



15 September 2010

Dear Potential Hardy Cup Competitor,

Please find attached the Notice of Race and the "*Application for Invitation Package*" for the Hardy Cup 2011. Detailed below is information about the Hardy Cup, the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, Notice of Race, Application for Invitation, Selection Process and Accommodation.

ABOUT THE HARDY CUP:

The Hardy Cup 2011, hosted by the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, is expected to attract once again a high caliber of competition. This prestigious event is an ISAF Grade 3 event for sailors under the age of 25 years and is contested via a match-racing format with on water umpiring. The Hardy Cup will be conducted on the beautiful Sydney Harbour from the **6 – 10 February 2011** in the Elliott 6 class of yachts; a 3 to 4 person keel boat with spinnaker.

The Hardy Cup has attracted in the past international entries from Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, New Zealand, Sweden, Japan, United States of America, and Australian entries from Western Australia, Queensland and New South Wales.

Numerous high profile world match racing yachtsmen and women such as Adam Minoprio, Torvar Mirsky, Michael Dunstan, Nicky Souter and Katie Spithill have competed in the Hardy Cup on their way towards the professional world match racing circuit.

ABOUT THE ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON:

The Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron is one of Australia's premier yacht clubs. The club has a proud history of involvement in sailing including America's Cups and more recently the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games and various World, National and State Championships.

Located within walking distance of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, the Squadron boasts spectacular views of Sydney Harbour. The Opera House, CBD and many tourist attractions are also within minutes of the Club.

NOTICE OF RACE:

Please find the Notice of Race for the Hardy Cup 2011 attached.

APPLICATION FOR INVITATION / ENTRY FORMS:

The Hardy Cup "*Application for Invitation Package*" has been attached and requests all necessary details about your Team, Club, Crew/Coach/Support personnel, Helmsman Declaration and Resume. Please complete these forms as thoroughly as possible as they are used to determine Invitations to compete in the event.

The deadline for returning the completed "*Application for Invitation Package*" is on **Friday, 5 November 2010, 1700hrs**. These forms should be marked to the attention of the Hardy Cup Selection Committee and can be returned via email, mail or fax as outlined on the front cover of the "*Application for Invitation Package*".

SELECTION PROCESS:

The Hardy Cup Selection Committee's decision will be made on the 15th November 2010 with the selected teams being notified via E-mail by **Friday, 19 November 2010**.

Selected teams will be required to return a "Confirmation of Entry Form", a helmsman portrait (JPEG format, no less than 200KB) and make an electronic transfer of the non-refundable entry fee no later than **Friday, 26 November 2010, 1700hrs**. Instructions for this electronic funds transfer will be contained within the "Confirmation of Entry Form".

Unsuccessful teams will be notified and placed on a prioritised waiting list. These applicants may be contacted should an invited team choose to withdraw or fail to meet the necessary requirements.

ACCOMMODATION:

It is intended that international and interstate teams will be provided with **accommodation with host families** where possible at no cost for the duration of the regatta.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Should you require more specific information on the Hardy Cup, please consult the official webpage www.rsys.com.au/sailing/hardycuphomepage.php or contact:

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Please forward this information onto anyone else within your organisation who may be interested in the event. On behalf of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, we look forward to receiving your "Application for Invitation Package" and wish you the very best in your efforts to gain a position in the Hardy Cup 2011.

Yours in sailing,



Aline Van Haren
Event Coordinator
Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron