



25 September 2008

Dear Potential Hardy Cup Competitor,

Please find attached the Notice of Race and the "*Application for Invitation Form*" for the Hardy Cup 2009. 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 2009, 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 **1st – 5th February 2009** in the Elliott 6 class of yachts; a 3 to 4 person keel boat with spinnaker.

The Hardy Cup 2008 attracted international entries from Sweden, New Zealand, and Australian entries from New South Wales and Western Australia.

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 attached the Notice of Race for the Hardy Cup 2009. This document has been attached in an Adobe Acrobat viewer format. If you are unable to open the attached document, download the free viewer software from www.adobe.com. Alternatively, please contact me and I will arrange for an alternative method of sending the document.

APPLICATION FOR INVITATION / ENTRY FORMS:

The Hardy Cup "*Application for Invitation*" has been attached and requests all necessary details about your Team, Club, Coach/Support personnel and each individual crew member. 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 Form*" is on **Friday, 24 October 2008, 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 Form*".

