

Port Adelaide Sailing Club Proudly presents



The 56th Port Line Cup Regatta
(Completely in the Port River)

Saturday 2nd August and Sunday 3rd August 2014

Port Line Cup Regatta 2014

Saturday 2nd August 2014 the Ice Breaker Series - Two races commencing at 11.00 am

Sunday 3rd August 2014 the Port Line Cup - Race commences at 11.00 am

This will be the 56th running of the Port Line Cup one of South Australia's premier yacht races held annually during August. It is sailed entirely in the Port Adelaide River providing an exceptional visual experience for the community. The race attracted 20 keelboats for the Ice Breaker Series on the Saturday and 46 yachts over 5 Divisions in the Port Line Cup on the Sunday in 2013. Keelboats up to 25 metres crammed into the narrow confines of the river provide a magnificent spectacle with all yachts flying huge colourful spinnakers on the downwind legs of the course. Viewing the fleet is an unforgettable experience. The race attracts yachts from all major South Australian yacht clubs and spectators on the many vantage points on the banks of the Port Adelaide River. The club rooms are open and will provide catering for the entire weekend.

The race honours the merchant shipping line Port Line Ltd 1914 – 1978 which with up to 28 ships catered for much of the England-Australia freight trade from 1914 until containerisation led to a spate of amalgamations and finally the loss of the company identity in 1978. From inception in 1958 until 1985 the Port Line Cup was competed for by yachts sailing in the annual Port Adelaide Regatta. Taken over by the Port Adelaide Sailing Club in 1986 the race was moved to the winter season and immediately regained its popularity as Port Adelaide's yachting spectacular of the year.

We will be targeting all eligible yacht skippers and crews throughout South Australia to compete. As there are many vantage points in the river this allows spectators to view keel boat racing that is normally an off shore event. The race will be promoted through all the relevant sailing and yachting clubs with banners and posters in public areas. The Port Line Cup Regatta will also be promoted extensively through the media and available web sites on the internet primarily with the distribution of the Notice of Race. Two new divisions this year will cater for the inclusion of Etchells and Melges along with the inclusion of AMS classification.

The event provides the opportunity for the South Australian sailing community to compete in keel boats in a unique river environment also allowing the wider community to view the racing from the many vantage points that the river provides. Join the carnival atmosphere

that will run from 6.00 pm on Friday 1st August culminating with the presentation of the trophies to the winners of the Ice Breaker Series and the Port Line Cup at about 6.00 pm on Sunday 3rd August 2014. Berths and facilities will be available in the marina for boats overnighiting from Friday to Monday. Catering will be provided over the weekend particularly Saturday night when you can relax enjoy a meal and listen to the sounds of Acoustics from 6.30 pm to 11.30 pm.

The Port Adelaide Sailing Club has been associated with sailing in the Port Adelaide River since 1897. It refreshes the link annually with the river environment of the past in honouring the memory of the merchant shipping company Port Line Ltd.