordinate, plan and drive the Class. The Super 40 Class will have its own transparent bank account.

The Rules:

Observing the hosting club specs and complying with current Australian sailing rules.
All boats to notify committee and handicapper of appendage and sail mods.
Strictly limited to two crew to be professionally paid for each boat.
Must be a bow sprit driven boat and no spinnaker poles.
Whisker poles for headsail sheeting to leeward, connected to mast only.

The Committee:

Mitch White, Founder
Michael Ritchie (One Off - Revolver)
David Ross (Cape 31 - Kukukuchu)

The Handicapper:

Mark Mulcare is the PHRF Handicapper via Yachting NZ

The Contacts:

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The Super 40 2023/2024 Dates:

Act 1 MHYC Part of the SOSR Regatta Nov 25th 26th 2023
Act 2 RPAYC 11th 12th Feb 2024 Pittwater
Act 3 MHYC Sydney Harbour Regatta March 2nd 3rd 2024
Act 4 Sail Port Stephens Regatta April 5th to 20th 2024
Act 5 RPAYC (Part of the Lion Island Series) May 12th 2024
Act 6 June 9th 2024 Location TBA
Act 7 Grand Finale Hamilton Island Race Week for Super 40 Australia Championship
17th to 24th August 2024