



23rd September 2014

Dear Potential Hardy Cup Competitor,

Please find attached the Notice of Race and the "*Application for Invitation Package*" for the Hardy Cup 2015. 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 2015, hosted by the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, is expected to attract once again a high calibre 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 **1 – 5 February 2014** in the Elliott 7 class of yachts; a 4 to 5 person keel boat with spinnaker.

The Hardy Cup has attracted, in the past, international entries from Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, New Zealand, Singapore, 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 2014 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, 7 November 2014, 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*".

